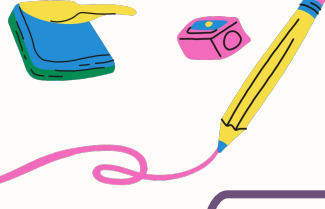


# Heathwood

## Newsletter April 2026



Heathwood Lower School  
Leighton Buzzard

"Our vision is for every child to develop a love of learning, to be curious about the world around them, and to feel a true sense of belonging. We nurture kindness, encourage children to be courteous and respectful, and celebrate the differences that make each individual unique. Through the development of essential life skills, we prepare our children to be confident, successful learners, ready for the next steps in their lives."

### Designated Safeguarding Information

If you have any concerns or worries, speak to one of the following:

Designated Safeguarding Officer is Jackie Wright  
Deputy Safeguarding Officers are Paul Dicker and Talia Romaine

Preschool Safeguarding Officer is Tasmin Morrell  
Designated Safeguarding Governor is Paula Bangs  
Local Authority Designated Officer 0300 300 4825  
Local Authority Centre: The Hub 0300 300 8585  
Emergency Duty Team: 0300 300 8123

## Diary Dates

### April

13<sup>th</sup> Inset Day

14<sup>th</sup> Back to School

16<sup>th</sup> Preloved uniform sale 3.30-4pm

17<sup>th</sup> PTA Meeting to discuss Summer Fair @ The Star 8pm. All welcome!

21<sup>st</sup> Yr R Whipsnade Zoo Trip

22<sup>nd</sup> Yr 3 Cluster Sports PM

27<sup>th</sup> All Class Photographs

### May

4<sup>th</sup> Bank Holiday

7<sup>th</sup> Yr 3/4 Quad Kids

13<sup>th</sup> Yr 1 Rushmere Trip

21<sup>st</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup> Y4 Residential

**Half Term 25th - 29th**

### June

4<sup>th</sup> Yr 3/4 Cricket

10<sup>th</sup> Yr 1/2 Cluster Sports

15<sup>th</sup> -19<sup>th</sup> Healthy Heathwood Week

19<sup>th</sup> Fathers Day Enrichment 9-10.15am

19<sup>th</sup> Sports Day 1-3pm

27<sup>th</sup> PTA Summer Fair 12-3pm

30<sup>th</sup> Reports sent out to Parents

30<sup>th</sup> Open classroom Yrs R-4

### July

1<sup>st</sup> -2<sup>nd</sup> Transition Days

9<sup>th</sup> Yr4 Tennis Competition

15<sup>th</sup> Yr 4 leavers Day Events

- 12.15pm Parent Lunch
- 1.30pm Leavers Assembly
- After School Event timings TBC

17<sup>th</sup> July End Of Year

## Hello Again Everyone!



I can not believe we are reaching the end of Spring Term and shall be in the Summer Term when we return after the Easter break.

We have had a very busy Spring Term and have lots planned for the final term of the year. Thank you to the PTA for securing a grant to fund our new mud kitchens, which we hope will be arriving and installed very soon. We have the Year 4 residential to look forward to in the Summer Term, as well as Healthy Heathwood week and lots more super learning and new topics.

Thank you to everybody who joined us for our Mother's Day Enrichment Morning, it was lovely to have so many of you able to join us for this wonderful event. The children were fantastic, as always, and made us very proud.

It was great to be able to invite you to join the children for lunch on various days this term and I hope you all enjoyed having a delicious roast dinner with your child. Many thanks goes to our amazing kitchen staff for making these events possible and for cooking up such a fabulous lunch.

I hope you all enjoyed reading your child's school report and found them and the parents evening useful and informative. It was lovely to be able to re-introduce our face-to-face meetings and to be able to share the amazing progress your child has made and for you to have the opportunity to look at all of their fabulous learning.

Attendance overall for last month was 96.08%, let's hope with summer nearly upon us we can say goodbye to all of those winter germs and continue to improve our whole school attendance.

I would like to wish you all a very happy and healthy Easter and I hope you have a relaxing and enjoyable break with your friends and families.

Happy Easter Everyone,

From Mrs Wright

# Preschool News

We are coming to the end of our dinosaur adventure. The children enjoyed learning about the prehistoric animals and helped us create a wonderful display.

Thank you to all the parents that were able to attend our open classroom, for taking part in our scavenger hunt and planting sunflower seeds. These will make a great addition to our garden once they start to grow



As many of you have seen we have some tiny friends join us in preschool. The children have

really enjoyed watching them change from frogspawn to tadpoles. We will be keeping an eye on them over the easter break and hopefully they will be ready to be released back into the pond.

