



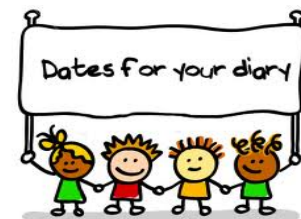
Heathermount School – Newsletter

July 2026

As we reach the end of another successful academic year, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our parents and carers for your continued support, both throughout the year and personally since I became Headteacher in April. Please take a look at our [Highlights of Term 6 news articles](#) and [photo galleries](#) to read about what the different stages within school have been up to.

Although Heathermount has been my home for many years, stepping into the role of Headteacher has been a real privilege. The warmth, encouragement and support I have received from our families has made the transition a smooth and enjoyable one, and I am incredibly grateful for the confidence you have shown in me. I am genuinely excited to lead the school into its next chapter and, as we look towards September, I believe we have so much to look forward to together.

I am sure you will join me in thanking our outstanding staff for their unwavering commitment to our children and young people. Their dedication goes far beyond the classroom and they continually strive to provide the very best opportunities and experiences for every student. From educational visits and enrichment activities to the countless hours of planning and preparation, they have worked tirelessly throughout the term. I don't think I have ever signed off quite so many risk assessments, which says everything about the incredible range of trips and experiences our students have enjoyed!



Tuesday 21 July

Heatherfest whole school celebration
(with parents)

Last day in school for students

Wednesday 22 July

Inset day no school for students

Tuesday 1 September to

Friday 4 September

Inset days. No school for students

Monday 7 September

First day of Term 1 for students

Monday 26 to Friday 30 October

Half term holiday

star

Congratulations to all our stars of the week this term:

- Sammy
- Isaac A
- Yusuf
- Jacob P
- Alex S

Celebrating a Fantastic Term

This term has been packed with memorable opportunities. Students have enjoyed visits to Harry Potter World, Bletchley Park, Legoland, Fulham FC and many other exciting destinations, alongside residential visits and community-based learning. These experiences are such an important part of life at Heathermount, helping to develop confidence, independence and resilience while creating lasting memories.

We are also incredibly proud of the many achievements our students have celebrated this term. Congratulations to everyone who successfully completed their Duke of Edinburgh Award expeditions, to the talented artists whose work secured first place at the Windsor Flower Show, and to our Primary pupils, who represented the school so brilliantly at the recent Music Festival. These successes are a reflection of the enthusiasm, determination and talents of our young people.

I would also like to commend our students for the resilience they have shown during the recent spell of exceptionally hot weather. Despite the challenging conditions, they remained positive, focused and engaged right through to the final week of term. They should all be incredibly proud of themselves.

Looking Ahead

Whilst the summer holidays provide a well-earned break for our students, there certainly won't be much downtime on site. This term has seen a tremendous amount of work taking place behind the scenes to prepare for September. Alongside significant improvements to our buildings and learning environments, we have been reviewing and developing many aspects of school life to ensure we continue moving forward and providing an even higher quality education and wider range of opportunities for our young people.

September marks the beginning of an exciting new chapter for Heathermount. We are looking forward to welcoming more students, unveiling our improved learning spaces, launching our new school uniform and continuing to develop an ambitious curriculum and enrichment offer that gives every child the opportunity to flourish. I cannot wait to share these developments with you over the coming year.

Heatherfest

As always, we rounded off the year in true Heathermount style with Heatherfest. It was wonderful to welcome so many families into school to celebrate together and enjoy another fantastic community event. Events like Heatherfest perfectly capture what makes Heathermount such a special place—a school community that works together, celebrates together and always puts our young people at the heart of everything we do.



Wishing You a Wonderful Summer

The new academic year begins on **Monday 7 September**, and I look forward to welcoming everyone back for what promises to be another fantastic year.

Until then, on behalf of everyone at Heathermount, thank you once again for your continued partnership and support. I wish you and your families a safe, restful and enjoyable summer break, and I look forward to seeing you all in September.

