

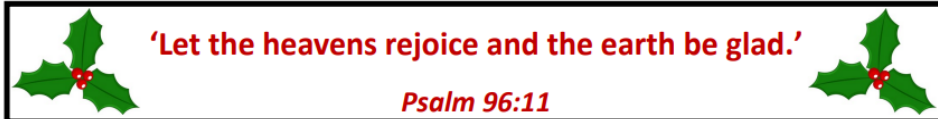


As we come to the end of the Autumn term, I would like to thank you for all of your support and feedback during my time as Acting Head teacher. I appreciate everything that you do for the school, our staff and your amazing children. On the next page, there is an invite to meet Mr. Crawley on the 15th of January.

Christmas is known as 'the most wonderful time of the year' and for good reason. In school during the last few weeks, I have been: dazzled by the talents of our children in EYFS and KS1 when performing their Nativities; humbled by the hard work and generosity of our PTA members; and filled with joy when seeing the wonderful work all the staff and children of the school have been involved in during Advent.

I hope that the Christmas break brings you time with those that you love, rest and enjoyment.

Mrs Cork



For your diary...

Date	What is happening	Year Group
6.1.25	Return to school	All
8.1.25	School Nurse Eye test	EYFS
January dates	Bikeability – letters sent out	Year 5
15.1.25	Meet Mr. Crawley Parent forum	All
16.1.25	Stone Age Enrichment visit	Year 3
17.1.25	Non Uniform day – Yr 6 fundraising	All
20.1.25	SATS Information meeting	Year 6
3.2.25	Mercury Theatre Enrichment visit	Year 4
12.2.25	Autism Experience Bus – more information to follow	Community
13.2.25	PTA disco – more information to follow	All
14.2.25	INSET day (staff training – no children in school)	All
Week beg. 10.2.25	Parent consultation bookings open – more information to follow	All
14.2.25	HALF TERM	All
24.2.25	Return to school	All
25.2.25	Mayan Enrichment Workshop	Year 6
Wk beginning 3.3.25	Parent consultations	All
6.3.25	World Book day	All
15.3.25	Red Nose day	All
12.3.25	BT Science event	Yr 5/6
1.4.25	Easter Services	All



Welcome from Mr Crawley

As we approach the end of the Autumn Term I wanted again to extend my thanks to the amazing team at Heathlands, who have a brilliant job at ensuring that the children have had a great start to this academic year. I would like to thank the whole community for already making me feel so welcome. I have been able to have some visits to the school over the last few weeks and have met some of you on the gate, I have also attended both the Fireworks evening and Hollyberry Fayre with Ezra (my eldest son) and have been out in the local community with both of my sons and my wife. I am looking forward to starting at Heathlands in January and getting to meet you all. In order to start this off, I am holding an informal coffee morning...

get to know
Mr Crawley
an informal coffee morning

Wednesday 15th January 2024

9:15am - 10.15am

An introduction from Mr Crawley
About Heathlands, and views about the school...so far
The plan for Spring Term and beyond
Parent Forum - what parents would like from the Headteacher
Questions and Answers



About Mr. Crawley

I am looking forward to joining Heathlands in January, having previously taught and worked in Uttlesford. Before teaching I worked as an Artistic Director of a large youth theatre company and have a BA in Drama.

Over the past few years I have completed my NPQH and I am currently undertaking a two-year programme in order to become a Teacher Education Fellow. Recently, I was awarded Fellowship status by the Chartered College of Teaching in recognition of my commitment and achievement within the teaching profession. I am an NPQ facilitator and an Evidence Lead in Education, and work closely with the Essex Research School to help support other schools and leaders.

In my spare time I enjoy going out with his family, particularly going on long walks with my dog Albus. I really enjoy cooking and am often found in the kitchen. To relax I like reading and drinking/making coffee. In my spare time I direct theatre productions at the Quay Theatre in Sudbury, with my next show coming in July 2025.



Safeguarding at Heathlands

If you need to contact Heathlands to report a Safeguarding concern or for support, please contact the Family operations Hub at Essex County Council.

During Office hours: 0345 603 7627. Out of hours or bank holiday: call the emergency duty team on 0345 606 1212.

We also recommend [Keeping children safe online | NSPCC](#). For information on Safeguarding [Safeguarding | Heathlands C of E Primary School](#).

For families, please use admin@heathlands.essex.sch.uk marking it as SAFEGUARDING FAO: DSL.

For professionals requesting information, please use senco@heathlands.essex.sch.uk to contact the Designated Safeguarding Lead.

Useful Contacts

Samaritans – 116123

NHS 111 – 111

ChildLine - 08001111

Age UK – 08006781602

Money helper – 08001387777

National Domestic Abuse Helpline - 08082000247



To end their first term at school our EYFS children performed their Nativity 'It's a Baby'. They have really enjoyed learning new songs and each of them made their first appearance on stage. We are really proud of the 'courage that they showed during their performance, and it is clear from their smiles that they all enjoyed the Nativity.

Our EYFS children have also shown our core value of kindness in many ways this Christmas including; acts of kindness at home during Advent, visiting St Mary's Church to perform their Nativity songs to the 5T's and making Christmas cards for a local care home.

What a wonderful end to their first term in school - well done Maple and Willow Class.



Year 1 have made hand puppets in DT. They designed their puppet, cut out a template, used the template to cut and join fabric shapes and added craft details for the face.

They can't wait to play with them!

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Year 2 have had a fantastic half term getting into the Christmas spirit, practicing for our annual Nativity. The children have shown great courage and enjoyment, well done Year 2!



