



Heathwood Lower School  
Leighton Buzzard

# Heathwood Newsletter



July 2025

Our vision for every child is to embed a love for learning, to be passionate about the world around them, to celebrate differences and be kind. Our children will learn important life skills so they leave Heathwood equipped to be successful learners ready for the next steps in their lives.

## Diary Dates

### July

1<sup>st</sup> Reports home to parents.  
2<sup>nd</sup> -3<sup>rd</sup> Transition Days  
3<sup>rd</sup> Open Classroom- Meet the Teacher - All Years 3pm - 3:45pm  
5<sup>th</sup> PTA Summer Fair  
8<sup>th</sup> Preschool Open Classroom 2-3pm  
9<sup>th</sup> Class 3 Assembly 3pm  
9<sup>th</sup> All certificates/ medals in for Outside Achievement Assembly.  
10<sup>th</sup> KS2 Tennis  
11<sup>th</sup> Outside Achievement Assembly  
11<sup>th</sup> Preschool Open Classroom 2-3pm  
16<sup>th</sup> Class 4 Parent Leavers Lunch 12.15pm  
16<sup>th</sup> Class 4 Leavers Assembly 1.30pm  
16<sup>th</sup> Class 4 Open Classroom 2.30pm  
16<sup>th</sup> Class 4 Leavers Disco 4.30-6pm  
17<sup>th</sup> Hot Chocolate with Head  
18<sup>th</sup> Mufti Winning House  
22<sup>nd</sup> Class 4 Hot Chocolate with Head  
22<sup>nd</sup> End Of Year

Dear Parents and Carers,

Well, we've come to the last month of the school year; it's time to reflect on the past year and look forward to the one ahead. Over the year the children have fully immersed themselves in lots of fantastic learning and I am delighted to say we have continued to see a real love of learning shining through. Children are continuously building on their prior knowledge and striving to achieve work to a very high standard! We are so proud of each and every one of them!

The children and staff are having a super day in their new classrooms today, the children being very excited about being so grown up and having a go at being ready for the next year group. We're all looking forward to another great day tomorrow. We look forward to seeing lots of you at the open classroom tomorrow between 3:00 and 3:45pm.

It has been a pleasure for me to read and comment on each End of Year Report - I am so proud of all of our children and their achievements this year. Do please take the time to read your child's Report and reply on the slip attached.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all of our Year 4's the very best as they begin their next adventure in September at Middle School.

Have a super month and a safe, sunny August.

Jackie Wright  
Head Teacher



# Preschool News

Over the last few weeks, the children have enjoyed travelling around the world and learning about different cultures and beliefs. They can all now name all seven continents in the world. Please do ask them to name them through song. We still have a few continents to travel through before we finish. If any parents would like to come in and share food or stories from their culture, please let us know.



We have been busy adding a touch of colour to the sensory garden. We would be grateful for any donations of wind chimes or musical instruments to add to our garden.

The children have done a fantastic job looking after our caterpillars. We watched as they grew from small caterpillars to almost too big to fit in the container. Then watched as they cocooned and hatched out as beautiful Monarch butterflies. When they were ready to leave, we all gathered in the garden and watched them fly off, hoping they would return to lay their eggs one day.



We would like to wish our children who will be leaving us to move into reception all the best. It has been a pleasure watching them grow, and we know they will be amazing.

# Governors News

On Wednesday the 25th of June Governors spent the afternoon looking at the music curriculum. We observed some fantastic learning using instruments in Class One. Governors met with Mr Dicker (music curriculum) and the School Council to discuss their experience of music this year and we got positive feedback from the children, we also were very impressed with some of the difficult kind of work the children had to do involving music theory and they were certainly up to the challenge. Many thanks to the School Council for a very positive meeting.

The Governing Body held a meeting after school where we looked at and reflected Mrs Wrights, Mr Dickers and Miss Romaines (EYFS) reports. We were very pleased with the reports and there was a lot of positives to take away. In August Governors will hold a strategic day to plan for the next academic year.