Craig Drummond
Headteacher

Whole school attendance 94.5%

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. For any other absences, please complete the Student Absence Request Form and send it to 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



Well done to all our students who had wow moments:

Foundation:

- o Montana
- o Ishaan
- o Harrison
- o Olivia
- o Noah D
- o Logan
- o Ethan A
- o Theo
- o Henry
- o Marco
- o Noah KT
- o Albie



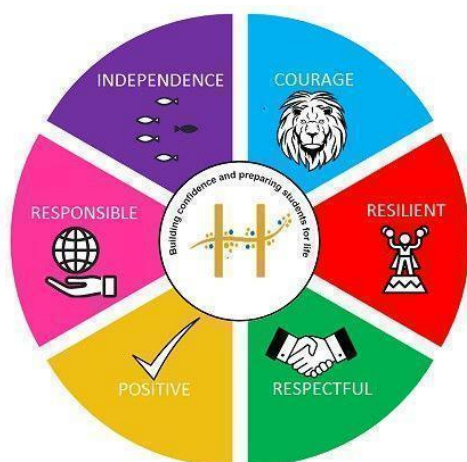
Primary:

- o Lenny
- o George C
- o Luke
- o Jake
- o Ted
- o Max
- o Mylo
- o Charlie-Ray
- o Bethany
- o Joseph
- o Robin
- o JackM
- o Brody B
- o Billy-Joe
- o Arthur
- o Nathaniel
- o Jacob Y
- o Joseph V
- o Pieter-Brian
- o George V

Secondary:

- o Billy
- o Isaac A
- o Amaan
- o Sam
- o Bradley
- o Isaac Mc
- o Harry
- o Yusuf
- o Lily
- o Finley
- o Paige
- o Stanley
- o Jamie
- o Tyler
- o Tobias





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 **Resilient** and our cup winners are:

Foundation - Noah D

For the strength and perseverance he has shown throughout the year. He has navigated challenges with friendships, emotions, and difficult changes with courage and determination. He has shown a willingness to reflect, grow, and keep moving forward, demonstrating the true meaning of resilience and our school values.

Primary - Jack M

For demonstrating incredible resilience. From finding it difficult to come into school earlier this year to now attending every day and joining in with lots of activities, Jack has shown great courage, determination, and a fantastic never-give-up attitude.

Secondary - Kady

This resilience award is presented to Kady in recognition of her determination, courage, and perseverance in lessons. She approaches each day with positivity, continues to grow in confidence, and demonstrates remarkable strength in navigating challenges. Her ability to keep trying, advocate for herself and remain engaged in her learning makes her an excellent role model for others.

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

The updated [menus](#) for Term 1 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.

New School Uniform - Free items! Order by Friday 24th July 2026

We are pleased to share that our new school uniform has now been finalised for the next academic year, starting in September 2026.

As part of this update, we have a new logo, which will be displayed on all of our branded uniform items.

Primary

Primary students will now have the option to wear either a royal blue jumper or a royal blue cardigan. In addition, the PE T-shirt has been updated and will now be navy rather than gold.

Cavendish Education will be providing each student with one new jumper or cardigan, one new polo top, and one new PE top **free of charge**. Please complete the [Heathermount School Uniform - Lower School \(Primary & Foundation\) form](#) by this **Friday, 24th July**, to select the sizes you would like for your child.

Secondary

We have replaced the grey jumper, following feedback, and students will now have the option to wear either a navy full zip fleece or a navy quarter zip jumper. In addition, the PE T-shirt has been updated and will now be navy rather than gold.

Cavendish Education will be providing each student with one new fleece or quarter zip jumper, one new polo top, and one new PE top **free of charge**. Please complete the [Heathermount School Uniform - Secondary form](#) by this **Friday, 24th July**, to select the sizes you would like for your child.



The new items ordered will be distributed to students to take home at the start of term in September.

If you would like to purchase any additional items, these will be available through our uniform supplier, [Leonard Hudson](#). Please note that branded items are not compulsory, and you are welcome to purchase equivalent non-branded items (without the logo) if you prefer.