We are pleased to announce that Heathlands has been awarded the

BRONZE AWARD

through the Multischools council.

Our Multischools ambassadors attend a variety of meetings and work to make our school accessible and inclusive for all.

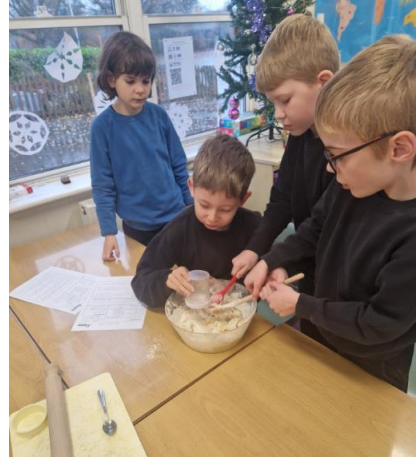
Year 3 have been busy learning about seasonal fruit and vegetables and were tasked with designing a winter tart. After researching what was available, they then learnt how to peel, slice, grate and core different fruit before creating a plum and apple tart. They took great pride in eating them once they were cooked.



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In Lime class we have been baking biscuits as part of our DT lessons. They were absolutely delicious!



Linking to our core value of enjoyment, Year 5 headed to Bluebells Preschool to share Christmas stories with the children on the week beginning 9th December. They were allowed to bring their own stories to read and discuss with the children. It was a delight to see the Year 5's showing such enthusiasm for reading and sharing this with the younger children. They were absolute superstars!



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In Design Technology, the pupils have been creating their own miniature playground. It has been fantastic to see how much enjoyment they've had whilst creating them- ensuring each feature they build meets our class design criteria.

In Year 6, we have been learning about the impact of natural disasters. The children were set the project of researching, writing, filming and editing a short news report all about a chosen natural disaster. This week was the premiere of the films as we watched them all on the big screen whilst munching some popcorn!

Thank you to all the parents that came to watch.



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This term has proven to be a very busy and successful one for PE and Sport at Heathlands. In school we had fantastic inter-house dodgeball and cross-country competitions, with more inter-house events to come later in the year. The sports fundraiser was also an amazing day with children enjoying a wide range of sports as well as taking part in their sponsored run. Many thanks again for your generous support. We also hosted a sports event where the Sports Ambassadors in Year 5 and 6 did a magnificent job leading the activities, and lots of the sports ambassadors were incredible in running the obstacle race at the Hollyberry Fayre.

As a school we attended a wide range of competitions, fixtures and festivals, with 165 children representing the school across the term. The events we attended included football, archery, ten pin bowling, dodgeball, boccia, new age kurling, cross country, multi-sport festivals and sports hall athletics. It is always a privilege to take children to these events as they represent the school so well through their behaviour, effort and the sportsmanship they demonstrate, as well as the enjoyment they take in participating and representing the school. The hard work the children put into improving and playing together has enabled them to achieve their best when representing the school, often finishing in the top three at competitive events. The school won the Year 5/6 dodgeball, boccia and Utilita Kids Cup football competitions. The Year 3 boys, Year 4 girls and Year 5 girls also won their cross-country events. For further details relating to events, we have taken part in, and photos, please [click here](#).

Next term is already looking just as busy for competitions, festivals and fixtures, including more football, multi-sport festivals, boccia, cross-country and archery, as well as rugby and netball. For full details of upcoming sports events, please [click here](#).



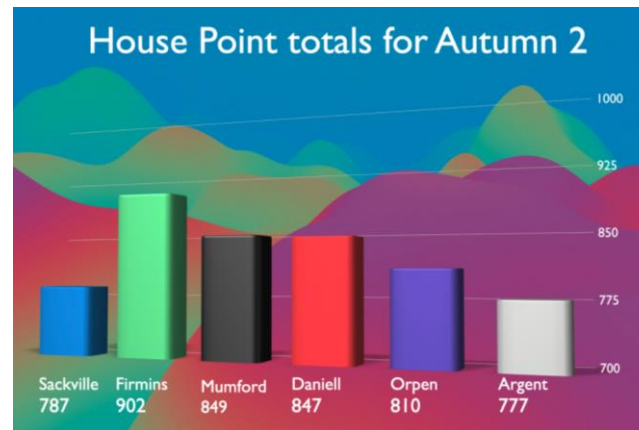
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Our worship and eco council recently teamed up on a visit to the zoo to find out about endangered animals and the role that humans have played in changes to their environment.

They had the opportunity to quiz an expert about what we can do to help protect animals and how to make changes in our lives to prevent any further damage to their climate and habitats. This will help our worship council with their courageous advocacy project in the new year.

Congratulations Firmins!



A huge well done to all of the children at Heathlands, and Congratulations to Firmins for collecting the most House points this half term.



Better Housing Better Health

The Warmth & Wellbeing Service

HOME ENERGY ADVICE

Better Housing Better Health (BHBH) is a service working locally to improve your domestic warmth & wellbeing. In a preventative approach, our free helpline provides you with a single point of contact for advice and support in order to help improve the energy efficiency of your property and lower your bills.

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NON-UNIFORM DAY

**FRIDAY 17TH
JANUARY 2025**

DONATION OF £1

(to be given in cash to class
teachers on the day)

**ALL DONATIONS WILL GO
TOWARDS THE YEAR 6
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PTA Fundraising

Hollyberry Fayre - £4093

Elfridges - £843

Fireworks - £10,049

Uniform Sales - £80

Asda rewards - £601

Tesco rewards - £1000

Co-op - £321

Bag 2 School - £52

Grant fundraising - £1000

Thank you for all of your support across our events!