After the Easter break our topic will be 'Sunshine and Sunflowers' This seasonal project provides opportunities for outdoor learning and teaches children how to care for the plants and animals in their local environment. We also look at how to stay safe in the sun.

With the weather now getting warmer, please can you ensure your child has a layer of sun cream put on before the start of the day, we will top up their own sun cream after lunch on sunny days. Please also ensure you send in a labelled hat.

We would be greatly appreciate donations of buckets and spades for our sandpit.

We hope you all have a fantastic Easter break, and look forward to welcoming you back!

# Governors News

The governors conducted a learning walkway this week where the focus was on writing in the classroom. Some amazing and some wonderful writing was observed.

Following the learning walkway, a full governors meeting was held and some of the items raised and agreed upon were; budget review for 25/26, the spring 2026 head teachers report and the SEND report.

We carried out a financial review of preschool, wrap around care and school meals income and expenditure.

We looked at injury analysis for the past term and half and we have noticed that the accidents in the school have been greatly reduced compared with last years figures.

We are looking forward to a busy summer term and our next meeting will be on Wednesday 22nd April.

# Mini Egg Chocolate Cheesecake Recipe

This is the recipe that the children have been using in their enrichment class on Friday mornings. We hope you enjoy having a go at home.



## Ingredients

The ingredients are based on a group of 20.  
Digestive biscuits (we used 1 pack)  
150g Cream cheese (2 packs)  
500ml double cream  
250g Butter  
Vanilla extract (2 teaspoons)  
Icing sugar ( 3 cups or to taste)  
cocoa powder (3 cups or to taste)  
Mini eggs for decoration

## Method

Crush digestives & mix with melted butter for the base.  
Mix together the cream cheese, icing sugar, cocoa powder and vanilla.  
Whip the double cream and then fold that into the mixture.  
Spread the biscuit mixture onto the bottom of a suitable dish & then add the cheesecake mixture.  
Decorate with mini eggs  
Chill for 20 mins or longer.

## Tuck Shop

Fairtrade Council sells tuck (Chocolate Cookie) on Fridays.

This is £6.50 for the Summer term. Class 4 will be £6.00 for the term.

Tuck Shop is available to pay on School Money.

All PPG children are paid for via funding provided to school.

## Uniform

We are very proud of our uniform and expect children to look smart at all times.

Can I take this opportunity to remind you that shirt collars should be buttoned up and ties worn appropriately, shirts should be tucked in. Socks must be grey, white or black, ankle or long length - no sports/trainer socks thank you.

As we approach the Summer Term, and hopefully warmer weather, our optional Summer uniform of short-sleeved white polo top (no tie), grey shorts and purple and white checked summer dresses, can be worn. (Children who choose to wear a shirt must also wear a tie)

Children with long hair are expected to wear it tied up or back. No jewellery should be worn to school except for religious reasons. Earrings should be kept to very small, plain studs which should be removed or covered for PE (please provide appropriate microporous tape). Watches and 'Fitbits' are acceptable, but must not be a distraction from learning. **Smart watches are not to be worn to school.**

We have a wide range of pre-loved uniforms here at school. We will be selling pre-loved uniform after school on **Thursday 16th April** - come along and grab a bargain.



## Charity News

Thank you for all your donations. We raised £69 by wearing red on Red Nose Day. The link is still open if you wish to donate:

<https://tinyurl.com/4v2j5y7j>



# Council News

Eco Council



Thank you to all the children who helped with The Great Big Spring Clean in school. Along with our local MP they have picked up over 20 bags of rubbish this term. See the press release in the Leighton Buzzard Observer.

<https://www.leightonbuzzardonline.co.uk/your-world/litter-legends-clean-up-leighton-buzzard-schools-grounds-6034826>

Why not do some litter picking when you are out and about over Easter!



## School Meals

School dinners for children in Reception, Class 1 and Class 2 are free, funded by the government (UIFSM-Universal Infant Free School Meals). We are very proud of our super school meals (have a look at the menu on the school website), We work really hard to provide a nutritious and delicious selection of food every day. I would encourage all children to have a free meal at lunchtime instead of bringing a packed lunch.

We are keeping the price for children in Years 3 & 4 the same for a second year. Dinner is just £2.60 per day; £13 per week or £72.80 for the half term until the end of May.



