



# Heathermount School – Newsletter

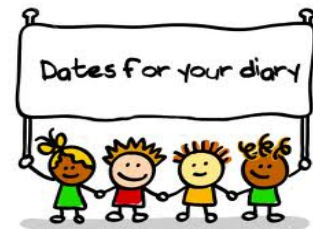
February 2026

We have now reached the halfway point of the school year! You can enjoy reading about the wide range of learning, experiences, and opportunities our students have been taking part in across the school in our [Highlights of Term 3 News Article](#) on the website. It is encouraging to see the progress our students are making in all areas of school life, supported by our staff, whose hard work is reflected throughout the article. Lots of photos from the term can be viewed in the accompanying [Gallery](#).

The upcoming term will be a significant one for me, as it will be my final term before retiring at Easter, when Craig will take over as Headteacher. Until then, my focus remains 'business as usual' and on ensuring a smooth and positive transition.

I am pleased to share that our new Deputy Headteacher, Carys, came into school last Friday and will continue to visit the school regularly over the coming term. These visits will give her valuable opportunities to spend time with staff and students and to become familiar with the school and its day-to-day life.

It was wonderful to see the activities put on by staff during Children's Mental Health Awareness Week this week. The activities were designed to build students' understanding of positive mental health and wellbeing. This year's national theme was "This is My Place", and students and some staff took part in an arts activity project, giving them the opportunity to explore and express how they see their place within the school community, at home, and in the wider world.



**Monday - Friday 16-20 February**  
February half-term

**Monday 23 February**  
Start of term 4 for students

**Thursday 5 March**  
World Book Day  
(students can dress-up)

**Friday 13 March**  
Parent coffee morning (9:15am to 10am)

**Tuesday 17 March**  
Options evening (6pm-7pm)  
Saturn and Neptune classes only

**Friday 20 March**  
Red Nose Day  
(students can wear red for a donation to Comic Relief)

**Wednesday 25 March**  
Bugsy Malone - Secondary school performance (1:30pm to 2:30pm)

**Thursday 26 March**  
Last day of term for students

**Friday 27 March**  
Inset day – School closed

**Monday 30 March - Friday 11 April**  
Easter holidays

I would like to thank parents who joined us for our virtual coffee evening on 27 January. It was great to see such a strong turnout, and have the opportunity to share an update on the school and discuss the chosen topic of homework which was very valuable. Our next coffee morning will take place in school on Friday 13 March at 9:15am, and we would welcome any suggestions for topics you would like us to discuss.

We have lots of fun activities planned for next term including dress up days for World Book Day and Comic Relief and the secondary performance (Bugsy Malone). Do see the 'Dates for your diary' listed here and replicated on the [key dates](#) page of our website. After half term I will also be starting up fishing with the students at leisure time again, now that we have restocked the pond.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. Have a wonderful week off, and we look forward to welcoming the students back for the shortest term of the year on Monday 23 February.

**David Stewart**  
**Headteacher**

**Monday 13 April**  
Start of term 5 for students

**star**

Congratulations to all our stars of the week this term:

Tom  
Lochlan  
Ben H  
Ethan R  
Bradley

**WOW**

Well done to all our students who had wow moments:

**Foundation:**

- o Olivia
- o Harisson
- o Albie
- o Noah
- o Ishaan
- o Marco
- o Theo
- o Noah KT
- o Montana



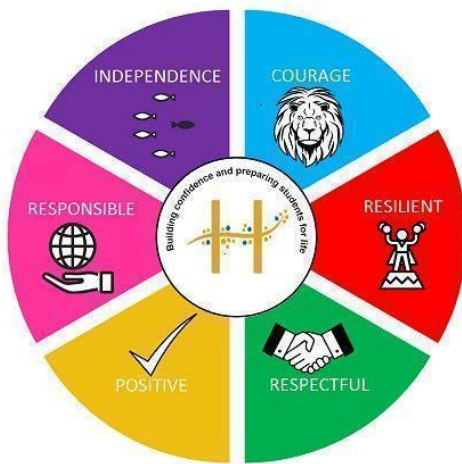
**Primary:**

- o Max
- o Mylo
- o Zachary
- o Joseph
- o Arthur
- o Jake
- o Dennis
- o Jasper
- o Jack
- o Charlie-Ray
- o Jake
- o George V
- o Alice
- o Pieter-Brian
- o George C
- o Noah W
- o Lauren
- o Theo



**Secondary:**

- o Taim
- o Ben C
- o Ben H
- o Isaac A
- o Colbie
- o Sebastian
- o Tyler
- o Lowen
- o Elijah
- o Alex G
- o Alex S
- o Lochlan
- o MMo
- o Oliver
- o Jacob
- o Harry C
- o Paru
- o Tobias
- o Sam
- o Ben MB
- o Jamie W
- o Lucas
- o Georgina
- o Finley
- o Ethan W



## 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 **Courage** and our cup winners are:

- **Foundation - Albie**

Albie has shown exceptional courage by embracing new routines and challenges in school with calm determination. We are incredibly proud of his determination to keep trying and give things a go, even when things feel unfamiliar.

- **Primary - George V**

George V has shown clear growth in confidence this term, actively engaging in lessons and demonstrating courage and determination by approaching every activity with a positive attitude, embracing challenges without fear of mistakes, and consistently showing kindness, respect, and excellent team spirit toward his peers.

- **Secondary - Isla**

Isla has worked really hard to overcome her fears and has shown courage by performing in front of her music class and drama class. She has embraced a variety of roles in the play, attended rehearsals consistently and performed in front of lots of other people. She has even taken the lead in supporting her peers, helping them to be in the right time and place on stage.

## Whole school attendance 94.8%

Thank you to everyone for contributing to the fantastic overall attendance figures this academic year. Please continue to use Arbor to inform us when your child is too unwell to come to school. It's important to notify us each day your child is absent. For medical / dental appointments, please send an email to [admin@heathermount.co.uk](mailto:admin@heathermount.co.uk). For any other absences, please complete the Student Absence Request Form and send it to [admin@heathermount.co.uk](mailto:admin@heathermount.co.uk). For further information on how to log an absence through Arbor and for the Student Absence Request Form, please see the [Key Forms & Documents](#) page on our website.

***The greater the attendance in school, the greater the achievement***

## Options - Saturn & Neptune

Options evening will take place on Tuesday 17 March from 6pm to 7pm in the sports hall. There will be a presentation followed by the opportunity for students and parents to talk to staff about the different curriculum subject choices. Students will have the opportunity to take part in taster lessons in March/April. Initial subject choices will need to be made by Monday 13 April after the Easter break.



## Heathermount\_art on Instagram!

We are excited to announce that you can now view artworks completed by our students on Instagram. **Heathermount\_art** will be regularly updated with examples of their work. Do follow the page! It's a brilliant way to learn more about art at Heathermount and see examples of students' creations. NB No student names or photos will be included on the site.



heathermount\_art Elm class are producing a fantastic set of bird paintings. After decorating a canvas using paint and stencils, they are... more



heathermount\_art Cherry class had a lot of messy fun today using paint and objects, including their hands, to make different marks. These... more



heathermount\_art After studying the work of Claes Oldenburg, Mercury are designing their own icecream which they will make into a 3D... more

## Is my child too ill for school?

Please follow the NHS guidance on when to send your child to school

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

## School Lunches

Updated [menus](#) for the Spring term are available 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.