



**Heatherlands
Primary School**

‘Churchill Chats’

As we close out what has been yet another busy school year, I want to thank the Heatherlands school community for your support, encouragement and understanding as we continue to offer the children the best school experience we can!

Each year trying to move a school forward by making key improvements becomes just that little bit harder as budgets continue to shrink, more hurdles appear and challenges seem almost daily, but with the strong home and community partnership that has always existed at Heatherlands, we continue to collectively face any challenge head on in order for us to make things better for all the children.

July, whilst being a time of excitement, is also a time of change where children move to different year groups and begin to start building new relationships with different adults including their new teacher. It is also a time for year 6 children to say goodbye and move to the next stage of their education journey at secondary school! This current year 6 cohort this year have particularly embodied and reflected all that is good about Heatherlands and have demonstrated the 'Heatherlands Way' throughout their time at school

On a personal note; I would like to thank the many parents and carers who have taken the time to check on my wellbeing and recovery following recent surgery. I managed to make it back to school after 4 weeks minus the limp; I don't think my consultant was as impressed as me about that though. Heatherlands has always been my go-to, and this September I celebrate 25 years at the school which was never the plan when I arrived as a fresh-faced leader. I don't regret a minute of it though, especially the support I hope I have been able to offer to many of the 12,000 children who have passed through the school during my time. *In marriage, 25 years signals Silver, I not quite sure what the equivalent is in teaching, perhaps simply survival!* 😊

I would finally like to wish you all a lovely summer holiday and look forward to opening the school gates early in September, ready to create some magic, Willy Wonka Style!



Dates for your diary – July 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/>

SUMMER TERM

WEEK 5

Monday 30th June 2025
Aspirations Day – all children to dress up/wear something linked to a career they aspire to have in the future!
Tuesday 1st July 2025
Year 6 careers week
New to Year 1 & 2 parents meeting 9am STUDIO
New EYFS parents meeting 2pm (group 1)
Wednesday 2nd July 2025
New to Year 3 & 4 parents meeting 9am STUDIO
Home learning projects sent out – due in Wb 14th July 2025
New EYFS parents meeting 2pm (group 2)
Thursday 3rd July 2025
Cherry class assembly
New to Year 5 parents meeting 9am STUDIO
Friday 4th July 2025
New to Year 6 parents meeting 9am STUDIO
Rock Steady concert 9.30am HALL (by invitation)

WEEK 6

Monday 7th July 2025
Year 6 careers week interviews TBC
Year 3 pizza making day
Year 6 dress rehearsal to siblings
Tuesday 8th July 2025
Year 6 SATS results published
2pm Year 6 performance to parents – tickets only
Wednesday 9th July 2025
Heatherlands Voice visit to Parliament
Year 5 African drumming workshop
Thursday 10th July 2025
6pm Year 6 performance to parents – tickets only
Friday 11th July 2025
Summer Fayre from 3.30pm

WEEK 7

Monday 14th July 2025
HOME LEARNING PROJECTS due in
Tuesday 15th July 2025
Year 2 trip to Beaulieu
Thursday 17th July 2025
Home learning projects open afternoon from 3pm
Friday 18th July 2025
Year 6 graduation from 1.30pm
Year 6 leavers party from 3.15pm – 5.15pm

WEEK 8

Tuesday 22nd July 2025
END OF TERM
School finishes for the summer holiday at 1.15pm



Year group inquiry questions – July 2025



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

Questions to ask: Can you name three pond creatures? What do you know about them?
What is metamorphosis?
Can you name some features of the beach?

Year 1

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

Questions to ask: How has the weather changed from Spring to Summer? What clothes might you wear in Summer compared to Spring?
Can you recall the animal classification groups and name an example of an animal that fits into each group? E.g. Dog = mammal.
Can you make a simple map of your garden/local park and use coordinates (1, 2, 3, A, B, C) to plot the habitats of where different animals could live? E.g. A3 could be a tree with a birds nest.

Year 2

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

Questions to ask: Can you find a microhabitat in your back garden?
Can you make a routine with time stamps of what you do in the morning?
How does a polar bear adapt to its habitat?

Year 3

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

Questions to ask: What does it mean if a box is made with an integral hinge?
What does a 'net' mean?
Why is it important to eat a balanced diet?
What does typography mean?
Why are foods grown in different places around the world?

Year 4

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

Questions to ask: Who was Howard Carter?
What were some of the amazing inventions that the Ancient Egyptians created?
Why was the River Nile important?

Year 5

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

Questions to ask: Name some Greek myths and tell me about them?
Who was Henry 8th and what was his legacy?
How do I calculate the area and perimeter of shapes?

Year 6

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

Questions to ask: Who was Charles Darwin?
Can you explain what evolution is?
What do you know about the voyage that Darwin went on?



Year group notices & requests– July 2025

Year 2

A reminder that our Year 2 trip to Beaulieu motor museum takes place on Tuesday 15th July. Please remember that we have already allocated all the available spaces for parent helpers and that there is only space on the trip for those who have been confirmed by the year team.

Year 4

A reminder that our museum is on the same day as the projects are being shown on Thursday 17th July from 2.30pm

Year 6

Monday 30th June - All show costumes in school on this day please.

Tuesday 8th July - 2pm show to parents/carers.

Wednesday 9th July - Heatherlands Voice to London

Thursday 10th July - 6pm show to parents/carers.

Friday 18th July - Graduation with parents/carers at 1.30pm and Leavers Fest 3.15-5.15 (please complete online form and send in £4 cash for this).



Whole school notices & reminders – July 2025

The new date for home learning projects to be viewed in school is now Thursday 17th July from 3pm.



Every week we are setting up a 'multiplication battle' 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. Every child who enters the battle receives a certificate and the 'multiplication masters' in each year group for the battle get a badge and certificate.

Thank you for your support. <https://emile-education.com/log-in-to-emile-resources/>

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.

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

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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



Heatherlands has once again been working closely with our CLP colleagues over the last month to support our writing in year 6. Reading and spelling have also been a focus, where we have worked together to make improvements.

Next month we will also be attending the CLP Festival of Sport, which will bring representatives for all 20 schools in our MAT together at Oakdale school for a collective fun experience, there will even be a tug of war competition going on.



Friends of Heatherlands – July 2025

As the school year is coming to an end, we are getting ready for our biggest event!

Friday 11th July 3.15pm – Heatherlands Summer Fair

We are looking forward to bringing you lots of fun and entertainment. We will have a refreshment stall selling homemade bakes, cold drinks, Pimms, hotdogs, ice lollies and much more. Sit back and relax while watching the school choir and staff band perform.

We have a bouncy castle and slide, this will be in school all day and each year group will have a time slot to use it as well as it being at the fair.

We have some lovely craft stalls attending.

Plus the usual games of hook a duck, tombola, splat the teacher, pick a lolly and many more.

A REMINDER THE FAIR WILL BE CASH ONLY SO PLEASE BRING PLENTY OF COIN CHANGE

BUT this can only happen with LOTS of help!! Can you spare an hour on the day to man a stall?? Please do get in touch!

If anyone would like to get involved, please email FOH@coastalpartnership.co.uk