



**Heatherlands
Primary School**

‘Churchill Chats’

As we come to the end of another busy school year, I would like to thank the Heatherlands school community for your continued support, encouragement and understanding as we strive to provide the very best experience for our children.

Each year, moving the school forward and making meaningful improvements becomes ever more challenging. With shrinking budgets, increasing demands and new hurdles appearing regularly, the task is far from easy. However, thanks to the strong partnership between home and school that defines Heatherlands, we are able to face these challenges together and continue working towards the very best outcomes for all our children.

July is a time filled with both excitement and change. Children move into new year groups, begin to build relationships with new adults, and prepare for the year ahead. It is also a significant moment for our Year 6 pupils as they say goodbye and move on to the next stage of their educational journey at secondary school. This year’s cohort is truly a special group; they have consistently embodied what it means to be part of Heatherlands and have demonstrated the ‘Heatherlands Way’ throughout their time with us.

The recent heatwave has presented its own challenges, yet it has been remarkable to see how the children have carried on with such resilience and positivity. Once again, they remind me just how fortunate we are to have such wonderful young people at the heart of our school. Their energy, enthusiasm and spirit drive everything we do and inspire staff each day to help them achieve, thrive and feel a true sense of belonging.

Even in the most demanding moments, children have a way of bringing perspective and joy. This was perfectly captured last week, when, during an early morning walk to the rec, I gently reminded some children to leave the play area – only for one of our youngest pupils to look directly at me and ask, “Going home?” 😊

Finally, I would like to wish you all a relaxing and enjoyable summer break. We look forward to welcoming you back in September for many more exciting moments, achievements and new adventures.



GREG ZEMLANSKY

Mr Churchill

Dates for your diary – July 2026

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 11

Tuesday 30th June 2026
Dorchester trip – Victory class
Wednesday 1st July 2026
HOME LEARNING PROJECTS SET
Dorchester trip – Mayflower class
Thursday 2nd July 2026
Dorchester trip – Mary Rose class
9.30am ‘Meet the Teacher 1’ EYFS New Entrants – BY INVITATION
9.30 – 11 Quad Kids at Castle Court – BY INVITATION
2pm ‘Meet the Teacher 2’ EYFS New Entrants – BY INVITATION
Friday 3rd July 2026
Wake up Heatherlands from 8.30am
Kingfisher class assembly 9am STUDIO
Summer Fair from 3.30pm FIELD

WEEK 12

Tuesday 7th July 2026
Year 6 SATS results published nationally
Wednesday 8th July 2026
NEW to Year 1 and Year 2 parents meeting 9am STUDIO
Year 5 and Year 6 handball festival at Poole Grammar 2.30 – 4.30 – BY INVITATION
Thursday 9th July 2026
NEW to Year 3 and Year 4 parents meeting 9am STUDIO
Friday 10th July 2026
Wake up Heatherlands from 8.30am
Cherry class assembly 9am HALL
NEW to Year 5 and Year 6 parents meeting 9am STUDIO

WEEK 13

Monday 13th July 2026
HOME LEARNING PROJECTS DUE IN
Year 6 leavers performance dress rehearsal to siblings 1.30pm
Tuesday 14th July 2026
Year 6 leavers show 1 1.30pm - TICKETED

Wednesday 15th July 2026
Year 6 leavers show 2 6pm - TICKETED
Friday 17th July 2026
Values assembly 9am STUDIO – BY INVITATION
Rocksteady concert 10am
Heatherlands Voice trip to Hollywood Bowl 1pm
Open afternoon – HOME LEARNING PROJECTS 3pm

WEEK 14

Monday 20th July 2026
Year 6 graduation 1.15pm – INVITATION ONLY
Year 6 Leavers party 3.15pm
Wednesday 22nd July 2026
LAST DAY OF TERM
1.15pm BREAK UP



Questions to ask your child – July 2026

The year teams publish on their year group web pages to keep you informed of the activities taking place and to enable you to ask your children questions about their learning. We also publish homework on these pages and all knowledge organisers are referenced at the top of each year group page. Have a look at our new look school website at www.heatherlands.poole.sch.uk



<https://www.heatherlands.poole.sch.uk/page/?title=EYFS+blog+posts&pid=250>

- How many oceans are there in the world?
- Can you name three things that you might find at the beach?