There will be a transition period as we move from the old uniform to the new and students may continue to wear existing uniform items during the Autumn Term, gradually replacing them as needed.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch. In the meantime, we are excited about the new uniform options, driven by our own school council and look forward to seeing them being worn in the new year.

Changes to Free School Meal and Pupil Premium Eligibility

The Department for Education has updated its guidance on Free School Means (FSM) and Pupils Premium. Please see the poster attached with the newsletter for further information and to make sure your child's entitlement is in place for September 2026.



ABOVE & BEYOND



The certificate is presented to

Apple Class - Marco

Through determination, resilience, and a positive attitude, he has grown into a confident and independent learner. He consistently demonstrates maturity, embraces challenges, and is always eager to learn. He is also incredibly caring towards his peers, showing kindness, encouragement, and respect to everyone around him. His enthusiasm, curiosity, and commitment to improving have been a pleasure to witness and have had a positive impact on our classroom.

This award celebrates not only his significant academic progress but also the maturity, compassion and love of learning he has shown throughout the year. He should be incredibly proud of all he has achieved.

Cherry - Ishaan

For showing wonderful enthusiasm for learning, growing in confidence and independence, and always being willing to have a go, even if it's tricky at first.

Pine - Bethany

Bethany has consistently shown empathy and care towards her classmates. She plays nicely with her peers and sets a good example. She is always willing to give stuff a go, that was really obvious in the Glide to Ride sessions, where she picked up riding her bike really quickly, showing a great amount of resilience and determination!

Willow - Pieter-Brian

For the incredible progress he has made this academic year in developing his emotional resilience, problem-solving skills, and engagement with learning. He approaches lessons with enthusiasm, asks thoughtful and relevant questions and has shown a genuine commitment to his learning. PB has also made significant progress in working positively with staff to reflect on misunderstandings and develop effective strategies to overcome challenges.

Elm - Luke

Luke consistently approaches everything he does with a positive attitude. He is respectful towards both pupils and staff, and always shows kindness to those around him. Luke works hard in every lesson, embraces new activities and perseveres even when he does not yet feel confident. His determination, positivity and caring nature make him a wonderful role model.

Beech - Jake

For making outstanding academic progress through his perseverance, determination, and hard work.

Oak - Billy-Joe

Billy-Joe has worked incredibly hard this year and made excellent progress in regulating his emotions and developing greater resilience and maturity. He is developing a commitment to engaging positively in lessons and has approached his learning with increasing confidence.

Earth

Zoe's group - Joshua

For showing excellent perseverance and determination throughout the year, successfully completing all of his ASDAN work, always willing to give new challenges a go, and consistently striving to produce work to the best of his ability.

Raf's group - Swaroop

Swaroop has gone above and beyond in his social interactions with other students within the secondary department. During the Calshot residential, he actively engaged with his peers and participated in all the activities. His willingness to interact with others, and positive attitude towards all activities, giving everything a go.

Neptune - Taim

Taim has shown significant improvement this year, particularly in his resilience and attitude. He has developed greater perseverance when faced with challenges and is much more focused and attentive during lessons.

Saturn - Lucas

Lucas has tried to be very mature this term, managing a lot of difficult dynamics within school. He has behaved really well. In addition, he is always polite to staff and tries hard in lessons. Also, he recently came second in a huge music competition for creating his own composition!

Jupiter - Cian

For his continuous effort with maths, persevering when he finds things difficult and for showing his maturity.

Pluto - Finley

For always working consistently in lessons, supporting his peers and showing a great maturity when things aren't quite right.

Mars - Brody

For being very resilient through some difficult personal circumstances and working to overcome these and develop coping strategies that he can use in school. For not letting this impact his learning and continuing to work hard.

Mercury - Jacob

For the incredible progress he has made this year, showing maturity and being able to accept responsibility. Jacob has a brilliant sense of humour and has shown a much more positive approach to school.



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