



Heatherlands
Primary School

‘Churchill Chats’

Worlds Apart (but only just!)



Schools, in essence, have generally remained the same over time, with children predominately coming to school to learn to read, write and be numerate whilst developing relationships and certain key skills for life.

Traditionally, this is led by a teacher or teaching assistant where appropriate. This all takes place in an environment with children wanting safety and security whilst surrounded by friends.

The classic scene above from 1938 depicts a group of children reading independently prior to the start of the Second World War in 1939 at a primary school in Nottingham. *We know sadly for these children, their life would perhaps change significantly, but as war children, their resilience and optimism wouldn't.*

For the children of 2025 at Heatherlands, there are many similarities, as the needs and expectations of school for our current children remain no different to those in 1938, despite how the world is currently presenting itself. Children simply want a good education, social and emotional security and healthy friendships. These are at the top of their wish list.

We have, however, come a very long way in 80 plus years in the way we learn and understand. For the children above, it would have all seemed like fantasy and fiction that the books they were reading could be done so on an electrical device like a phone or tablet.

Although it is hard to speculate just what those children in 1939 went on to do with their lives, we know they would have been fuelled by hopes and dreams with a degree of resilience post war; for our children we hope we can use the technological advances and opportunities that lie before them to help them be as aspirational as possible, be motivated to be the best version of themselves, respect their surroundings and just like the predecessors in Nottingham in 1939, take on a world that is ever changing with resilience, heart and courage.

‘You are braver than you believe, stronger than you seem, and smarter than you think’

Mr Churchill

Dates for your diary – November 2025

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/emails-letters-reminders-from-school/>

AUTUMN TERM

WEEK 9

Monday 3rd November 2025
Back to school
Wednesday 5th November 2025
HOME LEARNING SET
EYFS parents Phonic Wednesday 9 – 9.30am
Thursday 6th November 2025
Outdoor classroom day
Friday 7th November 2025
Year 1 Forest School Friday
Galaxy class assembly 9am STUDIO

WEEK 10

Monday 10th November 2025
Lulworth class SWIMMING 1
Wednesday 12th November 2025
EYFS parents Phonic Wednesday 9 – 9.30am
Friday 14th November 2025
Year 2 Forest School Friday
Victory class assembly 9am STUDIO

WEEK 11

Monday 17th November 2025
Sports for Champions visit & sponsored circuits
ALL CHILDREN IN PE KITS
HOME LEARNING DUE IN
COMMUNICATION WEEK
Lulworth class SWIMMING 2
Wednesday 19th November 2025
EYFS parents Phonic Wednesday 9 – 9.30am
3.30 – 4.30pm Open evening for new entry parents BOOKINGS ONLY
Thursday 16th November 2025
Open afternoon for new entry parents 1.30pm BOOKINGS ONLY

Friday 21st November 2025
Year 3 Forest School Friday
Kimmeridge class assembly 9am STUDIO
Saturday 22nd November 2025
Heatherlands Christmas Fair 11-4pm

WEEK 12

Monday 24th November 2025
Lulworth class SWIMMING 3
Wednesday 22nd November 2025
EYFS parents Phonic Wednesday 9 – 9.30am
HOME LEARNING PROJECTS SET
Friday 28th November 2025
Year 4 Forest School Friday
Meteor class assembly 9am STUDIO

WEEK 13

Monday 1st December 2025
Lulworth class SWIMMING 4
Friday 5th December 2025
Year 5 Forest School Friday
Mayflower class assembly 9am STUDIO



Year group inquiry questions – November 2025



<https://www.heatherlands.poole.sch.uk/early-years/>

Questions to ask: What happened to Humpty in the Humpty Dumpty story?
What was the house made of that saved the 3 little pigs from the Big Bad Wolf?
Why were the 3 bears angry with Goldilocks?

Year 1

<https://www.heatherlands.poole.sch.uk/year-1/>

Questions to ask: Who were Florence Nightingale and Mary Seacole? How did they help people?
Can you roll two dice and add them together? Can you write an addition number sentence and show your answer on a part-part-whole model or tens frame?
Play, cook, jump, talk, look are all verbs. What letters (suffix) do we add to regular verbs to show they are in the past? Can you write a sentence?

