

EYFS 2026/2027

Parents Information Evening

Wednesday 1st July 2026





HELPING EVERYONE SHINE THEIR LIGHT

“You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden. Shine your light before all men that they may see your works and then praise your Father in heaven”

Matthew 5 v14-16

OUR CORE VALUES

Trust

Respect

Enjoyment

Courage

Kindness

OUR MISSION

Innovative

Confident

Inclusive

Caring

Local

Global

- a broad, balanced and ambitious curriculum
- shine their light.
- equal entitlement and can develop their knowledge, understanding and skills in each subject.
- allow all children to progress from surface level to deeper learning
- ‘Big questions’
- inspiring our children
- encourage an enthusiasm for learning
- understand and appreciate the social, moral, cultural and spiritual aspects of the curriculum; the school; the community and beyond.
- universally positive about their work
- high expectation
- equal access to the opportunities

Relationships & Behaviour



Be Safe



Be Kind



Be Respectful

At Heathlands, we believe in the importance of relationships, ensuring children feel valued, safe and secure, providing a sense of connection with staff and a belonging to the whole school community.

Our Relationships and Behaviour Policy is therefore designed to support the way in which all members of the school community can live and work together in a supportive way. It aims to promote an environment where everyone feels happy, safe and secure, and able to learn.

Additional Needs

Here at Heathlands, we believe early intervention and support is key to a child's development.

We work closely with families and outside professionals to ensure our provision matches pupils' needs.

On the school website you will find our school SEND information report and details of some of the many interventions we provide within our school.

Many of our staff have specialist SEND training, and all staff have regular SEND training sessions throughout the school year.

Our SENCO is Mrs Cork, we have an open-door policy so please contact via senco@heathlands.essex.sch.uk or contact the office to make an appointment.



Mrs Mel Cork
Deputy Headteacher &
SENDCo

Pupil Premium

Additional funding paid to schools for pupils who:

- are registered for Free School Meals (not part of Universal Infant free meals for EYFS, Yr 1 and 2),

This is to support eligible pupils to narrow the attainment gap.

Your child would be entitled if you are receiving one of the following:

- Income support or income-based Job seekers Allowance;
- Child Tax credit with an annual taxable income of less than £16,190;
- Pension Guarantee Credit;
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance;
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- are looked after continuously by the local authority for more than six months,
- are children of service personnel.

