



As we get to the end of the first half of the Autumn term and the nights are dark, it is difficult to think back to the start of the term where we moved into new classes in sunshine!

Our core value of **enjoyment** has been seen as the children have settled back into school wonderfully, as you will see over the next few pages of our newsletter. There have been many exciting learning opportunities – from a Roman soldier marching the corridors, inter house games, a masterclass for Years 1 and 2 from Tim West (a local actor) to a successful residential to Bawdsey Manor for our Year 6 pupils.

Thank you for supporting a variety of our school events including Parent consultations, Parent forums and coffee mornings. We have a few more across next term, including our annual Fireworks display (9<sup>th</sup> November) and the Holly berry fayre (30<sup>th</sup> November).

Last week, Mr. Crawley visited Heathlands for the day to get to know children and staff – some of you may have seen us at the front of school, and we have plans for further visits across the second half of the Autumn term which I will keep you informed of.

I hope that you have a restful half term, and look forward to seeing you all return on Tuesday the 5<sup>th</sup> of November.

Take care,  
Mrs Cork

## For your diary.....

Date		Year Groups involved
<b>28<sup>th</sup> Oct – 1<sup>st</sup> November</b>	HALF TERM	All
<b>Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November</b>	INSET day – staff only	All
<b>Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Children return to school	All
<b>Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November 9.30am</b>	EYFS 2025 new starter tour	
<b>Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Year 5 Gunpowder Mills	Year 5
<b>Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Fireworks event	All welcome!
<b>Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November 9.30am</b>	EYFS 2025 new starter tour	
<b>Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2pm</b>	EYFS 2025 new starter tour	
<b>Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Year 1 History off the page visitor	Year 1
<b>Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Pudsey Walk – Donations to Children in Need	All
<b>Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Year 3 Gainsborough House visit	Year 3
<b>Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November</b>	EYFS 2025 new starter tour	
<b>Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Holly berry Fayre	All welcome!
<b>Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December</b>	Year 2 trip to the Church	Year 2
<b>Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December / Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Year 2 Nativity to families'	Year 2
<b>Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Year 2 Grandparents performance	Year 2
<b>Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Christmas Dinner/Christmas Jumper day	All
<b>Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December</b>	EYFS Nativity to families	EYFS
<b>Dates to Be confirmed: Christingle service</b>		

PTA Events coming soon!



**RAINBOW**  
Donations  
Non-uniform Day  
Friday 22nd November 2024  
for a donation of a coloured item

Each year group has their own colour. Please ensure food items are in date until December 2024, see below for suggestions. Sweets, soap, teabags, biscuits, pasta, chocolate... what will you bring?

**NUT FREE SCHOOL ZONE**  
WE'RE NUT FREE!

**EARLY YEARS - Red**

**Year 1 - Orange**

**Year 2 - Yellow**

**Year 3 - Green**

**Year 4 - Blue**

**Year 5 - Purple**

**Year 6 - PINK**



**HEATHLANDS**  
**Fireworks**  
**DISPLAY**  
WEST BERGHOLT

**Sat 9th November 2024**  
Gates Open at 17:00

**Hot Food & Drinks**  
**Glow Novelty Goods**  
**Licensed Bar**  
**Live Music**

Main Sponsors:  
the dental studio  
Palmer & Partners  
Independent Estate & Letting Agents

For further information and tickets visit:  
[www.heathlandsfireworks.co.uk](http://www.heathlandsfireworks.co.uk)  
Registered Charity 1037284

Our amazing crochet club have been working hard with Mrs Gibson and a few other adults to make poppies to sell to fundraise for The British Legion. These will be on sale outside the front of school on Wednesday the 6<sup>th</sup> of November after school, minimum donation of £1.



Other poppies will be on sale during the school day, our Year 6 children will bring these around to classes.

The children will take place in a Remembrance Act of Worship on Monday the 11<sup>th</sup> of November

Helping Everyone Shine Their Light



Our EYFS children have settled brilliantly into life at Heathlands. They have embraced their first theme 'Marvellous Me'. We have been so lucky to welcome many different visitors who have helped us with our Big Question – 'How do special people care for others?'



Year 1 have enjoyed junk modelling castles and using collage to make sweetie houses. In PE we have explored various jumps and loved completing a jumping obstacle this week!

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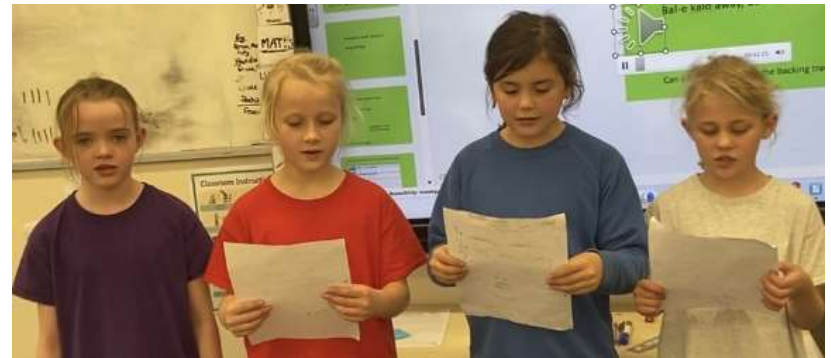


In our Geography lessons, Year Two have been learning how to use a compass and put their skills to use in a walk around the village hunting gingerbread men.



In Year 3 music lessons, we have been composing songs using the pentatonic scale.

The children bravely performed in front of one another!



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In Year 4, we have learnt all about Roman infantry, including welcoming a real life Roman into the school. We have really enjoyed learning the Tortuga formation and marching in time to a Roman chant.



As part of our Design and Technology Curriculum this half term, Year Five chopped, Stirred and cooked spaghetti Bolognese. It was a big success!

‘It was delicious and fun to make.’  
Nina (Cherry)



In Design Technology, year 6 have recently completed a project based on the well-known, 'Steady hand game'.

They researched and learnt about popular games before designing their own version- ensuring it met the design criteria. As part of the game, they had to create a working circuit, using their learning from a recent science unit on 'electricity'.

The end results were fantastic and after playing many of them- they were very tricky to navigate and not set off the lightbulb when the two wires connected!



**Heathlands Primary School**

for supporting Colchester Foodbank.

We are extremely grateful for your amazing  
Harvest 2024 donation

Of 152.5 kgs

This will make a **BIG** difference to local individuals, children and families who face food and financial crisis at this time and will be of great help in the forthcoming months.

Registered Charity Number: 223287

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Thank you for your kind donations during our Harvest festival collection.

HEATHLANDS' CORE VALUES

**TRECK**

Trust

Respect

Enjoyment

Courage

Kindness

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