



Heatherlands
Primary School

'Churchill Chats'



A Year of Opportunity Awaits at Heatherlands

September marks the start of another exciting chapter at Heatherlands, bringing with it a wealth of new opportunities for children to discover, explore, and achieve. As our school community comes back together, we look ahead to a year filled not only with learning, but with enriching experiences that help every child develop their talents, interests, and confidence.

At Heatherlands, we believe that education extends far beyond the classroom. While high-quality teaching remains at the heart of what we do, we are equally committed to creating memorable experiences that inspire curiosity, creativity, and a love of learning. The new academic year offers countless opportunities for children to challenge themselves, embrace new interests, and build skills that will stay with them for life.

Throughout the year, pupils will have the chance to take part in a wide range of enrichment activities, events, educational visits, sporting fixtures, performances, and leadership opportunities. Whether a child is discovering a passion for music, representing the school in sport, developing their creativity through the arts, or taking on a new responsibility within the school community, there will be something for everyone to enjoy and excel in.

September is also a time to set new goals and embrace fresh possibilities. Every year group brings exciting milestones, from our youngest children beginning their educational journey to our older pupils taking on greater challenges and responsibilities as they prepare for the future. Each stage offers opportunities to grow in independence, resilience, and self-belief.

The Heatherlands Way continues to guide everything we do. Through our shared values, children learn the importance of aspiration, motivation, independence, respect, and resilience, while developing the confidence to make a positive contribution to the world around them. We want every child to feel encouraged to step outside their comfort zone, try something new, and celebrate both their successes and their efforts.

Strong partnerships between home and school play a vital role in making these opportunities meaningful. Together, we can ensure that every child makes the most of the experiences available to them, building happy memories alongside academic success.

As we begin September 2026, we are excited about all that lies ahead. New experiences, new achievements, and new opportunities await. We look forward to seeing our children embrace every challenge, seize every opportunity, and make this a truly remarkable year at Heatherlands. Here's to a year of enrichment, discovery, and endless possibilities.

Mr Churchill

Dates for your diary – September 2026

These dates and times are a guide for parents to ensure that you have all the information you will need this month. There may of course be amendments or additions nearer the date/time due to unforeseen circumstances, but we aim to inform you of any changes as soon as we possibly can. Some of the dates will not be relevant to you as they are specific to different year groups/groups of children.

We will send a communications email on/around the 1st of every month and hope that it is of use to you all. This information will also be published on the school

website: <https://www.heatherlands.poole.sch.uk/all-communications-from-school>

AUTUMN TERM

WEEK 1

Tuesday 1st September 2026
INSET DAY
Wednesday 2nd September 2026
INSET DAY
Thursday 3rd September 2026
BACK TO SCHOOL

WEEK 2

Monday 7th September 2026
Year 3 PE REMINDER
Year 4 PE REMINDER
Tuesday 8th September 2026
Year 2 & Year 3 PE REMINDER
Year 4 & Year 5 PE REMINDER
Wednesday 9th September 2026
Year 1 & Year 2 PE REMINDER
Year 6 PE REMINDER
Thursday 10th September 2026
Year 1 PE REMINDER
Year 6 PE REMINDER
Friday 11th September 2026
Year 5 PE REMINDER

WEEK 3

Monday 14th September 2026
Launch of Junior Dukes 2026 2027
Wednesday 16th September 2026
HOME LEARNING SET

WEEK 4

Monday 21st September 2026
Year 6 test week
Kimmeridge class SWIMMING 1
Saturday 26th September 2026
Entrance tests for Parkstone & Poole Grammar School

WEEK 5

Monday 28th September 2026
Kimmeridge class SWIMMING 2
HOME LEARNING due in
Saturday 3rd October 2026
Poole High Academic tests





Welcome back to Heatherlands – September 2026

Welcome back to Heatherlands. We hope you all had a lovely break and are looking forward to a busy Autumn term. As the start of a new school year is always a busy time, these are the main notices and reminders, timings etc for your diaries. A separate email will be sent to our new Early Years parents to confirm the details for starting school.

Entering school

We are lucky to have 3 entrances into school, which enable us to manage the number of children entering the site safely. A member of the senior leadership team will be available on each of these gates if you have any questions or messages to pass to the teachers. If a particular gate is more suitable for you, please do use it. This is just a guide to manage the numbers. The 3 entrances are:

1. Library Road (main entrance) used by all Key Stage 1 children and Early Years
2. Cecil Road (off Argyle Road) used by Years 3 & 4
3. Recreation Road - used by Years 5 & 6

Siblings are able to enter the school together, using the most appropriate gate. Younger siblings entering school via the Cecil Road or Recreation Road gates will be met by staff on the lower playground and walked up to class.

