Heptonstall J&I School Successes 2025-2026

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With the introduction of our new school Vision and Values at the beginning of this school year, we have placed them at the heart of everything we do. Rooted in **Friendship**, **Understanding**, **Trust**, **Unity**, **Resilience** and **Exploration**, these values have shaped our learning, relationships and experiences throughout this school year.

Ensuring that our pupils have grown in many ways beyond their academic successes within the classroom. They have built strong friendships, shown understanding and trust towards others, worked together with a spirit of unity and demonstrated resilience when faced with challenges. They have also embraced opportunities for exploration through a wide range of enrichment activities, leadership roles and new experiences, developing confidence, independence and kindness along the way. We are incredibly proud of the way our children have lived our school values each day, preparing them not only for the next stage of their education but also to become thoughtful, caring and responsible members of their communities.
Take a look below to discover just some of the wonderful opportunities, achievements and experiences that have shaped our pupils' personal and academic development this year.



The Arts

The arts have continued to flourish across our school this year, giving every pupil the chance to shine through music, drama, dance and creativity.

From our Acorn children's heartwarming Nativity to our whole school spectacular production of A-la-la-la-la-laddin, every performance has showcased the confidence, dedication and talent of our pupils.

This year also marked the launch of our first-ever Summer Arts Showcase, where families enjoyed ukulele performances, singing, traditional Maypole dancing and a wonderful exhibition of artwork from every class.

We are incredibly proud of the creativity and confidence our children have shown, and we look forward to seeing even more outstanding performances in the years to come.











Sporting Events and Achievements

Sport has continued to play a big part in school life this year, with our pupils enjoying a wide variety of activities and events. Highlights have included our whole-school Monster Kickabout, a fantastic Sports Day with the much-anticipated return of the parents' race and other opportunities such as inter-school competitions such as rounders and the Virtual London Marathon Challenge.







Our Year 5 pupils also successfully completed their **Bikeability** training, developing valuable cycling skills and confidence. It has been fantastic to see the impact of this, with more children now choosing to cycle to school.



We have also introduced the WOW Walk to School Challenge, encouraging pupils and families to make active journeys to school and celebrate the benefits of walking, wheeling and sustainable travel.



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We are delighted to have achieved **Silver Games Accreditation** again this year, recognising the strength and variety of our sporting opportunities and the commitment we have to providing an engaging physical education offer for all pupils.
A special thank you goes to Miss Robertshaw, whose passion and commitment to sport at Heptonstall help to inspire our pupils and continually develop our sporting provision.

It has been wonderful to see such enthusiasm, teamwork and determination towards sports throughout the year and we are excited to provide even more sporting opportunities in the year ahead - including the return of swimming for our Sapling children!



Rights Respecting School Council



Our **Rights Respecting Schools Council** have worked increadibly hard this year to achieve the **Unicef Bronze: Rights Committed Award!**

To achieve this milestone, the council conducted surveys, created an action plan and set clear targets to promote, teach and embed the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child throughout our school community.

One of their most successful initiatives this year has been the introduction of Play Leader roles and new playground equipment, kindly funded by the PFA. This has led to increased engagement in play and encouraged positive friendships.





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Our School Council has also enjoyed visiting Dean Field School Council, as well as welcoming them to our school, to share the wonderful things happening in each of our schools. These visits have provided a great opportunity to exchange ideas, celebrate successes, and learn from one another.

We are incredibly proud of our Rights Respecting School Council for their hard work and dedication this year. We look forward to electing new members in the new school year and continuing our journey towards the Silver Award.



Curriculum Enhancements

This year, our Forest School sessions with Oaks Apples at Heptonstall have been a fantastic experience for everyone involved. Throughout the programme, the children have embraced every opportunity to learn outdoors, developing resilience, cooperation, practical skills and a deeper appreciation of the natural environment. Watching them grow in confidence and enthusiasm has been a real joy.

We are incredibly grateful to our PFA, whose dedicated fundraising made this opportunity possible. Their ongoing support has had a lasting impact on our pupils.

