



Heatherlands
Primary School

'Churchill Chats'

Well, I am delighted that we have now managed to survive January following the excitement of December and all that Christmas brings. Those dark cold mornings and evenings will begin to turn over time into lighter starts and although there are no guarantees of warmer weather, February means we are heading in the right direction. The time for the beach and those fun packed family BBQs are just around the corner if we think hard enough.

February is also the month where we think about love through the third century Roman priest and martyr, St Valentine which is celebrated formally on Valentine's Day and traditionally on February 14th.

I think we could also list many things we love personally, but it is often very satisfying when at school the children tell you how much they love coming to school, being with their friends or simply being a part of Heatherlands - *that's real love right there!*

This is again a very busy month in school with special assemblies, reading afternoon, Safer Internet Day, Fair Trade sales event and the excitement of the end of term Valentine's discos. Please see the school diary for dates

I hope that when it arrives, you and your family can enjoy fun and relaxation during the half term break, it is clear every day that the children continue to work hard at school and develop socially, emotionally and academically, that can be tiring so please get them to rest up.

As a matter of interest, the 1st Sunday in February is National Yorkshire Pudding Day and is set aside to celebrate the Yorkshire pudding. *Now that is definitely worth celebrating in my personal opinion as I love Yorkshire puddings.*



Mr Churchill

Dates for your diary – February 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/>

SPRING TERM

WEEK 5

Monday 3rd February 2025
Children's Mental Health Week
Wednesday 5th February 2025
Homework quiz set
Thursday 6th February 2025
Seashell class assembly 9am HALL
Y5/Y6 football match 3.15pm HOME
Friday 7th February 2025
Non uniform day on behalf of the 'Sunshine with Smiles Trust'
SEE ATTACHED INFORMATION
Year 5 parent reading afternoon 2.45pm

WEEK 6

Monday 10th February 2025
Homework quiz due in
National Apprenticeship Week
Heatherlands Voice bake sale 3pm
Tuesday 11th February 2025
Safer Internet Day
Wednesday 12th February 2025
Year 4 Fairtrade sale 2.45pm
Thursday 13th February 2025
Comet class assembly 9am HALL
Friday 14th February 2025
Values Assembly 9am STUDIO (invitation only)
Year 6 parent reading afternoon 2.45pm
Friends of Heatherlands Valentines discos SEE ATTACHED POSTER
END OF TERM

WEEK 7

Monday 24th February 2025
INSET DAY
Tuesday 25th February 2025
BACK TO SCHOOL

Wednesday 26th February 2025
EYFS parents 'Phonics Wednesday' 9am – 9.30am
Homework set due in 10.3.25
Friday 28th February 2025
Year 1 Forest School Friday
Year 4 road safety training sessions
WEEK 8
Monday 3rd March 2025
BOOK WEEK
Wednesday 5th March 2025
1.15pm – 3.15pm Escapeline assembly/workshop Year 5 & Year 6
Thursday 6th March 2025
WORLD BOOK DAY
Lulworth class assembly 9am HALL
Pre loved drop & shop
Friday 7th March 2025
Year 2 Forest School Friday
Year 4 road safety training sessions



Year group inquiry questions – February 2025

As a new year's resolution, the year teams are publishing weekly on their year group web pages. This is to keep you informed of the learning and activities taking place and will replace the monthly mini blogs.



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

Questions to ask: Can you name three nocturnal animals?
How has an arctic hare adapted to their cold conditions?
Why is a giraffe's tongue black?



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

Questions to ask: How many countries make up the UK? Can you name them?
How many tens and ones are in the numbers - 13, 16, 20? Can you represent them in different ways? (E.g. Tens frames, part-whole model)
Can you use imperative (bossy) verbs to write your own set of instructions for something? E.g. How to brush your teeth, how to put on a coat, how to ride a bike.

Year 2

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

Questions to ask: How many ways can you make equal groups out of 30? E.g. 2 equal groups of 15.
Can you write a sentence with a contraction?
What is a vertebrate and an invertebrate?

Year 3

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

Questions to ask: Can you name the 3 different time periods within the Stone Age?
Where would you find a fronted adverbial in a sentence and what punctuation comes after?
How can you tell if a multiple is in both the 5 and 10 times tables?

Year 4

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

Questions to ask: What is Fairtrade?
What are the 3 states of matter?
What is the top producing country for sugar?

Year 5

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

Questions to ask: Who is Greta Thunberg?
What is climate change and what small changes can we make to help prevent it?
How do you multiply and divide number by 10, 100 and 1000?

Year 6

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

Questions to ask: What year did World War 2 begin?
What countries were involved in World War 2?
What are the main parts of the circulatory system?



Year group notices & requests– February 2025

- Year 5 need thick/strong cardboard from cardboard boxes for the week commencing 3rd Feb if anyone has anything spare. Thank you

We are always proud to celebrate the children of Heatherlands achievements outside of school. Please continue to send in photos and information for our monthly parent communications to the office email.

Thank you.