The Governors would like to thank Mrs Wright, the SLT and all the Staff for their hard word and commitment to enriching the lives of all the children at Heathwood. Thanks go to our Clerk Kelly Burley and to Andrew Warner and Eugenia Kidd for their time on the Governing Body.

Lastly the Governors would like to wish our Year 4s the best of luck at middle school. Have a great summer holiday and we look forward to seeing you back in September

**Reminder: the deadline for the Governors handwriting Competition is Friday 4th July.**

# Staffing News

We are pleased to share with you our staffing for next year 2025-26.  
The children met with their new class teacher today - please ask your child all about it.

Pre-School: Manager - Mrs Morrell  
Support Staff - Karen, Sara, Lauren, Fay, Melissa and Ella

Class R - Class Teacher Mrs Marsh

PPA Miss Romaine (alternate Wednesdays) ECT Time Miss Romaine  
(alternate Wednesday afternoons)

Learning Support: Mrs Ottaway, Miss Posner, Mrs Hustwitt

Class 1 - Class Teacher Miss Candler

PPA Miss Romaine (alternate Tuesdays)

Learning Support: Mrs Stanford & Mrs Bisby

Class 2 - Class Teacher Mrs Cunningham

PPA Miss Romaine (alternate Mondays) ECT Time Miss Romaine  
(alternate Monday afternoons)

Learning Support: Mrs Hinds, Mrs Pearson, Miss Dixon

Class 3 - Class Teacher Mr Waterhouse

PPA Mr Dicker (alternate Tuesdays)

Learning Support: Mrs Meehan, Mrs McDonald, Mrs Venn & Miss Murphy

Class 4 - Class Teacher Mrs Bradford

PPA Mr Dicker (alternate Mondays)

Learning Support: Mrs Wallace, Mrs Mansfield, Mrs Rockell

Miss Murphy and Mrs Bisby are our Language Provision staff and will be working across the whole school and supporting children in our Provision.

## Pupil Premium Funding

If your financial or personal circumstances have changed during the recent times, you may be entitled to Pupil Premium Funding for your child.

To check, call Central Bedfordshire Council on **0300 300 8306** with your NI number and dates of birth of your child/children.

## Outside Achievement Assembly

Children are invited to bring evidence of achievements from outside school to share in assembly on Friday 11th July (eg. swimming certificates, Cub/Rainbow Badges etc.).

Please send in by Wednesday 9th July



## Post and Correspondence

We have two post boxes on the wall outside the school office. One is for the School and one for PTA. Please feel free to post any letters or forms that you need to hand in if you do not need to speak to a member of the office staff. This will, hopefully, avoid you having to queue at the office unnecessarily.

If you need to contact as member of staff, please call the Office on 01525 377096 or email [office@heathwood.beds.sch.uk](mailto:office@heathwood.beds.sch.uk)

Other useful email addresses: [preschool@heathwood.beds.sch.uk](mailto:preschool@heathwood.beds.sch.uk)  
[send@heathwood.beds.sch.uk](mailto:send@heathwood.beds.sch.uk)

## Summer Weather

At this time of the year the weather is very changeable, please make sure you check the weather forecast with your child and send a coat in case of rain, and a hat as protection from the sun (named please).

When the weather is warm enough for sun cream, this should be applied at home when possible (once-a-day sun cream is ideal). Sun cream brought into school must be named for use by your child only and cannot be applied by staff.

## New Uniform

Wear 2 School now have stock of the new Heathwood fleece. If you wish to order please contact Wear 2 School.

<https://wear2school.shop/product-s-school-heathwood-fleece/>



## Parentline

The Schools' Nursing Team run a confidential text messaging advice and support line for parents and carers. If you would like advice and/or support on any of the following issues, [text 07507 331456](tel:07507331456) Sleep, continence, minor illness, speech, behaviour, temper tantrums, diet and exercise, and much, much more.

## School Dinners

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.

For children in Years 3 & 4 the price for school dinners are £2.60 per day, payable via school money.

# Challenge

Welcome to another Challenge! Keep working hard on completing my Challenges and remember to send in what you create.

