



Heatherlands
Primary School

'Churchill Chats'



Here's to a New Beginning at Heatherlands!

The start of a new school year is always a special moment. After the long summer break, there's a buzz of excitement in the air—new classrooms, new routines, and, most importantly, the joy of being back with friends and familiar faces.

At Heatherlands, both children and staff return with a shared sense of anticipation. Whether it's a child stepping into school for the very first time or a teacher preparing to welcome their new class, everyone feels the thrill of a fresh start. And once those first-day jitters fade away, the real adventure begins.

This year, we continue to place each *unique child* at the centre of everything we do. Our goal is to provide a safe, nurturing, and engaging environment where children can flourish not only in their learning but in their personal growth as well. We want every child to feel confident, supported, and ready to take on new challenges.

One of the most exciting parts of the school year is watching each child grow. From our Early Years pupils just beginning their journey to our Year 6 children preparing for the next big step into secondary school, every stage is a chance for discovery, progress, and celebration. Whatever comes their way, we'll be there to guide and support them.

In the months ahead, you'll see our children truly embody *The Heatherlands Way*—our set of shared values that shape who we are and how we learn together. With strong partnerships between school and home, we believe this year holds endless possibilities for success, achievement, and lots of memorable moments.

So, welcome back! Let's make this school year full of growth, laughter, and learning. The doors are open, the classrooms are ready, and every child is invited to take part in the greatest journey of all—**school life at Heatherlands.**

Mr Churchill

Dates for your diary – September 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 1

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| Wednesday 3rd September 2025 |
| INSET DAY |
| Thursday 4th September 2025 |
| INSET DAY |
| Friday 5th September 2025 |
| BACK TO SCHOOL |

WEEK 2

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| Monday 8th September 2025 |
| Year 2 PE REMINDER |
| Year 3 Year 4 PE REMINDER |
| Year 4 PE REMINDER |
| Tuesday 9th September 2025 |
| Year 2/Year 3 PE REMINDER |
| Year 4/Year 5 PE REMINDER |
| Wednesday 10th September 2025 |
| EYFS/Year 1 PE REMINDER |
| Year 5/6 PE REMINDER |
| Thursday 11th September 2025 |
| Year 1 PE REMINDER |
| Year 6 PE REMINDER |
| Friday 12th September 2025 |
| EYFS PE REMINDER |

WEEK 3

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| Monday 15th September 2025 |
| Launch of Junior Dukes 2025 2026 |
| Meet the teacher drop ins 3.30 – 4pm |
| Wednesday 17th September 2025 |
| HOMEWORK SET |
| Meet the teacher drop ins 3.30 – 4pm |

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| Saturday 20th September 2025 |
| Poole Grammar School tests |
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WEEK 4

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| Monday 22nd September 2025 |
| Cycle to school week |
| Kimmeridge class SWIMMING 1 |
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| Saturday 27th September 2025 |
| Poole High School tests |
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WEEK 5

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| Monday 29th September 2025 |
| Kimmeridge class SWIMMING 2 |
| HOMEWORK due in |
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| Friday 3rd October 2025 – Sunday 5th October 2025 |
| PGL weekend – Year 6 |



Welcome back to Heatherlands – September 2025

Welcome back to Heatherlands. I 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.

Entering school

We are lucky to have 3 entrances into school, which enable us to manage the numbers 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. 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 remain 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 8th September.** This consists of a house-coloured t shirt (red – David, white – George or blue – Andrew), blue school sweatshirt/cardigan and navy shorts. They 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/>



2025 - 2026 PE timetable

| | PE Children to come into school dressed in PE kits | |
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| EYFS | Wednesday - outside PE | Friday – indoor PE |
| Y1 | Wednesday - outside PE | Thursday – indoor PE |
| Y2 | Monday - 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 run 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 log ins will also be sent home in the next few days. <https://www.heatherlands.poole.sch.uk/homework-guidance-developing-metacognition/>



Reminders – September 2025

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.

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