Whole school notices & reminders – February 2025

Parents evenings

Early Years parents' evenings will be taking place on Monday 10th March and Thursday 13th March. All other parents' evenings will take place in April/May after reports go home. Booking information will be sent out in advance.

World Book Week

We are celebrating World Book Day 2025 on 6 March. This year we are asking you to **Read Your Way** celebrating the reading that your child chooses to do in their free time without judgement.



Read Your Way encourages everyone to let go of reading pressures and expectations, and lets children find fun in reading.

Why not:

[Snuggle up with a picture book video](#)

[Listen to a free audiobook together](#)

[Let us help you with some reading recommendations](#)



Throughout the week in school, we will be enjoying a range of reading based activities, including welcoming visiting authors, taking part in a treasure hunt and a completing a sponsored reading challenge.

On Thursday 6th March we will have our 'dress up day', where the children can dress up as a character from their favourite book. **£1 recommended donation to Friends of Heatherlands.**

We are also excited to welcome back Vanessa from the 'Pop up book shop', who will be running a '**pre loved book drop & shop**', for the children during the day. <https://popupbookshop.net/schools-nurseries/at-my-school/heatherlands-primary-school/>

To support us with the '**pre loved book drop & shop**', please have a look at home and see if you have any books you would like to donate to the school. If you have any children's books you would like to donate, please bring them into school before half term and we will be happy to let another child choose from these books to take home.

Reading afternoons

Did you know that reading with your school child can significantly boost their success in school as well as their emotional well-being?

Sharing stories not only strengthens your bond but also enhances vocabulary, comprehension, and critical thinking skills. It's a wonderful way to spark their imagination and curiosity about the world. Plus, it sets a positive example, showing them that reading is fun and valuable.

With that in mind, we invite you to join your children for the next round of reading afternoons, starting in January. Bring your child's favourite book to school to share together or take one from the selection in school, and enjoy the time you share.

The dates for the next half term are:

7.2.25 - Year 5
14.2.25 - Year 6

Medication in school

Can we please remind parents/carers to ensure any **essential medication is dropped into the school office** and signed in. Children should not have medication in their bags. At the end of the day, please collect the medication from the office and sign it out. For information, we will be sending all medication home to ensure that we are not storing it long term. Thank you.

Easyfundraising

Just letting you know that Heatherlands Primary School is registered with easyfundraising, which means you can raise FREE donations for us every time you shop online. Over 7,000 brands will donate to us when you use easyfundraising to shop with them – at no extra cost to yourself!

These donations really mount up and make a BIG difference to us, so we'd really appreciate it if you could take a moment to sign up and support us. It's completely FREE and only takes a moment. You can find our easyfundraising page at https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/heatherlands-primary-school/?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=pmc&utm_content=gs-email1

Thank you so much!

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/heatherlands-primary-school>



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.

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.

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.

The side gates into school will now be closed after the 8am pick up from the front gates. If you are late for a Breakfast Lounge pick up, please drop your child off at the office. Thank you.

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



Friends of Heatherlands – February 2025

We would like to introduce our PTA team

Charlotte Webster Chair. Has 2 children in years 4 and 6 also a TA in year 3.

Vicky Grady Co-Chair. Previously had children at the school and is the Office Manager.

Charlotte Swain Co-Chair. Has 2 children in Years 3 and 5.

Kaela Nichols Treasurer. Has 3 children in Years 2,3 & 4

We have a what's app group and have meetings for planning our events if you'd like to get involved please do get in touch.



We will be starting 2025 fundraising with **our Valentine's Disco on Friday 14th February**. Tickets are on sale at the school office (cash only) or please email FOH@coastalpartnership.co.uk for a payment link. **Please see the poster for time slots for each year group.**



Save the date for our annual quiz night **on Friday 25th April**. Get the babysitter booked and gather your friends to make your team!

Planning for our Summer Fair on **Friday 11th July** has started early this year. We are aiming to have the biggest and best fair we have had in years. If you would like to get involved, please pop us an email or catch one of the PTA team at school pick up. In the meantime, do you have a company or know a company that would like to sponsor us? Do you have children in a dance, theatre, singing group? Would they like to perform? Do you know any bands / singers that would like to preform? We are also looking for fantastic WOW raffle prizes so please ask around. Any company / business that help support our fair will get a big shout out.

If you would like to get involved, please follow our Facebook page or you can contact us at FOH@coastalpartnership.co.uk



Coastal Learning Partnership (CLP)

Heatherlands continues to work closely with our multi academy trust (CLP) to help us to become even better at what we do and to help us to work consistently with our partner schools.

As such staff have attended centrally SATs training to ensure year 6 staff can prepare the children the best they can for the statutory tests in May 2025, our science leader has attended the central science conference with leaders from our MAT schools where children's work was explored and celebrated. Our office team have also been able to attend important training to help in their roles, in particular when using management information systems. Mr Churchill and Mrs Lloyd-Christie also joined lots of CLP leaders and the Hampshire school improvement service as part of on- going training around the fundamentals of effective practice and leadership. We look forward to sharing further training and central collaboration in 2025.