Our Early Years Team



Mrs Jenny Lloyd
EYFS Phase Lead/
Class Teacher
Monday - Wednesday

WILLOW

Miss Kirsten Hendrickson
Class Teacher
Thursday and Friday



Mrs Kelly Lawrence
Class Teacher
Monday – Friday

MAPLE

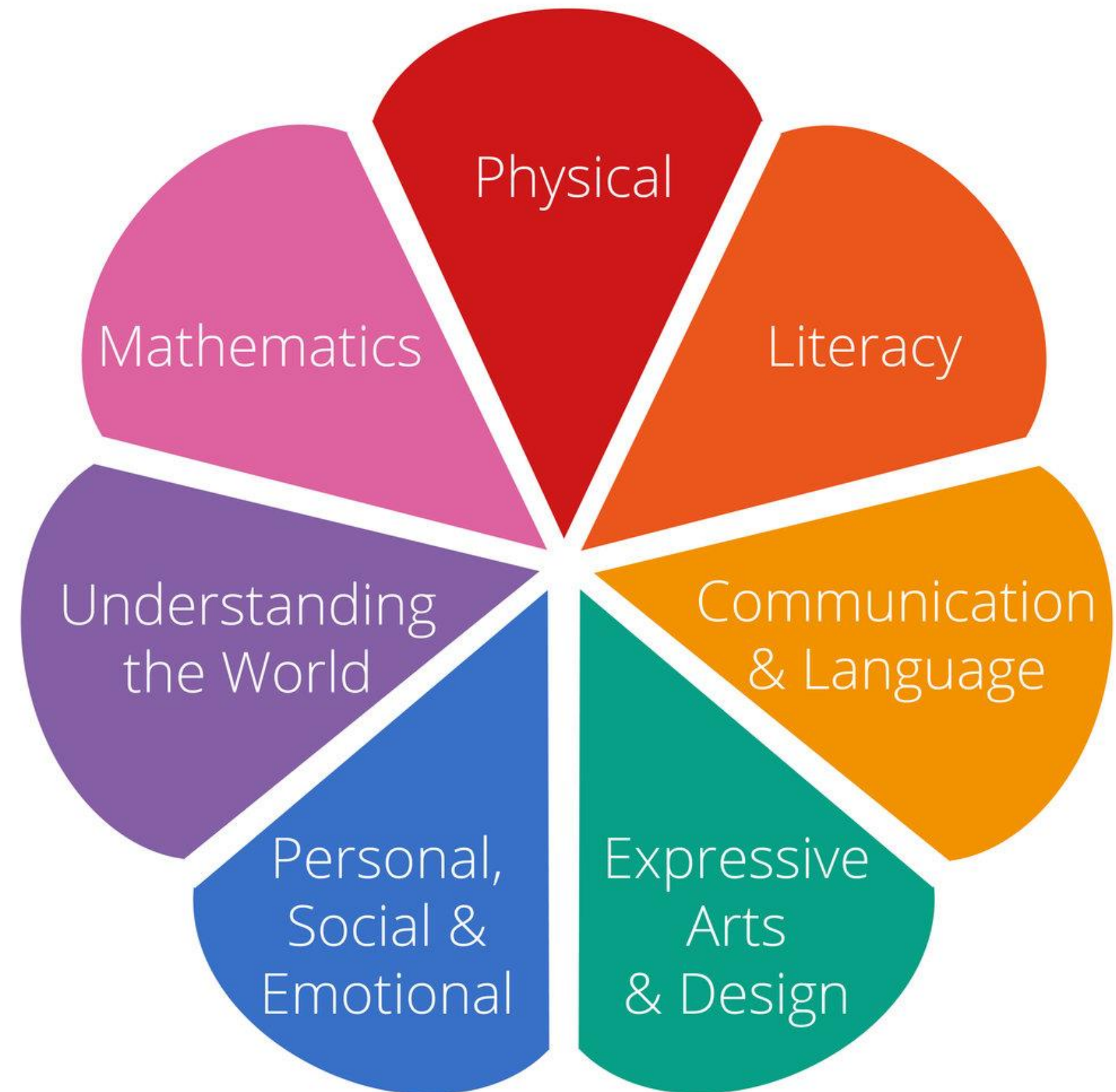
EYFS Curriculum

Prime Areas

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

Specific Areas

- Literacy Development
- Mathematics
- Understanding the World
- Expressive Arts and Design



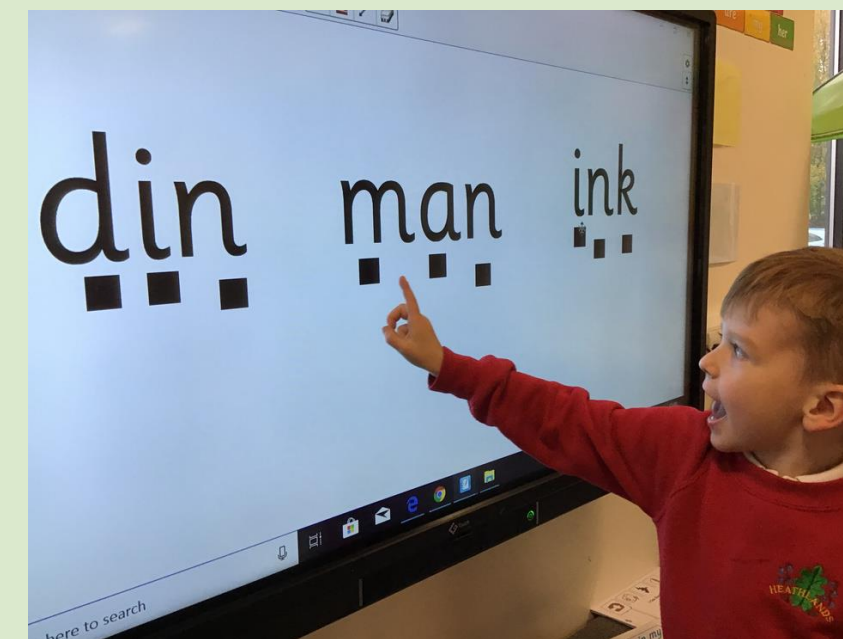
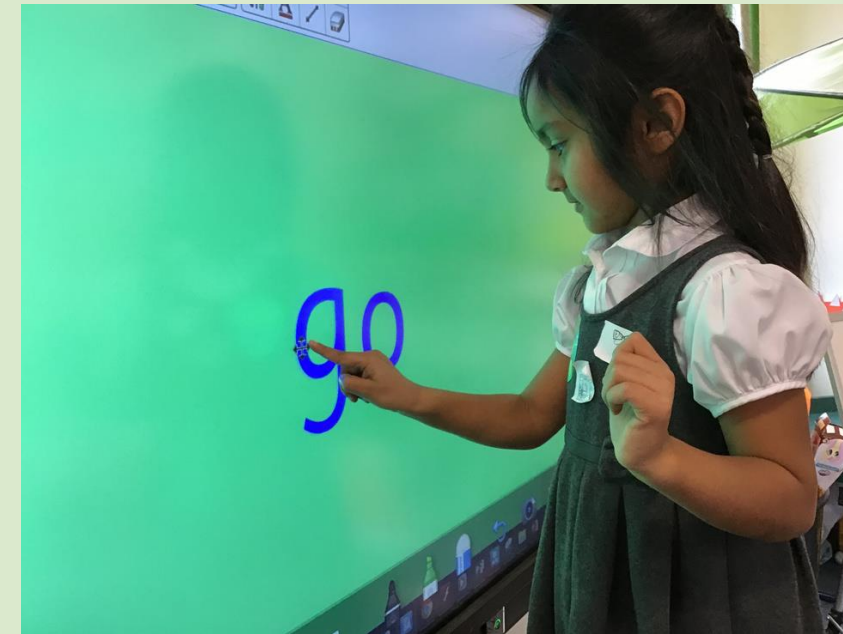
The EY Classrooms