The **Library Road gates open to Year 1 and Year 2 children at 8.35am** and remains open for Early Years children (information to be sent separately regarding the first 2 weeks arrangements) and for any children who are late and need to be signed in by a parent or carer. Teachers in Year 1 and Year 2 will wait at the top of the driveway to welcome the children and signpost them to their classrooms during the first few days.

The Cecil Road and Recreation Road gates open at 8.30am and close at 8.45am.

Parents do not need to come onsite in the mornings unless you need to go to the office, however, the gates open for parents from 3.15pm for collection from class.

PE timetable

On a PE day, your child can come into school dressed in their school PE kit. **PE will commence as of the 7th September.** This consists of a house-coloured t shirt (red – David, white – George or blue – Andrew), blue school sweatshirt/cardigan and navy shorts. Children should not be wearing trainers into school on any other days. If it is cold, or the weather changes, they may wear blue tracksuits (no logos please) and we may move PE lessons inside if necessary. <https://heatherlandsprimaryschool.secure-primariesite.net/school-uniform/>

2026 - 2027 PE timetable

	PE Children to come into school dressed in PE kits	
EYFS	Monday - outside PE	Friday – indoor PE
Y1	Wednesday - outside PE	Thursday – indoor PE
Y2	Wednesday - outside PE	Tuesday – indoor PE
Y3	Monday - outside PE	Tuesday – indoor PE
Y4	Tuesday - outside PE	Monday – indoor PE
Y5	Tuesday - outside PE	Friday – indoor PE
Y6	Thursday - outside PE	Wednesday – indoor PE

Uniform

The school uses Price and Buckland online as a uniform store and the school also runs regular secondhand sales. If it is your child's birthday, they are welcome to wear their own clothes to celebrate.

If the birthday is on a PE day they need to wear sensible shoes. <https://www.heatherlands.poole.sch.uk/school-uniform/>

Homework

Homework is set weekly inline with our homework schedule (see attached). All homework is set on the year groups pages of the school website

<https://www.heatherlands.poole.sch.uk/year-group-information/>

Please also find attached the homework guide for further information. Bug club, Emile and Purple Mash log ins will also be sent home in the next few days.

<https://www.heatherlands.poole.sch.uk/page/?title=Home+learning&pid=264>



Reminders – September 2026

Please ensure you have labelled all your child's uniform, PE kit, hat, coat etc. We always seem to have an enormous amount of lost property with no names and nowhere to store this. We frequently clear this and have to throw a lot away! The lost property bins are stored on the top playground near the gazebo.

Space net

The space net which is situated on the lower playground is **not** for use before or after school. The children have timetabled slots during the school day which is monitored by specific staff for health and safety reasons.

Afterschool clubs

Please contact the office or the organiser directly if you wish your child to attend any of these clubs. <https://www.heatherlands.poole.sch.uk/afterschool-clubs/>

Breakfast Lounge & Explorers

The school provides wrap around care from 7.45am - 8.45 am and from 3.15 to 5.15pm. This needs to be booked and paid for at least a week in advance. Please book via Arbor or contact the office for further information. <https://www.heatherlands.poole.sch.uk/wrap-around-care-at-heatherlands>

Please do not hesitate to contact the office via phone 01202 743918 or email: heatherlands.office@coastalpartnership.co.uk if you have any

questions. The office opening hours are **8am - 4.15pm.**

The school website also contains a lot of relevant and useful information: www.heatherlands.poole.sch.uk



Heatherlands INSET days and term dates 2026 – 2027

<https://www.heatherlands.poole.sch.uk/key-information-incl-holiday-dates>

Autumn term 2026 : 1 September to 18 December

Inset Day 01/09/2026 – School Closed

Inset Day 02/09/2026 – School Closed

School Opens 03/09/2026

Inset day 23/10/2026 – School Closed

Autumn half term break: 26 October to 30 October – School closed

School re-opens 02/11/2026

School Closes Friday 18/12/2026 at 1.15pm

Christmas holiday: 21 December to 3 January

Spring Term 2027: 4 January to 25 March

Inset Day 04/01/2027 – School Closed

School re-opens Tuesday 05/01/2027

Spring half term break: 15 February to 19 February – School Closed

School re-opens 22/02/2027

School closes 25/03/2027 at 1.15pm

Easter holiday: 26 March to 11 April – School closed

Summer Term 2027 : 12 April to 21 July

Inset Day 12/04/2027 – School Closed

School re-opens 13/04/2027

Bank holiday 03/05/2027 – school closed

School closes 28/05/2027

Summer half term break: 31 May to 4 June – School closed

School re-opens 07/06/2027

Inset Day 18/06/2027 – School Closed

School Closes 20/07/2027 at 1.15pm

Summer holiday: from 21 July