This month, as we are getting close to the Summer holidays, I thought it would be great for you to create a collage picture of a seaside. You can use any materials that you have at home and are allowed to use. What will your seaside include? Will it have a sandy beach? Will it have an ice cream van or an arcade? Have a think about what you see at the seaside and try to collage it. Remember, you can bring in your collages and I will display them around the school.

Also, I would like you to complete a research challenge. The question is 'How tall can trees grow?' I want you to see if you can find out how tall trees can grow, including maybe seeing if you can find out what the tallest tree in the world is. You could make a poster or a presentation and again, I would love to see them in school.

Have fun and be creative,  
Mr Dicker

Central Bedfordshire Council has been chosen to participate in year 2 of the DfE/NHSE PINS project.



The Partnership for Inclusion of Neurodiversity in Schools (PINS) project ran in Milton Keynes last year, and Heathwood has been invited to join for year 2. It is a national programme bringing together health and education workforces with expert parent carers into mainstream primary and aims to:

- \*Help shape whole school SEND provision
- \*Provide early interventions at a school level
- \*Upskill school staff
- \*Support strengthening of partnerships between schools and parent carers.

PINS is a national project that brings health professionals, educators, and experienced parent carers together to support primary schools, with the goal to ensure that all children, including those with neurodiversity, additional needs or disabilities feel included.

Please visit [Partnership for Inclusion of Neurodiversity in Schools - SNAP PCF - Central Bedfordshire](#) for further information. **We would also like you to complete a short survey** <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/8P6KXDS> to provide your feedback as parents. It is a short survey but will provide valuable feedback to the project.

Paul Dicker.

## PTA News

We would like to say a BIG thank you to all your support throughout the past year. It was our first year as the new PTA - your help and generosity has been incredible.

We have lots to come in the next academic year - magician shows, quiz nights and most importantly our Annual General Meeting (AGM) which will take place in Sep/Oct. We look forward to seeing you there.

We hope you have a fantastic summer!

Warm regards,  
Shamina, Emma, Susie, Andrew, Kelly and Amelia.

Don't forget we still have our big event this weekend with our annual Summer Fair!

We hope you can make it!



**SAVE THE DATE**

# SUMMER FAIR

**SATURDAY, HEATHWOOD  
5TH JULY SCHOOL FIELD  
12PM - 4PM**

**VOLUNTEERS WANTED**

*Bouncy Castle, Stalls, Ice Cream, Raffle, Food/Drinks, Games and much more!*

Should you have any queries please chat to anyone on the PTA or email us at [heathwoodpta@gmail.com](mailto:heathwoodpta@gmail.com)



**RAFFLE CONTEST**

**TICKET £1**

**FANTASTIC PRIZES!**

**SAT 5 JULY | AT 8 PM**  
Raffle will be drawn at this time

Roald Dahl Museum, Bletchley Park, Mead Open Farm, Snakes & Ladders, Climb Quest, MK Lightning, and more!

To enter please click on the below link or QR code  
<https://heathwoodpta.charityhive.co.uk/raffle/8/summer-grand-raffle>





## Our Value in July is **Courage**

**Facing situations of which one is anxious**

'What makes you anxious?'

Consider how you overcome fears..... by being with and confiding in other people, friends and family? Nothing is ever as frightening when you are not alone.

What do we do when situations are new or we're facing the unknown? Reflect on times when you have been brave, examine how that made you feel.

It is important that we stress that bravery doesn't just relate to physical feats but also to daily words and actions such as being honest and owning up to something even when you know you will be in trouble or standing up for what you know is right even when friends are against you.

**Thought for the month:** 'Sometimes the biggest act of courage is a small one.'

**At home:** Over the summer, think about September and consider how having courage will help with the new start.



# WOW



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

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# TERM DATES 2025/2026

## Autumn

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2025 - Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2025  
Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2025 - Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2025

## Spring

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2026 - Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2026  
Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2026 - Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2026

## Summer

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2026 - Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2026  
Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2026 - Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2026

## INSET Days

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> and Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2025  
Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2026  
Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2026  
Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2026

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2026 - May Day Bank Holiday

# Mental Health Summer Drop -In Service

by

CAMHS Bedfordshire's Community Access Service (CAS)

## Supporting Your Child's Mental Health This Summer

The summer holidays can be challenging without the usual routines and support from school. During August 2025, CAMHS CAS is offering a drop-in service for parents, carers and their young people aged 5-18 who attend any Central Bedfordshire school.