- Indoor and Outdoor Learning; two indoor classrooms and a shared outside area
- Themed Approach per half term
 - All About Me
 - Let's Celebrate
 - Winter Wonderland
 - Superheroes
 - Wonderful World
 - Animals Land and Sea
- Structure of the Day
- Tapestry – online journey
- Class Dojo – messages home
- Trips and Visits



Learning to Read

- Daily Phonic Sessions
- Your child will need a book bag
 - Picture Books
 - Sharing Books
 - Sound Cards
 - Phonic Reading Books
- Five home reads a week
- Autumn Term – Phonics workshop for parents
- Family Fun Phonics



Forest Fun

Children build confidence, build relationships,
take risks in a safe environment

Opportunity to learn as a team, have a chance
to follow their learning ideas and often try things
they never have before

Takes place in the nature garden or on the Heath

Every third week, two groups of 15 children

Sessions are led by Miss Heard, our
Forest School Lead



Buddy System

- Each Early Years child will be 'buddied up' with a year six.
- This began seven years ago and has been very successful.
- Year Six children write to their buddy to introduce themselves and welcome them to Heathlands.
- They meet several times throughout the year to work together.



Lunch and Snack



EYFS Snack Table



Serving Hatch



Salad Bar



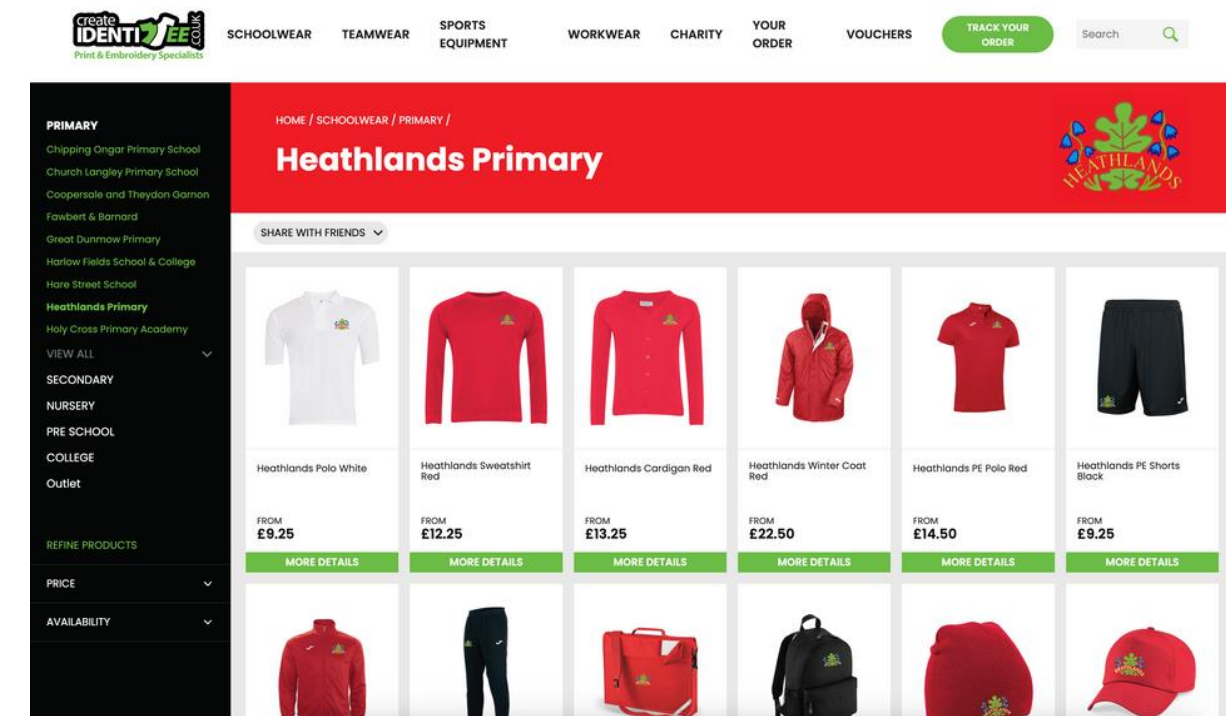
Lunch Hall

- Daily Snacks are provided by the Fruit and Vegetable Scheme
- Milk is provided on a daily basis at snack and lunchtime
- Water is available in class all day
- EYFS children entitled to a free school dinner
- Children can bring a packed lunch if they would prefer to
- Please no nuts or nut products in lunchboxes
- Additional themed snacks over the year we ask for a £10 contribution from parents

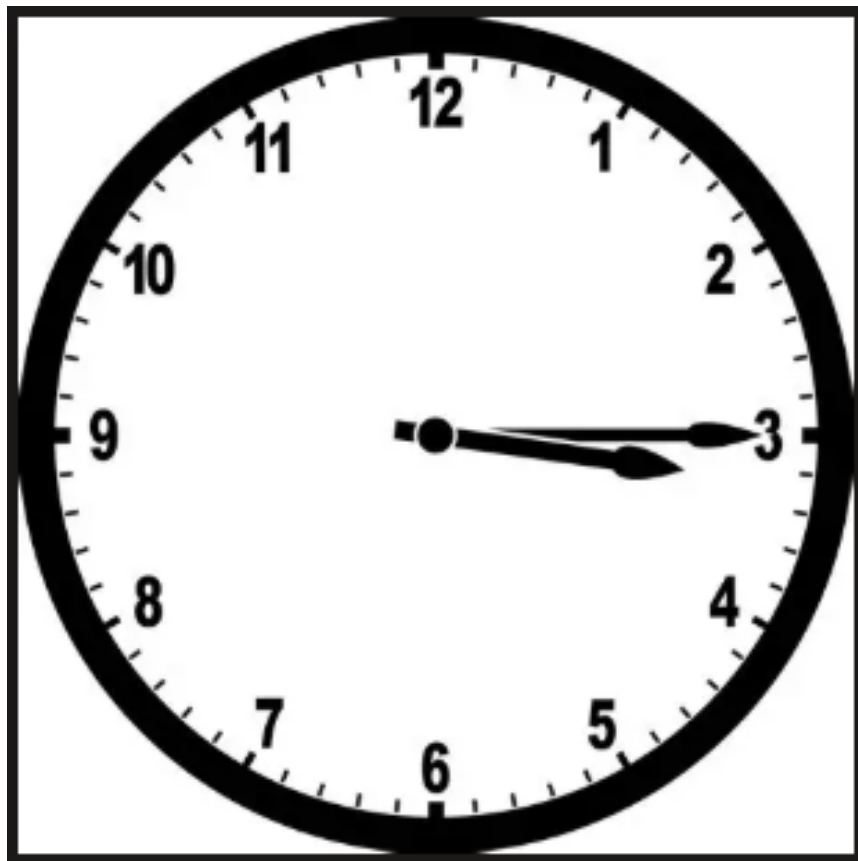
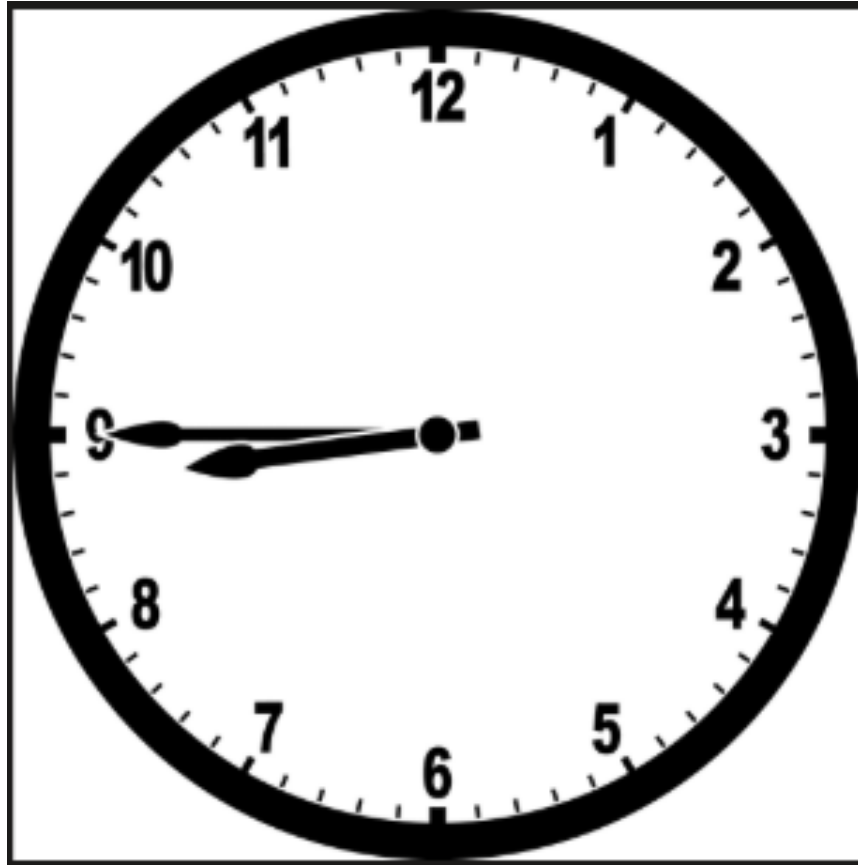
Uniform