## Ofsted Parent View

Ofsted Parent View gives you the chance to tell Ofsted what you think of your child's school, including: How happy your child is at the school, how the school manages bullying or challenging behaviour and if your child has special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND), they will ask how well the school supports them.

The survey can be completed at any time - you don't have to wait until the school is being inspected - click on the link below

<https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/login?destinat>

## Parking

Please ensure we park thoughtfully in Chiltern Gardens and other nearby roads.

Complaints have been received from residents and parents regarding blocked or restricted driveways and access. When parking on the pavement, please maintain a safe distance from turnings to avoid visibility issues, which can be hazardous and inconsiderate.

Please be considerate of others.

Thank you.

# PTA News

Please note: Extended date for the sponsored read is 14th April



## HEATHWOOD LOWER SCHOOL

## SUMMER FAIR

*June 27*

12 - 3 PM

SEASIDE THEMED FUN,  
GAMES, FOOD & PRIZES

*See you there!*

*Can you help?*

raffle prizes & sponsors needed  
[heathwoodpta@gmail.com](mailto:heathwoodpta@gmail.com)



# Our Value in April is Tolerance



- Acceptance of oneself and others whilst recognising that we are all different
- Being understanding and open minded

**Intolerance is often due to fear of the unknown.** Now, more than ever, we need to adopt a calm and reflective approach, respecting other peoples' opinions and their differences. We should try to live in peace and harmony and appreciate that we are all unique human beings and will therefore differ in many, many ways. At home, as a family, we should try to avoid instant reactions to difficult situations and instead count to ten and think things through from everyone's points of view.

## Thought for the month:

'I disagree with what you say, but I defend your right to say it.'

You can email the office your nominations when your child has displayed the value of Tolerance.



# WOW

Let us know how your child has demonstrated this month's Value of Tolerance at home.

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Community Events & News

**ALINA BRASS**  
**MUSIC**  
**FROM THE**  
**MOVIES**  
**FAMILY CONCERT**

**Saturday 18 April, 1pm**  
**at The Stables, Milton Keynes**

Featuring music from Frozen, Pirates of the Caribbean,  
Coco, Toy Story and many more film favourites...

Come dressed as your favourite film or TV character –  
or bring your favourite doll or toy.

Book at **stables.org**  
or call the box office on **01908 280800**

**We look forward to seeing you soon!**

# Junior Cricket

At Eaton Bray Cricket Club

**BEGINS 15TH APRIL**

Every Wednesday Night  
(even during the holidays!)



Open to both boys & girls  
from 6 yrs old and up

U9, U11, U13 & U15 mixed teams  
playing in the Beds Youth League

All in a welcoming environment  
with qualified coaches

Interested?



Eaton Bray Cricket Club  
Juniors

Message us on our  
Facebook page



Coach Andy - 07962 031 582  
Coach Paul - 07920 459 420

Call/Text one of our  
coaches to find out  
more



The Rye Gardens,  
LU6 2BQ

Or just come down and  
join in the fun on a  
Weds night

## Happenings in the Parishes in April 2026

### Parish Office Opening Hours

The Office is open on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 10.00am to noon.

For further information, please call 07502 320025 or email [stleonardheath@gmail.com](mailto:stleonardheath@gmail.com)