Odd One Out

Which animal does not belong with the others?



Can you explain why?

Year 1

<https://www.heatherlands.poole.sch.uk/page/?title=Year+1+blog+posts&pid=247>

- What is the difference between a carnivore and a herbivore? Can you draw one of each?
- Birds and bears are examples of omnivores. What is an omnivore? Can you think of another example?
- Can you draw a map of your route to school? Can you label the features you pass? E.g. park, trees, zebra crossing, roundabout, houses.

Year 2

<https://www.heatherlands.poole.sch.uk/blog/?pid=237&nid=10>

- Who were the two brothers that invented the first successful airplane?
- In what year did the Wright brothers achieve their first powered flight?
 - What are the safety features in cars today?

Year 3

<https://www.heatherlands.poole.sch.uk/blog/?pid=238&nid=11>

- Is the moon a light source? Explain your answer.
- How did the Margherita pizza get its name? How does it represent Italian national pride?
- Can you use these clauses and grammar features to make a sentence in two different ways?
(think about moving the clauses around)

Pizza is my favourite food

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although

I like lots of different food

Year 4

<https://www.heatherlands.poole.sch.uk/blog/?pid=239&nid=12>

- How would life have been different in Ancient Egypt if they didn't have the River Nile?
 - What is the enamel on our teeth and what does it do?
- How would you write the following times on a digital 24-hour clock? 2:30pm, 4:15pm, 7:18pm, 11:59pm

Year 5

<https://www.heatherlands.poole.sch.uk/page/?title=Year+5+blog+posts&pid=248>

- Who were Henry VIII's wives and what happened to them?
- Can you tell me about Tudor crimes and punishments?
 - What happened in Macbeth?

Year 6

<https://www.heatherlands.poole.sch.uk/blog/?pid=241&nid=13>

- What are two feelings you might have when starting secondary school and what could you do to help manage them?
- Name one mindfulness technique you have learned and explain how it can help you stay calm.
- What is one way you can prepare yourself for the changes and challenges of secondary school?

Year 6

Please remember that the Year 6 leavers performances are taking place on Tuesday 14th July at 1.30pm and Wednesday 15th July at 6pm. **Please inform the office of the dates you would like to attend. There are 2 seats per child allocated. Any siblings in school will see the dress rehearsal on Monday 13th July.**

*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 reminders – July 2026



'Wake up Heatherlands' runs each Friday morning, on the top playground.

As always, we welcome you all on site with your child/ren to join in with the dance routines and to encourage them to dance along too. As the gates open at 8.30am we will put on the music, and we will dance together until the children go into class at 8.45am.

Uniform

We will keep you informed weekly regarding any changes to uniform due to the weather but anticipate normal summer uniform for the rest of term. Please can you ensure the children all have named hats and a water bottle in school. Thank you.

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.

Supporting Reading Through Bug Club

While we are mindful of screen time, our online 'Bug Club' platform provides a safe, structured way for children to access a wide range of texts perfectly matched to their reading level. The embedded comprehension questions help strengthen children's understanding—an essential part of becoming a confident and capable reader.

A healthy balance of physical and digital reading is absolutely fine, and in the long term it does *not* negatively affect progress. If your child is using a tablet, using it for reading is a genuinely positive choice. The key factor is consistency.

Easyfundraising

As you know, 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>



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.

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 - July 2026

Our Summer Fair is on Friday 3rd July and we need you!!!

This year we have our raffle online, you can purchase tickets in advance via the link below or on the day.
<https://www.zeffy.com/en-GB/ticketing/heatherlands-primary-school-summer-raffle--2026>

This event needs lots of help to make it a great success. This could be one or more of the following:

- Running a stall on the day
- Helping to set up on the day
- Or simply attending with your children

There really are a number of ways that you can help. If you would like more information please email friendsofheatherlands@gmail.com, pop a message into the office, come along to a meeting or grab one of us on the school run!!

💖 **Contact Us at** 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! 💎



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.