Continuing in 26/27







Music has continued to flourish across our school this year and we are proud to have received the **Music Mark of Recognition.** Receiving the Music Mark recognises our commitment to providing a high-quality, inclusive music education for every child. It reflects our belief that music is an important part of school life, giving all pupils the opportunity to develop their creativity, confidence and musical skills, while benefiting from a broad range of experiences both in school and through partnerships with organisations such as Calderdale Music.

Our Key Stage 2 pupils have enjoyed taking part in Calderdale Music ukulele lessons, developing new musical skills, confidence and a love of performing.

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Visits and Visitors

Learning doesn't just happen in the classroom! Throughout the year, our children have enjoyed a fantastic range of school trips and exciting visitors, giving them opportunities to explore new places, meet inspiring people and bring their learning to life. These experiences have sparked curiosity, created lasting memories and helped our pupils develop new skills.









Visits from;

- SPLAT! CPR Training for 'Restart a Heart Day'
- Mytholmroyd firefighters for Bonfire Night safety talks Y5 and Y6 and 'People Who Help Us' in Acorns.
- West Yorkshire Police for Acorn Class
- OpenMinds for Mental Health workshops throughout school
- Charlie and Islay's Dads for Chinese New Year
- The Yorkshire Owl Experience for Acorn Class



Visits to;

- London for our Y6
- Manchester Policing Museum for Y5 and Y6
- The National Railway Museum for Acorns
- Let's Learn Moor for our Y4 and Y5
- Heptonstall local area visit (geography/history link) for Acorn Class
- EYFS Nativity performance at Dean Field Primary School
- Whole school trip to Magna
- Y6 Leavers' Trip and meal















Live Assemblies

This year, our children have enjoyed taking part in a fantastic range of live assemblies, connecting them with inspiring people and important events from around the world. A real highlight was joining the first-ever live assembly broadcast from Antarctica with explorer Robert Swan OBE, where pupils learned about protecting our planet and the importance of sustainability.
They have also enjoyed special live events for Earth Day with Eden Camp, Mental Health Awareness with Joe Wicks, Children's Mental Health Week through Picture News and Anti-Bullying Week with the BBC. These engaging experiences have encouraged our pupils to think about the wider world, reflect on important issues and be inspired to make a positive difference.













Picture News



Fundraising and Awareness

Throughout the year, our children have enthusiastically supported a variety of fundraising events and awareness campaigns, showing kindness, compassion and a real desire to help others. From raising money for worthwhile causes to learning about important local, national and global issues, these opportunities have encouraged pupils to think beyond themselves, work together and understand the positive difference they can make in their communities and the wider world.









Events have inluded;

- NSPCC Number Day
- NSPCC Speak out, Stay Safe Programme
- Happy Days Food Collection
- Overgate Hospice Elf Dash
- World Book Day - Little People, Big Dreams
- Black History Month
- Red Nose Day
- Odd Socks Day (Anti-Bullying)
- Jeans for Genes
- Remembrance Day

and much more...









Community Engagement

We love getting involved with, and supporting, our local community!
Take a look at many of the fantastic community projects and events that we've taken part in this school year;

- Calder Valley inter-school quiz at Midgley School organised by the Rotary Club
- Happy Valley Pride Project (where we were a first place winner!)
- Hebden Bridge Duck Decoration Competition
- Village art display and choir performance at
- Christmas service at St. Thomas' Church, Heptonstall
- Sponsored 'Elf Dash' for Overgate Hospice
- Happy Days (Halifac) Food Bank Collection















Parental Engagement

We love welcoming our parents into school and have thoroughly enjoyed hosting a range of parental engagement sessions throughout the year and keeping in touch via Class Dojo. Some of our events have included termly Stay and Read sessions, a Times Table Tea Party for our Sapling Class, monthly celebration assemblies, our Arts Summer Showcase and our hugely successful Stay and Play sessions for our younger members of the community.
We look forward to continuing to welcome you into school for a variety of events next year too!









