



Welcome to Heathwood Lower School

New Parents' Meeting



Meet the Heathwood Team

Senior Leadership Team (SLT):

Headteacher - Jackie Wright

Deputy Headteacher & SENDCO - Paul Dicker

Assistant Headteacher and Early Years Lead - Talia Romaine

Office:

Office Manager - Sue Wilkins

Finance Assistant - Michelle Taylor

Admin Assistant - Emma Siddon

Meet the Class R Team

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- **Reception Class Teacher:** Mrs Marsh & Miss Romaine (Wednesday)
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- **Reception Class Learning Support:** Mrs Hustwitt, Mrs Ottaway and Miss Posner

Meet the Governors

Chair of Governors: Paula Bangs

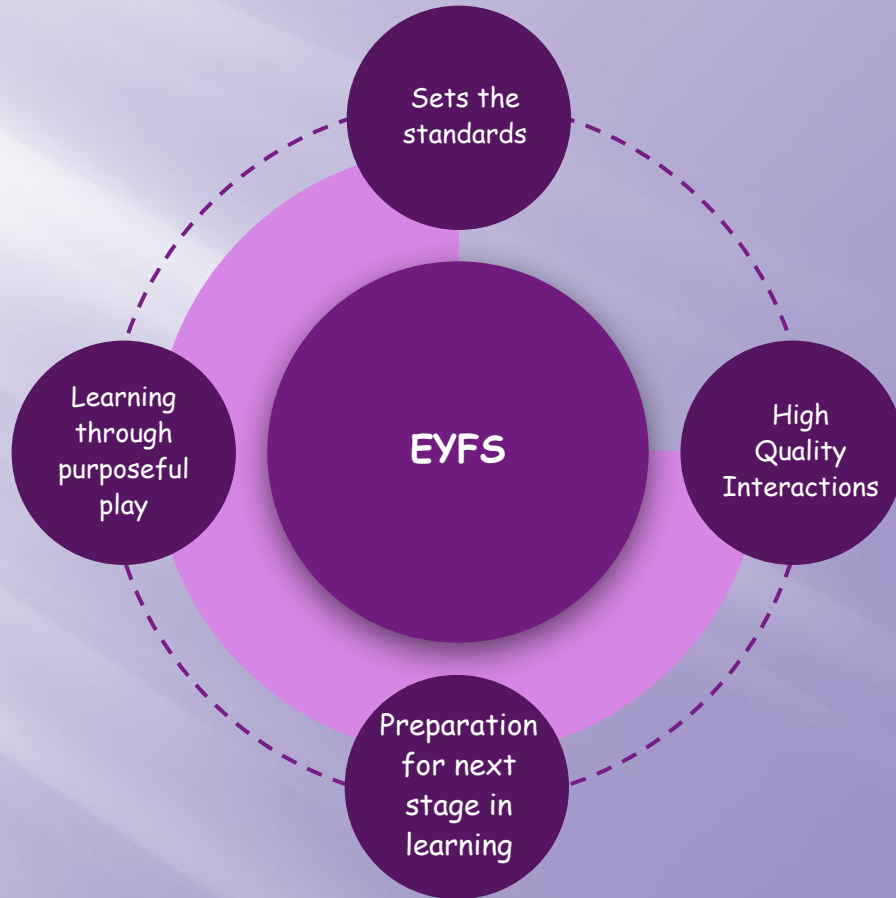
Vice Chair of Governors: Jim Whitaker

Co-opted Governor: Susanne Dove

Parent Governor: Shamina Rushton-Cato

Staff Governor: Paul Dicker

Associate Governor: Beth Sedgwick



New Curriculum, 2024

- Focus on Communication and Language
- Emphasis on being alongside the 'Magic'
- High quality interactions
- Reduce the need for written records
- Reading and stories
- Healthy choices and oral health