Come along to get advice, resources, and support to promote positive mental health for your child over the summer break.



Please scan the QR code to request a space at our drop in or contact our clinic on **01582 707635** and leave your contact details and we will return your call.

All our summer drop in sessions will be held between 10am - 3.30pm on the following dates and venues (please book your place via the QR code)

Whichello's Wharf - Whichellos Wharf, The Elms, Stoke Road, Leighton Buzzard, LU7 2TD	<b>A - Level &amp; GCSE support drop-in</b> Whichellos Wharf
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> August Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> August	Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> August

**PLEASE NOTE THIS IS NOT A MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS SERVICE**

if you or your child is experiencing a mental health crisis, please contact **NHS on 111 option 2**, for the mental health crisis line (all ages). In an emergency, you can also attend your local A&E.



# FAMILY FUN DAY



**ACTIVITIES - CAKES - GAMES**

END THE SUMMER HOLIDAYS AT OUR NATURE RESERVE,  
THROUGHOUT THE DAY THERE WILL BE FREE ACTIVITIES AND  
WORKSHOPS RUNNING FOR YOUR CHILDREN TO JOIN IN ON.  
ENTRY FEE: £2 PER ADULT, £1 PER CHILD

**31 AUG  
2025**

**12 PM - 4 PM**



**THE LEYS NATURE RESERVE  
PAVENHAM ROAD  
FELMERSHAM  
BEDFORDSHIRE  
MK43 7EX**



# IF

Milton Keynes  
International  
Festival 2025



## IF: Milton Keynes International Festival 2025 18-27 July



### It's time for IF: 2025!

Get ready for a feast of live music, circus shows, comedy, cabaret, outdoor and large-scale events, installations and loads of free family activities across Milton Keynes, in Campbell Park and the city centre. The Festival's 10 amazing days feature spectacular opening and closing events.

For full programme details, visit <https://ifmiltonkeynes.org/> - and look out for our focus on family events and performances this year - <https://ifmiltonkeynes.org/whats-on/category/family> - many of them are free!

**See you at the Festival!**

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## Happenings in the Parishes in July and August 2025

### Parish Office Opening Hours

The Office is open on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 10.00am to noon. For further information, please contact: 07502 320025 or stleonardheath@gmail.com

Event	Date	Time	Venue
Eleveneses in the Church	Wednesday 2 July	11.00am to Noon	St. Michael's Church, Eggington
Little Fishes Group	Thursday 3 July	10.00am to Noon	St. Leonard's Church Hall
Coffee Morning	Thursday 10 July	10.00am to Noon	St. Leonard's Church Hall
Eggington House Hog Roast	Saturday 12 July	Noon to 5.00pm	Eggington House, LU7 9PH
Little Fishes Group	Thursday 17 July	10.00am to Noon	St. Leonard's Church Hall
Tea and Cake Afternoon	Wednesday 23 July	2.30pm to 4.30pm	St. Leonard's Church Hall
St. Michael's Cream Teas	Sunday 27 July	3.00pm to 5.00pm	St. Michael's Church, Eggington
Eleveneses in the Church	Wednesday 6 August	11.00am to Noon	St. Michael's Church, Eggington
Quiet Afternoon	Saturday 9 August	Noon to 3.00pm	Tree Cathedral, LU6 2LQ
Coffee Morning	Thursday 14 August	10.00am to Noon	St. Leonard's Church Hall
Seasonal Lunch	Saturday 23 August	12.30pm to 2.30pm	St. Leonard's Church Hall
Tea and Cake Afternoon	Wednesday 27 August	2.30pm to 4.30pm	St. Leonard's Church Hall