



# Heathermount School – Newsletter

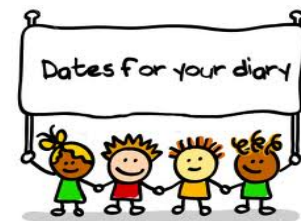
May 2026

Welcome to my first newsletter as Headteacher. It has certainly been a busy and rewarding six-week term, and I would like to thank our pupils, staff and families for the warm welcome and continued support. Please take a look at our [Highlights of Term 5 news articles](#) and [photo galleries](#) to read about what the different stages within school have been up to.

Some of our students from Mars and Earth classes had a fantastic residential trip to PGL, creating wonderful memories and developing confidence, resilience and teamwork along the way. Across the school, pupils have also enjoyed a wide range of enriching learning experiences, including life skills trips, theatre visits, trips to RHS Garden Wisley and Cliveden with the National Trust, and a workshop visit to Fulham F.C. These opportunities beyond the classroom are such an important part of school life, and it has been wonderful to see our pupils embracing them so enthusiastically. A big thank you to the staff who work so hard to make these experiences possible for the children. I am sure you can appreciate the level of planning and organisation required to make these experiences possible.



It has also been quite an eventful term for wildlife at school! We were delighted to welcome some friendly alpacas for all of the students to meet and enjoy, alongside visits from our very own resident fox cubs, who have certainly captured everyone's



**Friday 22 May**  
Last day of term 5

**Monday 25 May - Friday 29 May**  
May half term

**Monday 1 June**  
Start of term 6 for students

**Wednesday 10 June**  
Primary bake sale

**Tuesday 23 June**  
Parent coffee evening (online) 6-7pm

**Monday 29 June**  
Inset day no school for students

**Thursday 9 July**  
Chocolate Fair

**Friday 10 July**  
Non uniform day for tombola donations

**Monday 20 July**  
Attendance celebration event  
(students only)

**Tuesday 21 July**  
Heatherfest whole school celebration  
(with parents)  
Last day in school for students

**Wednesday 22 July**  
Inset day no school for students

attention. Very fitting as one of the highlights of the term was the whole school dressing up in 'something inspired by nature' in order to celebrate Sir David Attenborough's 100th birthday at the beginning of May. There was certainly plenty of leopard print on display, and I thoroughly enjoyed dressing up as a ride-along flamingo!



**star**

Congratulations to all our stars of the week this term:

- Ben C
- Kady
- Isla
- Carter



Thank you to all the families who attended our recent face-to-face Parents' Evening. It was lovely to welcome so many of you into school. We endeavour to keep the Summer term Parents' Evening face to face, while the Autumn meeting in October will remain online for convenience during the darker evenings.

There has also been exciting progress around the school site, with work beginning on the top floor of the Main House to create new learning spaces for our pupils. The majority of this work will take place during the summer holidays but, as there is a lot to be done, we have started work early to ensure it can be completed on time.

It was a pleasure to welcome parents to our termly Parent/Headteacher Coffee Afternoon. Our next session will take place online on the evening of 23rd June, and I hope many of you will be able to join us.

As part of our continued commitment to high-quality teaching and learning, our Primary staff juggled teaching and training for the day so that they were able to take part in a phonics development training day provided by staff from the Read, Write Inc phonic scheme.

We were blown away by the wonderful news that our Young Enterprise team, Juto, has been awarded the Cardiff University Public Value Award which is a fantastic achievement. The judges praised Juto's clear purpose, inclusive teamwork, creativity, and community spirit, highlighting how their personalised products celebrate loved ones and special occasions while bringing people together. We are incredibly proud of the team and delighted they have been invited to Cardiff University to receive their award!

And finally, we ended Mental Health Week with a visit from the circus! It brought so much joy and excitement to the children and was a fantastic way to round off the week.

As we head into the summer term, we look forward to many more engaging learning experiences, hopefully in some wonderful weather! We also very much look forward to welcoming all families to Heatherfest on 21st July - see you there!!

**Craig Drummond**  
**Headteacher**

## School Lunches

The updated [menus](#) for Term 6 are now 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.

## Whole school attendance 94.6%

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*

# WOW

Well done to all our students who had wow moments:

### Foundation:

- o Olivia
- o Logan
- o Montana
- o Noah D
- o Marco
- o Henry
- o Ishan
- o Noah KT
- o Albie

### Primary:

- o Bethany
- o Dennis
- o Ethan
- o Arthur
- o Jack W
- o Harrison
- o Billy-Joe
- o Joshua
- o Jack M

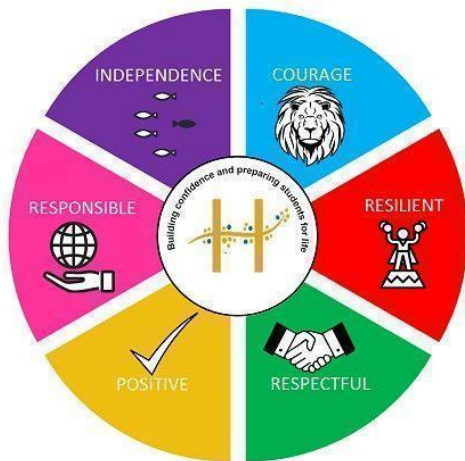


### Secondary:

- o Carter
- o Tobias
- o Alex G
- o Ethan R
- o Isaac M
- o Tyler
- o Toby
- o Brody
- o Stanley
- o Amaan
- o Sam
- o Isla
- o Isaac A
- o Ryan
- o Taim
- o Georgie
- o Joshua

## 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/>



## 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 being **Positive** and our cup winners are:

- **Foundation - Noah KT**

For showing an amazingly positive attitude to learning and for being excited and confident to try to learn new things, always with a smile on his face.

- **Primary - Dennis**

For consistently demonstrating a positive learning attitude. He comes to school each day keen to learn, try new things and help his friends. When others are down, he knows how to put a smile on their face with one of his fantastic jokes!

- **Secondary - Ciaran**

For always trying his best and being upbeat. You are always such a positive influence and polite to staff. We particularly like your well done speech during tutor time for reaching half way through the week!