



# End of Year Newsletter

## 2025 – 2026

To all Parents & Carers,

It has been another amazing year full of challenges, but as always, we continue to be resilient and demonstrate the Herrick character of 'never give uppers'. The achievement of our pupils would not be possible without your commitment and support. As teachers we are delighted at the progress our pupils have made and are assured that they leave their year group as more knowledgeable and independent learners.

Also as I end my headship after 15 years, I would like to take this opportunity to express my deep appreciation and gratitude to each one of you for the support you have given over the years. It has been an honour and privilege to have been the headteacher of an incredible school in the heart of such a rich and vibrant community. The children have been magnificent and will I miss their laughter, energy and above all their eagerness to discover what the rich world of learning has to offer – may they never stop learning! Finally, I would like to wish you all a wonderful summer holiday and the very best for the future.

**Mr U Patel**

*Hello,*

*It was lovely to spend some time at Herrick last week being introduced to the staff, children and parents/carers. I feel incredibly fortunate to have been given the opportunity to be the headteacher of such a positive and welcoming school. Thank you to all of the parents/carers who were able to attend the introductory meeting after school. Your support was very much appreciated.*

*I hope that you all have a wonderful summer, and I look forward to getting to know you all properly when we return to school at the start of the new academic year on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> August, 2025.*

*Kind regards,*

**Miss S Odedra**

### **Chair of Governors**

As we approach the end of any school year, we expect to say goodbye to staff members who are moving to the next stage of their lives. This year two individuals who have been long standing members of the Herrick team are leaving to enjoy a well-deserved retirement. Mr Patel has led the school for 15 years and his calm but determined leadership has earned the respect and admiration of children, staff and yourselves as parents and guardians. Behind the scenes, Mrs Tuckwood has always ensured that the smooth day to day running of the school gives staff and children the best opportunity to focus on learning. We thank them both and wish them every happiness in the future.

In August 2025, we officially welcome Miss Odedra as she begins her role as the new headteacher, clearly an important and exciting time for Herrick. We understand you will have questions about how this will impact upon the children but be assured that the school will always have their learning and experience as the key focus. Miss Odedra and Mr Patel have been working closely together since February to ensure a smooth and effective transition and as Chair of Governors I am very confident that Herrick will continue to build upon the legacy left by Mr Patel and Mrs Tuckwood.

I wish every success to all the Year 6 children leaving Herrick this term. For those families with children returning, we look forward to meeting you again in the Autumn term. Wishing you and your families a happy and healthy summer holiday.

### **Hello / Goodbye**

We have 6 members of staff leaving this year – Mr Patel, Miss Conlon, Miss Broadhead, Mrs Sacranie, Mrs Ismail & Mrs Tuckwood. We would like to thank them all for their hard work and contribution to the Herrick team. We wish them well for the future.

We would also like to welcome Miss Odedra (new head) & Mrs Purewal who will be joining the teaching team.



Attendance for the  
whole school - 94 %

## Return to School- Tuesday 26 August 2025

### Start times

Reception/KS1 gate will be open from 8.40am. (KS2 only – the gate will open from 8.30am.) Children **must not** be at school before these times.

Class begins 8.40am - Register 8.50am

### Entry to the school in the mornings

Year 3, Y4, Y5 & Y6 children enter via the **main reception gate** - in Lockerbie Avenue

Reception, Y1 & Y2 children enter via the **KS1 playground gate** – in Lockerbie Avenue

### School Meals

All School meals to be paid for via your ParentPay account, which if in credit, will process the payment and order your meals.

Menus for 25-26 will be on our website shortly, to order for our return to school.

Reception & KS1 children receive FSM's daily. Yrs 3,4,5 & 6 –£2.55p per day. (£12.75p wk)

### Appointments

**All appointments should be made out of school hours**, to prevent disrupting your child's learning and the group/class.

If the appointment is urgent evidence must be provided in order for the absence to be marked 'medical' **This applies for ALL appointments** –

If there is no evidence provided, it will be recorded as an 'unauthorized absence'.

### Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club will begin 26<sup>th</sup> August – The cost will be £2 per day. 8.00 – 8.30am: Payment must be made via your Parent Pay account.

### End of the day

**All children must be collected at 3.15pm**

**Late collections are monitored and recorded.** Person who collects MUST be on their contact form.

### Collecting from school at the end of the day

Enter & Exit via

**\*KS2 gate from Gleneagles Ave to playground**

**\*KS1 playground gate**

**\* Reception Red gate just inside main entrance**

### Update Information

As we use IT as our main link to communicate with parents/carers **-if you change your phone number/email address please advise the office.** This will ensure that you receive any texts / emails that are sent, and we can contact you urgently if required.

### After-School Clubs

Clubs will begin w/c 1st September. Emails will be sent out on the first week of term and spaces will be on a first-come first-served basis.

Payment must be made through your ParentPay account to secure your child's place. A professional Sports Company will be leading Clubs for KS1 & KS2 children.

### Dates

In order to keep parents/carers up to date with events, meetings and other information we have a school calendar on our website .

<http://www.herrick.leicester.sch.uk/calendar>

All future events are put on the calendar as soon as they are confirmed so some of them are listed earlier than emails are sent out. i.e. Sports Day, Parents' meetings.

## Classes

This year we are working to developing Oracy and English throughout the school so all classes have been named after authors.

Year Group	Class name	Teacher
Reception	Rosen	Miss Lewis
Y1/2	Donaldson	Miss Shah
Y1/2	Bryon	Mrs Purewal
Y1/2	Murphy	Mrs Jamal
Y3/4	Dahl	Mrs Shukla
Y3/4	Morpurgo	Mrs Chelley
Y3/4	Rowling	Miss Kaur
Y5	Rauf	Ms Perry (Miss Saddington)
Y5	Zephaniah	Mrs Nai
Y6	Blackman	Mrs Patel
Y6	Almond	Mr Maile

## Term Dates 2025 2026

Autumn Term	
Schools Open	Tuesday 26 August 2025
Schools Close	Friday 17 October 2025
Autumn Half Term Holiday	Monday 20 to Friday 24 October 2025
Schools Open	Monday 27 October 2025
Schools Close	Friday 19 December 2025
Christmas & New Year Holiday	Mon 22 December 2025 to Fri 2 January 2026
Spring Term	
Schools Open	Monday 5 January 2026
Schools Close	Friday 13 February 2026
Spring Half Term Holiday	Monday 16 to Friday 20 February 2026
Schools Open	Monday 23 February 2026
Schools Close	Friday 27 March 2026
Easter Holidays	Monday 30 March to Friday 10 April 2026
Summer Term	
Schools Open	Monday 13 April 2026
May Bank Holiday (schools closed)	Monday 4 May 2026
Schools Close	Friday 22 May 2026
Summer Half Term Holiday	Monday 25 to Friday 29 May 2026
Schools Open	Monday 1 June 2026
Schools Close	Friday 10 July 2026
Summer Holiday begins	Monday 13 July 2026