



Heathermount School – Newsletter

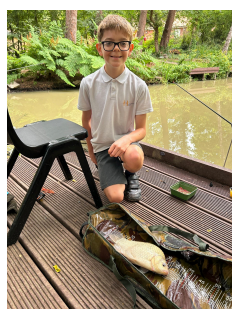
Term 6 - July 2025

Welcome to the last newsletter of the year, and what an outstanding year it has been! Beginning with our wonderful accreditations - Ofsted outstanding, WASP, LPPA, Advanced Autism Accreditation and Leaders in Safeguarding Gold Award; The year was then topped off with a fantastic secondary performance of a Wizard of Oz and of course, our amazing Heatherfest event on Friday!

There has been a wide range of experiences, both inside and outside the classroom - do have a look at our [Highlights of Term 6 news article](#) and [photo Gallery](#).

Fishing

The fishing pond is now up and running and we have managed to give over 25 students a taster session where they have all caught a fish. These sessions will continue when we return in September.



Parents

We've had a wide variety of parental engagement this term. I updated parents on what's happening at school over a cup of tea and biscuit on 4 June, (we will publish a date for next coffee morning in September). The therapy team held a really informative session for parents on mental health and last but not least, we were finally able to hold our internet safety evening with



Mon 21st July

Last day of term for students

Tue 22nd July

School closed to students

Wed 23rd July to Tues 2nd September

Summer holidays

Wednesday 3rd September

Inset Day - School closed to students

Thursday 4th September

2025/26 School year begins

Wednesday 22nd October

School photographer student portraits

Mon 27th to Fri 31st October

October half term holiday

Monday 3rd November

First day of Term 2 for students

a guest speaker from the Breck foundation along with a fish and chip supper. Thank you to everyone who came along.

Staffing

We are sorry to have to say goodbye to Shauna, our Drama teacher but are looking forward to welcoming Jessica to take her place in September. We are also looking forward to welcoming two new TAs to the school, once their final checks have been completed.

Wishing you all a restful, enjoyable and safe summer break and I look forward to welcoming the students back to school on **Thursday 4 September**.

David Stewart
Headteacher



Congratulations to all our stars of the week this term:

- o Tom
- o Cohen
- o Isaac A
- o Ben C
- o Ethan
- o Taim

Wow Moments

Well done to all our students who had wow moments this term:

Foundation:

- o Christopher
- o Bethany
- o Noah
- o Olivia
- o Ted
- o Harrison
- o Jasper
- o Marco
- o George
- o Gianfrance



Primary:

- o Harry C
- o Jacob
- o Stanley C
- o Georgie
- o Joseph
- o Buddie
- o Alice
- o Ben
- o Dennis
- o Pieter-Brian
- o Robin
- o Billy-Joe



Secondary:

- o Kady
- o Swaroop
- o Toby
- o Isla
- o Colbie
- o Alex
- o Finley
- o Jamie
- o Benjamin
- o Noah
- o Taim
- o Amaan
- o Isaac M
- o Lucas
- o Billy
- o Bailey
- o Ben
- o Dexter

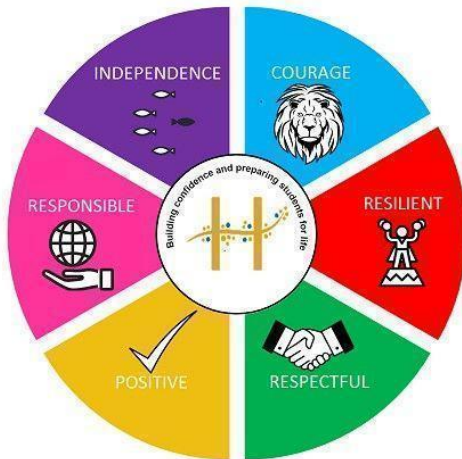
Whole school attendance 94.1%

Thank you to everyone for contributing to the fantastic overall attendance figures this academic year! Please continue to keep us informed of your child's absences via the Arbor app **each day** your child is not in school.

The greater the attendance in school = the greater the achievement

Second Hand Uniform

Some second hand uniform is available from Reception please do enquire.



Core Values

Each term, the whole school focuses on one of Heathermount's core values. At the end of term, staff nominate students who they feel have demonstrated the core value really well. An overall winner is then decided for foundation, primary and secondary. This term we have focused on **resilience** and our cup winners are:

- **Foundation - Jasper**

For being more resilient when taking adult direction without becoming dysregulated and for being so resilient with your phonics and writing which you initially found so hard when you first joined Heathermount!