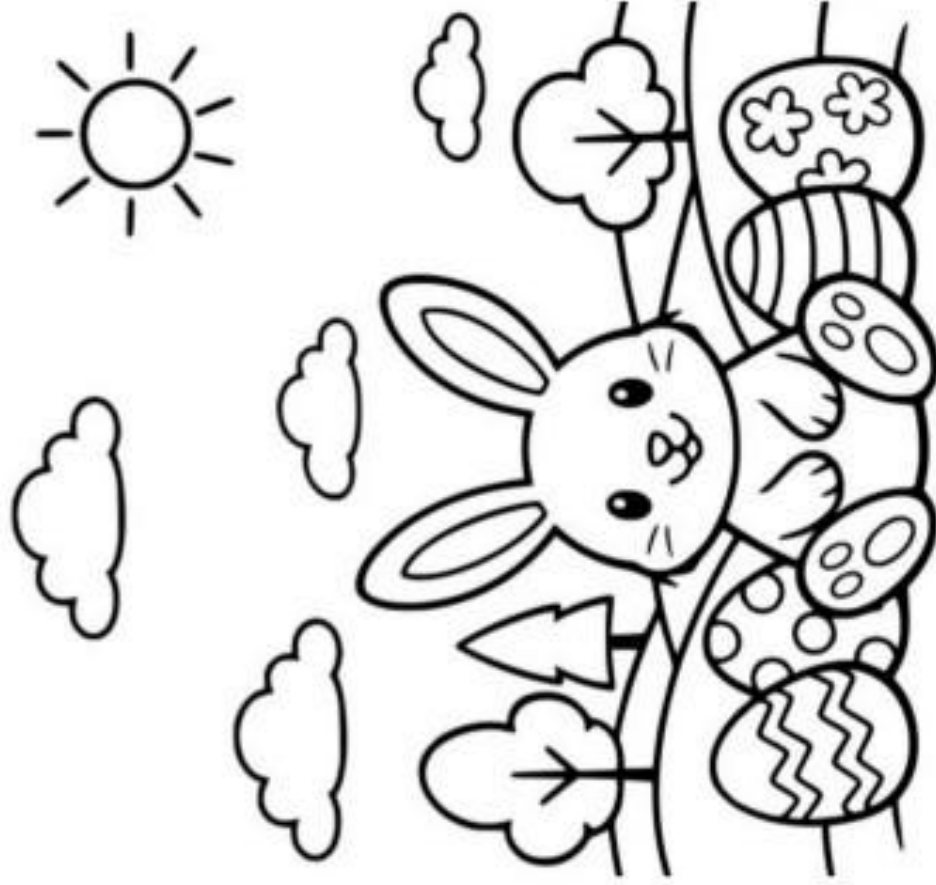
Event	Date	Time	Venue
Elevenses in the Church	Wednesday 1 April	11.00am to Noon	St. Michael's Church, Eggington
Holiday Club Activity Morning	Thursday 2 April	10.00am to Noon	St. Leonard's Church Hall
Holiday Club Easter Egg Hunt	Sunday 5 April	10.15am	St. Leonard's Church Hall
Coffee Morning	Thursday 9 April	10.00am to Noon	St. Leonard's Church Hall
Little Fishes Group	Thursday 16 April	10.00am to Noon	St. Leonard's Church Hall
Tea and Cake Afternoon	Wednesday 22 April	2.30 to 4.30pm	St. Leonard's Church Hall
Little Fishes Group	Thursday 23 April	10.00am to Noon	St. Leonard's Church Hall
Children's Service	Sunday 26 April	3.00 to 4.00pm	St. Nicholas' Church, Hockliffe
APCM for St. Leonard's with Eggington	Sunday 26 April	7.00pm	St. Leonard's Church Hall
Little Fishes Group	Thursday 30 April	10.00am to Noon	St. Leonard's Church Hall

# Community Events & News



Colouring Sheets attached below

Tesco Express and Tesco Superstore  
Easter Colouring Competition



Take a sheet home, colour it in, put your name, age and contact number on the back and bring it into either Tesco Express, Appenine Way and Tesco Superstore, Vimy Road by Wednesday 1st April 2026.

Winners will be notified on Thursday 2nd April 2026.

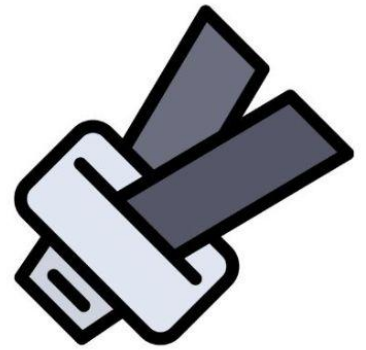
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# COMPETITION



We are looking for ways to improve Road Safety messaging to parents and we believe that promoting responsible road behaviour starts at an early age. This competition hopes to encourage the youngest members of our communities to recognise the importance of road safety.

To help with this we are holding a road safety competition for the children to design a safety message.

We hope that by getting the children involved in such important messaging will improve the safety for all the community, especially outside the school gates.

The message we would like the design to be on is

## **Wear Your Seatbelt**

All pupils are welcome to enter this competition and design a poster/poem/song/newsletter/video (anything they want)

1. Your full name, class and school must be on your design
2. All entries must be handed to your class teacher or the school office or If it is a digital design, email us at [roadsafety.education@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:roadsafety.education@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk)
3. Closing date: Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2026
4. One winner per school will win a goodie bag, with an overall winner to receive a gift voucher and goodie bag, plus their design to be promoted across the county

We look forward to seeing your designs. Good Luck!



Bedfordshire Road Safety Partnership  
Working together to reduce road casualties