Year 2

<https://www.heatherlands.poole.sch.uk/year-2/>

Questions to ask: Can you name three things a plant needs to survive?
Why is it important to wash our hands before we eat or help cook food?
How can you help take care of the Earth by reusing, recycling, or reducing?

Year 3

<https://www.heatherlands.poole.sch.uk/year-3/>

Questions to ask: Which one of these is not a type of seed dispersal that we have learnt about?
Animal dispersal
Light dispersal
Water dispersal
Explosive dispersal
Wind dispersal
What type of colour do you get when you mix two primary colours together? Can you name them?
In maths, can you explain what a bar model is and give/draw an example?

Year 4

<https://www.heatherlands.poole.sch.uk/year-4/>

Questions to ask: What type of Anglo-Saxon artefacts have been discovered and what do they tell us about Anglo-Saxon life?
How can we classify different types of plants and animals?
Explain to me when you would need to exchange in maths.

Year 5

<https://www.heatherlands.poole.sch.uk/year-5/>

Questions to ask: What are the factor pairs of 48? Can you try this with a different number?
Can you name the main forces and tell me some facts about them?
Can you give me a sentence that uses a subordinate clause?

Year 6

<https://www.heatherlands.poole.sch.uk/year-6/>

Questions to ask: Find the missing number: $\frac{3}{4} = \frac{?}{8}$

Hint: What do you multiply the denominator by to get 8? Do the same to the numerator.

Which of the following fractions are equivalent to $\frac{2}{5}$?

- A. $\frac{4}{10}$
- B. $\frac{6}{15}$
- C. $\frac{3}{8}$
- D. $\frac{8}{20}$

Choose all that apply.

True or False:

$\frac{9}{12}$ is equivalent to $\frac{3}{4}$

Explain your reasoning.



Notices– November 2025

Please see below the schedule for class assemblies for 2025/2026.

The assemblies are all taking place on a Friday morning, bar one (Coral class).

Please come and join your child's class and the rest of their year group as they share their learning, from 9am to around 9.20am in the Studio.

Day	Date	Class
Friday	7-11-25	Galaxy YR 5
Friday	14-11-25	Victory YR 6
Friday	21-11-25	Kimmeridge YR 4
Friday	28-11-25	Meteor YR5
Friday	5-12-25	Mayflower YR6
Friday	12-12-25	Sycamore YR 3
Friday	16.1.26	Mary Rose YR6
Friday	23-1-26	Comet YR 5
Friday	30-1-26	Swanage YR 4
Friday	6-2-26	Willow YR 3
Friday	6-3-26	Lulworth YR 4
Friday	13-3-26	Seashell YR 2
Friday	20-3-26	Waterlily YR 1
Friday	24-4-26	Maple YR 3
Friday	1-5-26	Starfish YR 2
Friday	8-5-26	Dragonfly YR 1
Friday	15-5-26	Poppy EYFS
Thursday	4-6-26	Coral YR 2
Friday	12-6-25	Rose class
Friday	3-7-26	Kingfisher YR 1
Friday	10-7-26	Cherry EYFS

Nutritional guidance

As you may be aware, Heatherlands takes all necessary steps to ensure that the children are kept safe and well. Recent food safety guidance has highlighted the need for us to ensure that children are also kept safe when eating snacks at breaktime or in afterschool clubs and when eating at lunchtime. As a result, for our younger children we do have to cut fruit and food into smaller bitesize chunks to reduce any risk of choking. We kindly request, that if your child has a packed lunch, you support us with this by:

- removing any stones and pips from fruit in lunchboxes
- cutting small round foods (like grapes, strawberries and cherry tomatoes) lengthways and into quarters
- cutting large fruits (like melon) and hard fruit or vegetables (like raw apple and carrot) into slices instead of small chunks
- cutting sausages into thin strips rather than chunks and removing the skins (sausages should be avoided due to their high salt content)

- cutting cheese into strips rather than chunks
- not giving children popcorn or marshmallows as a snack as they can get stuck in the throat
- not giving children hard sweets

Thank you for your support with implementing this.



Every week we are setting up a 'multiplication battle/task' for the children to compete in year groups against each other on Emile. <https://emile-education.com/app-downloads/student-log-in-access-app-or-online/>

Every child from Year 1 up has a log in and are used to using the programme to learn, practice and test their times tables.