- **Primary - Billy-Joe**

For showing incredible resilience and determination this term, approaching each day with a positive attitude. You have shown great resilience by reflecting on challenges and working with staff to overcome them.

- **Secondary - Taim**

For demonstrating resilience by improving your engagement across all lessons. You've shown real growth in accepting support and constructive feedback, and you've developed the strength to reflect calmly before responding to challenges.

Term dates

[The term dates](#) for the next two academic years 2025/2026 and 2026/2027 are now available on our website.

School Lunches

The [menus](#) for the Autumn term 2025/2026 are now on our website. Please remember to pay for your child's lunches via the Arbor parent portal or Arbor App. Any top up amount can be added to your child's account.

AI and Online Safety

Artificial Intelligence (AI) is rapidly evolving and whilst it has lots of positive applications it can be misused and present a risk, particularly to children and other vulnerable groups. Read this poster to ensure you know [What Parents & Educators Need to Know about AI-Enabled Scams](#).

Online Safety hub by Smoothwall - New for September 2025!

We are excited to announce the launch of Cavendish Education's [Online Safety Hub by Smoothwall](https://cavendisheducation.onlinesafetyhub.uk/about), a practical source of expertise written by digital safety experts. The platform offers invaluable up-to-date advice, guidance, resources and training to both parents and teaching staff. See the poster attached for more information.

The screenshot shows the homepage of the Online Safety Hub. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for 'About', 'Staff', and 'Parent'. Below this is a search bar and a main navigation menu with categories: 'Reviews', 'Lesson resources', 'Professional development', 'School leadership', 'Wellbeing', 'Digital citizenship', 'Privacy and security', and 'More'. The main content area features a large illustration of a person interacting with a smartphone, surrounded by various icons representing online safety. Below this illustration is a section titled 'Online Bullying - Classroom Posters' with a sub-heading 'Generative AI' and a description: 'Display these posters in your classroom or school to inspire students to stand up against bullying.' To the right, there are two columns of 'Latest Resources' and 'Latest Articles'. The 'Latest Resources' column includes 'Fake Online News Toolkit' (Media literacy), 'Healthy Online and Offline Friendships' (Digital citizenship), and 'Unmasking Online Scams: Visual Graphics' (Privacy and security). The 'Latest Articles' column includes 'Engaging With Students and Their Families Online' (Community engagement), 'Fostering Digital Wellbeing Through Community...' (Community engagement), and 'Managing Exposure to Distressing Content' (School leadership).

Nature and Nurture Farm - Valley End Road, Windlesham. GU24 8TB

Some of our students have really enjoyed visiting the Nature and Nurture Farm this term where they have been doing some work experience and learning about animals and how to care for them. The farm is fully set up for autistic children and children with learning difficulties. Please do get in touch with them if you are looking for an activity in the holidays. They welcome family visits at a small cost.



Outstanding Achievement Awards!

★ Apple - George ★

For making incredible progress both academically and personally since starting at Heathermount.

★ Cherry - Olivia ★

For showing remarkable progress in your independence, confidence, and engagement with learning throughout the year.

★ Pine - Alice ★

For working hard to demonstrate expected behaviour, even when faced with challenges. For always listening to staff instructions and completing any task given to her with pride and respect and for joining Girls Club where she's made new friends and learned new skills.

★ Willow - Joseph ★

For making fantastic progress in your engagement towards learning and confidence this year.

★ Elm - Arthur ★

For consistently showing a positive attitude to learning, school, and others. Your enthusiasm, kindness, and dedication make you a fantastic role model and a valued member of our school community.

★ Beech - Brody ★

For demonstrating exceptional skill, effort, and dedication in maths

★ Oak - Joshua ★

For making incredible progress both academically and personally since starting at Heathermount.

★ Earth - Oliver ★

For making steady progress throughout the academic year and being extremely committed to completing his ASDAN programmes, whilst trying your best in every task undertaken

★ Neptune - Benjamin ★

For your exceptional all-round development across all areas, particularly in physical, social, and academic growth

★ Saturn - Noah ★

For coming such a long way since you joined us. Your resilience, progress, and positive attitude has been fantastic to see, and we're really proud of how far you've come.

★ Jupiter - Cohen ★

For consistently tackling tasks head on and just getting things done.

★ Pluto - Abdul-Rahim ★

For showing growth in maturity and independence and overall improvement through all his lessons, especially in PSHE with your end of year creative project.

★ Mars - Traivys ★

For showing outstanding improvement in focusing on your work and completing tasks to a high standard, while continuing to support the school in sport and acting as a peer mentor for younger students.

★ Mercury - Tom ★

For being a positive role model in the classroom and for approaching your school work with positivity