Early Years Foundation Stage

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Stage

Prime Areas
Specific Areas

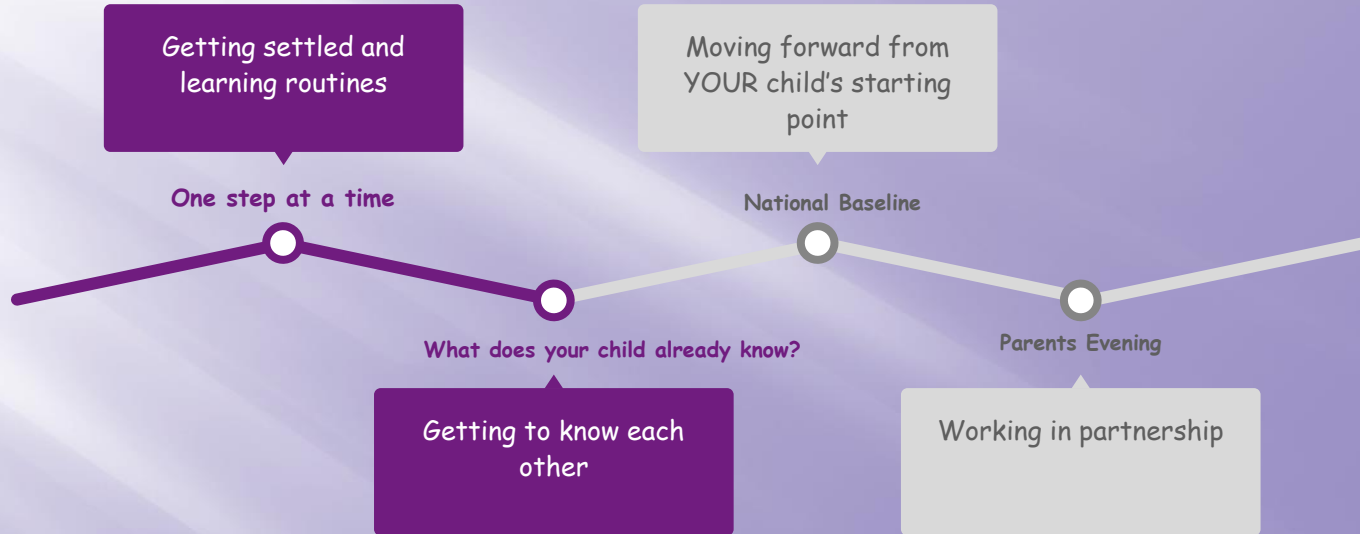
Prime Areas

- Communication and Language
- Personal, Social and Emotional Development
- Physical Development

Specific
Areas

- Literacy
- Mathematics
- Understanding the World
- Expressive Art and Design

The First Few Weeks



Life at Heathwood...

Learning Together and Having Fun!

- Enrichment activities
- Trips
- Visitors
- Bringing learning to life!



School Uniform



The evidence of your child's learning will be on them and not a worksheet!

Please buy cheap and label everything!

School Readiness

We know this is a very talked about topic...

Heathwood School Readiness:

- ▣ Your child is unique and will have their very own starting point.
- ▣ Encourage your child to ask questions and love finding out the answers.
- ▣ Celebrate being curious.
- ▣ Give your child opportunities to enjoy interacting and playing alongside others.
- ▣ Promote a love of reading and storytelling.
- ▣ Praise and celebrate with your child when they 'have a go' and show independent self-care skills. E.g Cutlery, toileting and personal hygiene.

Parents in Partnership

Please...

- Read, read, read with your child daily (and record it in your child's diary)
- Listen
- Talk
- Have routines for drop off, bedtime, expectations about food, TV and gaming, ensure that your child likes to drink water...

Communication Between Home and School

There is always someone you can talk to, we have a number of ways that you can communicate with us:

- Email, telephone, or have a chat at the end of the day
- School Diary for writing a note and recording reading
- Monthly Newsletter - everything you need to know each month

Please always let us know if:

- Your child is absent for any reason
- Other Issues e.g. health, family arrangements etc.



School Meals

All children in Reception, Class 1 and Class 2 are entitled to Universal Free School Meals.

All of our meals are planned and cooked onsite by our wonderful kitchen team. All diets are catered for.

Meals do not have to be pre booked; children are supported to choose their meal on the day.

Please see our menus on the school website.



Pupil Premium Grant

Universal Credit

Speak to
the office!

Support in school,
school uniform, trips,
wrap around care and
piano lessons

Tax
Credits

DOB & NI no.

Wrap Around Care

We offer both Breakfast and After School Clubs on site, run by our own staff.

Breakfast Club: 8.00am-9.00am

After School Club: 3.30pm-6.00pm

Children are offered a healthy snack and activities.

Welcome Pack

★ In your pack....

★ For **adults** - lots of important paperwork to sign and return.

★ For **children** - Activities for getting ready for school.

Important Dates

Transition Visit in July

Wednesday 2nd July

9.15am-11.45am

Thursday 3rd July

9am-1.30pm (Children will stay for lunch)

Home Visits

Wednesday 3rd & Thursday 4th & Friday 5th of September

(Please you make sure you know what time your visit will be before you leave tonight.)

No uniform is required for these days

First Days at School

Play in the garden in school uniform (with parents) Friday 5th
September 2.30-3.30pm

Full time from
Monday 8th September 8.55am-3.30pm
(Drop off and pick up at the Class R the gate)

Important Links

School Website: <https://www.heathwoodlower.com>

School Office Tel: 01525 377096

School Office email: office@heathwood.beds.sch.uk

Finance email: finance@heathwood.beds.sch.uk

SENDCo email: send@heathwood.beds.sch.uk