PFA Fundraising

A huge thank you to our wonderful PFA for their continued support and for creating so many fantastic fundraising opportunities throughout the year. Their hard work, creativity and commitment have helped to provide memorable experiences for our children and make a real difference to our school community.
This year's events have included Break the Rules Day, Wear What You Love Day, David Attenborough's 100th Birthday Celebrations, the Halloween Disco, Quiz Night and the Easter Raffle. We are incredibly grateful for everything our PFA does and look forward to enjoying many more exciting events and opportunities together in the next acadmic year.







Extra Curricular Activities

This year, our children have continued to enjoy an amazing range of extra-curricular opportunities, allowing them to discover new passions, build confidence and develop a variety of skills outside of their everyday lessons.
We are incredibly grateful to our dedicated staff for giving their time, enthusiasm and creativity to run these clubs and provide such valuable opportunities for our pupils.

The wide range of clubs on offer this year has included Board Games Club, Film Club, Cooking Club, PE Club, Maths Club, Homework Club and Choir. We look forward to introducing more clubs next academic year.
I am pleased to announce that Miss Hooper (our musical theatre graduate and expert/Hive Playworker) will be leading choir from September!





We have also been delighted to introduce our new wrap-around-care provision, The Hive, giving children a welcoming and engaging space before and after school where they can relax, play and take part in a range of activities.

The Hive @ Heptonstall

The Out of School Club that is 'buzzing' with community, curiosity and creativity

	Monday Make and Create	Tuesday Music and Drama	Wednesday 'Zensday'
Breakfast session	A welcoming morning programme where children can start the school day in a calm, friendly environment. It offers light breakfast options, informal social time and relaxed activities to help all children ease into their school day.		
After school session Healthy Snack Provided	Activities include: • Painting • Drawing • Junk modelling • Seasonal crafts • Collage • Clay • Group murals	Activities include: • Drama activities • Performing • Singing • Playing and creating music • Group and team games	Activities include: • Yoga • Mindfulness • Meditation • Colouring • Sensory Activities • Circle Time discussions and games



Academic Successes

EYFS

80% of our Reception pupils achieved a 'Good Level of Development' at the end of the Early Years Foundation Stage, which is 12% above the national average.

Key Stage 1

100% of our Year 1 pupils successfully passed the Phonics Screening Check, achieving a result 20% above the national average.

Key Stage 2

MTC
We have continued to build on the strong foundations and achievements of previous years, with pupils making excellent progress within the Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check

Y6 SATs
SPaG: 100% at Expected Standard or above, 43% at Greater Depth Standard
Reading: 86% at Expected Standard or above, 43% at Greater Depth Standard
Writing: 71% at Expected Standard or above, 14% at Greater Depth Standard
Maths: 86% at Expected Standard or above, 14% at Greater Depth Standard

Perfect Progression: Maths

100% of pupils across school have made expected or accelerated progress in mathematics this year, demonstrating the impact of our continued focus on developing confidence, fluency and problem-solving skills within mathematics.

We are incredibly proud of what our children have achieved academically this year. These outcomes are a reflection of our ongoing commitment to school improvement, a carefully developed curriculum and the hard work of our pupils, staff and wider school community. We look forward to continuing to build on this success next year.



As we look ahead to the coming year, our key priorities will focus on continuing to provide the very best experiences, opportunities and support for our children and families. We are committed to working closely with parents and carers by listening to feedback, responding to suggestions and creating regular opportunities for families to be involved in school life. Our School Improvement Plan will be shared with families during the autumn term, providing an overview of our key priorities, areas for development and the steps we will take together to continue moving Heptonstall forward.

We are incredibly proud of everything that has been achieved at Heptonstall this year and the many successes, opportunities and memorable experiences our pupils have enjoyed. We are excited to continue building on these achievements and to carry on our positive journey together as a school community next academic year.

Thank you to all of our parents and carers for your continued support, encouragement and partnership. We hope you have a wonderful summer break and we look forward to welcoming everyone back in September as we begin another exciting chapter in our school journey.

Miss Megan Dodd—Head of School
Mrs Fiona Pether—Executive Headteacher