- Full uniform lists can be found on our school website
- Please NAME EVERYTHING, even hats, gloves and especially coats
- PE Kit – Red polo, school tracksuit top or jumper and black shorts and/or joggers
- Book bags and not Rucksacks for EYFS
- Spare Clothes in book bag

[Heathlands Church of England Voluntary Controlled Primary School, West Bergholt - Uniform](#)



The School Day



- The gates open at 8.45am and school starts at 8.55am
- School finishes at 3.15pm
- You will be asked to complete a form to share with us who can collect your child
- If someone different is collecting your child, please let us know in writing
- Hopscotch Club after school
- Contacting the class teacher once your child has started school

What Your Child Will Need



Please name Everything

- School Uniform
- PE Kit (to wear on PE day)
- Forest School clothes (including waterproofs and wellies)
- Coat (which they can put on and do up)
- Sun hat/cap and winter hat
- Book Bag with key ring
- Named Water Bottle
- They will **not** need; a backpack or any stationery

Helping Your Child to be “School Ready”

- Independent skills – coats and shoes, eating with a knife and fork, peeling fruit, pouring a drink
- Toileting and Handwashing
- Talk about school
- Sharing toys and turn-taking games
- Listen to others and follow simple instructions
- Reciting some numbers during play
- Recognising their name



What happens next?

- Early Years Team will continue to visit Nurseries and Pre-schools over the next two weeks

Thursday 2nd July Family Sessions

*If you haven't booked one of these yet
please do so this evening*

Monday 13th July Stay and Play Sessions

*Can be booked please contact the
office*

Thursday 3rd Sept Friday 4th Sept Meet the Teacher Sessions

*Can be booked please contact the
office*

**Monday 7th September
Tuesday 8th September
Morning Session
8.45am-12.00pm**

**Wednesday 9th September
Thursday 10th September
Morning Session & Lunch
8.45am-1.30pm**

**Friday 11th September
Full Time School
8.45am-3.15pm**

- Further uploads to the school website to support transition
- Please keep checking your emails (and junk boxes)
- Pupil Admission Forms
- House Teams will be shared at Stay and Play Sessions

Parent Teacher Association

In the past, thanks to the amazing fundraising efforts of our school community, we were delighted to be able to support / pay for:

New Interactive Whiteboards
KS1 Enhanced Provision Resources
OPAL Playtimes Equipment
Refurbishment of the School Library
Hall Sound System, Projector and Screen
Times Table Rockstars
The Abbeygate Concert Band Performance
Year 2 'Explorer' Visit
Gardening Projects
The Infant Climbing Frame and Toys
Infant and Junior Playground Equipment
Purple Mash (Whole school and home use computer scheme)
Sports Equipment

Any Questions?



Visit the classrooms – School staff will be around to answer any questions you may have

This presentation will be added to our school website

Please email admissions@heathlands.essex.sch.uk if you have any questions or information that you would like to share following this presentation

