



**Heatherlands**  
Primary School

### 'Churchill Chats'

As we enter the start of the summer term, we brace ourselves for the very busy month of May where we see: London Marathon day, Parent evenings, visits to Brownsea Island to name but a few activities! *It's definitely going to be another full-on term but we wouldn't have it any other way!*

May is also a particularly exciting month because the weather noticeably changes, children get to use the school field which is a game changer for children's level of fun outside and the SATs tests come and go for Year 6. The Year 6 children have been working so very hard, so I am sure they will be really happy to wave goodbye to those tests and turn their attention to their school show, whilst preparing for their new life at secondary school. *I am sure we can all remember those feelings, especially preparing to leave primary school, that long hot final summer term and the simple life that most children had known since the age of just 5.*

May is the month that just keeps on giving because we even get an extra day off for May Day, but did you also know that:

- Blue jeans were official invented in May of 1873 after Levi Strauss and Jacob Davis obtained a patent for the trousers on May 20th.
- The birthstone for May is the emerald which represents love and success.
- The zodiac signs for May are Taurus (April 20-May 20) and Gemini (May 21-June 20).
- The birth flower for May is Lily of the Valley.
- The month May was named for Maia, the Greek goddess of fertility.
- In any given year, no month ever begins or ends on the same day of the week as May does.

Jean Hersey said, "The month of May is the gateway to summer." and I think I tend to agree!

***Mr Churchill***



On the last day of the spring term, April 4th, over 650 coast learning partnership employees packed into the life Centre in Winton for the biannual conference. It was an interesting day where we explored the impact of AI and effective management of pupil behaviour. All 20 partnership schools were represented and we had a chance to network and share best practice. This was a positive event which the Heatherlands staff found a useful opportunity for professional development and training.

## Dates for your diary – May 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 2**

<b>Monday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2025</b>
SEND parents evenings – <b>BOOKED DIRECTLY WITH TEACHER</b>
<b>Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2025</b>
Brownsea Island visit – Swanage class
<b>Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> April 2025</b>
Home learning – quiz questions - <b>SEE HOME LEARNING SCHEDULE</b>
<b>Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2025</b>
London Marathon day – Children all in sports kits for running! Parent evening booking <b>CLOSE</b>

#### **WEEK 3**

<b>Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2025</b>
Brownsea Island visit – Lulworth class Parents evening 1 – <b>BOOKED APPOINTMENTS</b>
<b>Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2025</b>
Home learning – quiz questions - <b>SEE HOME LEARNING SCHEDULE</b>
<b>Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2025</b>
Parents evening 2 – <b>BOOKED APPOINTMENTS</b> VE day celebrations – Westbourne Choir singing 12 – 12.30 at VE day celebration (parents informed)

#### **WEEK 4**

<b>Monday May 12<sup>th</sup> – Thursday May 15<sup>th</sup> 2025</b>
Year 6 SATS week <b>COMMUNICATION WEEK</b> – share home learning quiz questions

#### **WEEK 5**

<b>Monday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2025</b>
KS1 SATS week
<b>Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2025</b>
Year 1 trip to Moors Valley Brownsea Island visit – Kimmeridge class BSO visit to Lighthouse, Poole (parents informed)
<b>Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2025</b>
Year 6 PGL parent meeting 2.30pm Break up for half term

## WEEK 6

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2025

INSET DAY



## Year group inquiry questions – May 2025

The year teams publish weekly on their year group web pages. This is to keep you informed of the learning and activities taking place and replaces the monthly mini blogs.



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

**Questions to ask:** Which animals lay eggs?  
What is a mammal?  
How can we protect eggs?

## Year 1

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

**Questions to ask:** What are the four countries and capital cities of the United Kingdom? Can you locate them on a map/atlas/globe?

Looking at a map, how many continents are there? Which is the largest/smallest continent?  
How many seasons are there in the UK? How does the weather change from Winter to Spring? What clothes might you wear in these seasons?

## Year 2

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

**Questions to ask:** Can you illustrate the life cycle of a plant?  
What do you need for a balanced diet?  
How many centimetres in a metre?

## Year 3

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

**Questions to ask:** What are the three time periods within the **Stone Age**?  
What were the names of the two men who led the Roman invasion on Britain?  
What are three items that the Romans had in their settlements that made their life a luxury?

## Year 4

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

**Questions to ask:** What was Alexander Caulder famous for?  
What did the Space-Bat-Angel-Dragon in 'The Iron Man' want?  
Why is Poole twinned with Cherbourg?

## Year 5

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

**Questions to ask:** What is the difference between area and perimeter?  
What impact did Apartheid have on people? What challenges did some people face?  
Can you name some thermal conductors?

## Year 6

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

**Questions to ask:** What is celebrated on VE Day?  
How many degrees are there in a triangle?  
How would you find 10% of any number?



## Year group notices & requests– May 2025

### Year 2

Year 2 have a Great Fire of London Day on the 6<sup>th</sup> May. We would like any cardboard boxes you no longer need. It would also be lovely if they could dress up for this day. Costumes need not be complicated — we suggest the following “homemade” alternatives:

- **Boys:** A large plain shirt with a large collar and a belt or cord around the waist; a plain waistcoat, if you have one; and plain, dark, baggy trousers (such as track suit bottoms) tucked into long socks.
- **Girls:** A plain shirt with a large collar; a long, preferably plain skirt; a man’s plain waistcoat, if you have one; a plain white apron; flat, sturdy shoes; and a plain white head scarf

### Year 3

Year 3 have a Rivers Trust assembly on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> May

### Year 4

Year 4 have enjoyed starting their 'Short Circuit' learning by launching our Geography learning that will relate to our trip to Brownsea Island. Please can all parents remember to pack their child a lunch unless explicitly identified to your child's teacher or the office as we will need to order a school packed lunch for them. We're all hoping for good weather so we've got our fingers crossed!

## Year 5

Jess plays for Bournemouth Netball Club and her team (under 10s) have recently been crowned the Salisbury League winners 2025 and also won the Salisbury Tournament. Here is a photo of Jess with her winning medals!



## Year 6

W/C Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May is SATs week. A croissant/juice breakfast will be provided from 8.20am Mon – Thurs. Gates open for Year 6 at 8.15am. Please arrive on time for early register. Thank you.

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May - PGL meeting 2.30pm



## Whole school notices & reminders – May 2025

### Parents evenings

Parents' evenings will take place on 6<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> May between 3.30 and 6pm. Bookings are open on Arbor.



**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. Summer uniform can be worn for the Summer term – weather dependant!

### 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](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/heatherlands-primary-school/?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=pmc&utm_content=gs-email1)

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



### 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](mailto: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](http://www.heatherlands.poole.sch.uk)



## **Friends of Heatherlands – May 2025**

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

Bags2School clothes collection. All children have brought home a bag for you to fill with unwanted clothes and shoes. You can bring this back to school on **Wednesday 14th May between 8.45am and 9am**. All items will be weighed and we will receive a donation.

Our Summer Fair planning is well under way!! But we need your help!!!

Firstly, do you have the date in your calendar **Friday 11th July**.

Do you run a business and would like to donate a raffle prize? Please send these into the school office.

Leading up to the fair we will be having donation Fridays, with allocated days to bring in different items. Dates and items will be announced next month. Here are some examples of things to not get rid off and save for us.

\*Soft toys / teddies

\*Tombola items

\*sweets / lollies / chocolate

If you would like to get involved in the planning, helping before and/or on the day why not come along to our next meeting on **Wednesday 21st May 2.15pm** in the school studio.