Battles will start on a Monday and last until the following Sunday, giving plenty of time for everyone to take part. Please support your child by reminding and enabling them to take part. The top ten children in each year group will receive a certificate and the 'multiplication masters' in each year group get a badge and certificate. Thank you for your support.

<https://emile-education.com/log-in-to-emile-resources/>

Bug club

Bug club is a fantastic resource online for engaging with reading alongside 'real' books. Every child has a log in and can read books online at the appropriate level as well as complete online comprehension challenges. Please support your child by reminding and enabling them to use this resource.



Well done to the girls and boys football teams, who have played their first matches of 2025-2026. Great teamwork everyone!





Reminders – November 2025

Year 4 swimming

As we come to the end of our swimming sessions in Kimmeridge Class, we would like to remind you that Lulworth swimming lessons begin on Monday 10th November. If you have not yet given permission and also paid, please can you do this as soon as possible. Thank you.

Parking

A polite reminder that parents should not be parking directly outside of the school gates on the yellow zig zags or in front of any resident's driveways. We have already had a few complaints. We do place cones to ensure the school gate is kept clear. This is to ensure the children entering via Library Road are kept safe.

Uniform

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 outside the school office near the bike shed.

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 log ins will also be sent home in the next few days. <https://www.heatherlands.poole.sch.uk/homework-guidance-developing-metacognition/>

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.

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 2025 - 2026

<https://heatherlandsprimaryschool.secure-primariesite.net/key-information-incl-holiday-dates/>

From 2025 to 2026

Autumn term: 3 September 2025 to 19 December 2025

- Autumn half term break: 27 October 2025 to 31 October 2025
- Christmas holiday: 22 December 2025 to 2 January 2026

Spring term: 5 January 2026 to 27 March 2026

- Spring half term break: 16 February 2026 to 20 February 2026
- Easter holiday: 30 March 2026 to 10 April 2026

Summer term: 13 April 2026 to 22 July 2026

- Summer half term break: 25 May 2026 to 29 May 2026
- Summer holiday: from 23 July 2026

Bank and Public holidays 2025 to 2026

- Christmas Day: 25 December
- Boxing Day: 26 December
- New Year's Day: 1 January
- Good Friday: 3 April
- Easter Monday: 6 April
- May Day bank holiday: 4 May
- Spring bank holiday: 25 May
- Summer bank holiday: 31 August

Heatherlands INSET Days 2025 - 2026

Inset Day - Wednesday 3rd September 2025 – School closed

Inset Day - Thursday 4th September 2025 – School closed

Inset Day - Friday 24th October 2025 – School closed

Inset Day - Monday 5th January – School closed

Inset Day - Monday 13th April 2026 – School closed

May Bank Holiday - Monday 4th May 2026 – School closed

Inset Day - Friday 19th June 2026 - School closed





🎄 Heatherlands Christmas Fair – We Need Your Help! 🎄

Plans are well underway for our **Christmas Fair**, and we're working behind the scenes to make it a fantastic event for everyone! But we can't do it without your help...

📅 **When:** Saturday 22nd November, 11am – 4pm

☀️ How You Can Help

1 Spread the Word!

Tell your friends, family, and neighbours the date — let's make sure everyone knows about our Christmas Fair!

2 Stallholders Wanted

Do you or someone you know make or sell something perfect for a festive market?

👉 Stalls are **£20 plus a raffle prize**.

If interested, please get in touch at friendsofheatherlands@gmail.com

3 Volunteer on the Day

Can you spare an hour to help with one of our school-run stalls? Even a short amount of time makes a big difference!

4 Donation Fridays

We've made donating easy with themed Fridays:

- **Friday 7th November:** Christmas Jumpers (children's outgrown jumpers)
- **Friday 14th November:** Chocolate items for the Chocolate Tombola
- **Any time:** Raffle prizes – unused gifts, or donations from local businesses

With a little help from everyone, we can make this our best fair yet!

👕 Bag2School Clothing Collection

Don't forget! Our **Bag2School** collection will be on **Monday 17th November**.

Please bring in your unwanted clothes **on the day only** — we can't store donations in advance.

💌 **Contact Us:** friendsofheatherlands@gmail.com

If you'd like to be involved with the PTA — whether it's helping behind the scenes, supporting at events, or spreading the word — we'd love to hear from you.

💡 The more help we have, the bigger and better our events will be! 💡



Thank you for your continued support,
Friends of Heatherlands