



MARCH 2026



Welcome to March's edition of our school newsletter.

We have spent time reflecting on our school motto and vision. Staff and Governors have voted to keep one motto, instead of the two we had:

Live Life in all its Fullness

John 10:10

With our high aspirations for each child at Heartwood and the opportunities and experiences they are given, we want our whole school community to live life in all its fullness.

Staff, School Governors and children have all contributed to ensuring that Heartwood is fully reflected in our vision. We are very proud to have finalised our new vision:

Hearts and minds grow stronger as we learn every day,

Each one of us flourishes in our own unique way.

At Heartwood, Christian values light our way each day,

Respect, responsibility and compassion shine in all we do and say.

Through courage and friendship, we serve and we care,

We love to learn, dream big and give our best everywhere.

Opportunities enable us to achieve and succeed,

Our confidence grows as we speak with purpose and lead.

Determined to make a difference, to live life in all its fullness

Mrs Starman, Headteacher



friendships



This half term the school value that we are focusing on is 'friendship'. The children will be receiving value certificates in our celebration Collective Worship on a Friday for being and demonstrating that they are a good friend to others. Our Nursery children will also bring home certificates for showing friendship this half term.

In Collective Worship, we are focusing on the Sustainable Development Goals 4 (Quality Education) and 7 (Affordable and Clean Energy); discussing how we can be friends with the earth.

We have been really impressed with the SDGs that children have been working on at home. Once your child has completed a goal, please send in their booklet so we can celebrate with them in celebration Collective Worship.



Learning Review Meetings are on Monday 9th March and Wednesday 11th March for all parents/carers. They will be held in the school hall. Mrs Starman, Mrs McKenna, Miss Compton (by appointment) and Miss Fisher will also be available in the hall. There will be a book fair where the free World Book Day tokens can be used.



We have a few places left in our Nursery (mouse class) for the afternoons or end of the week (Wednesday to Friday). If your child is 3, please contact the school office for more information.



Film and Pizza Night is Friday 13th March. £3 per child to raise money for the school through Friends of Heartwood.

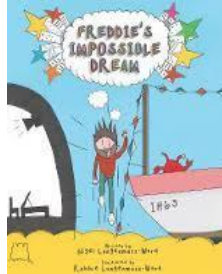
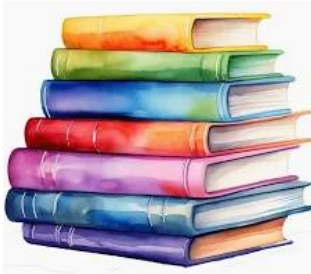
3.45 – 4.45 for Scarecrow's Wedding and margherita (cheese and tomato) pizza
or

5 – 6.45 for K Pop Demon Hunters and margherita pizza. K Pop Demon Hunters is a PG film.

Details have been sent out and ParentPay has been set up.

hello

We welcome Mr Padmore as our new school caretaker. Please say hello and make him feel welcome at Heartwood.



World Book Day is Thursday 5th March. Nigel Lungenmuss Ward will be visiting the school and his books will be available to buy in the school hall at 3.30pm. There is NO dressing up.



At the end of the month we are moving over to Arbor (from Pupil Asset). Arbor will then be used for all communications, payments etc so there is just one app for parents. Keep an eye out for information.



We have sent out permission slips to all parents/carers as we are updating the photos on our school website and around the school. You will have already signed a form when your child started Heartwood but the new form asks permission to use your child's photos once they have left the school. Please send these back asap as the photographer is in school this Thursday for World Book Day.



From September 2026 we will be changing our morning club provision for children in Reception to Year 6. There will be two options:



*7.30 (fee paying) in the school hall (you can bring your children anytime between 7.30 and 8.30)

*8.30 (free for all children). Children MUST arrive between 8.30 and 8.35. If children arrive after 8.35 they will need to wait with parents/carers outside until 8.55. Toast will be offered to all children.

If you do not wish for your child to attend either morning club they will still be offered toast when they arrive at 8.55am.

Wrap-Around CARE

We are in talks with a local company to provide after school care in the school hall. This will be available for all children, including those in our nursery. Keep an eye out for further information.



Links for parents/carers:
[NHS Every Mind Matters](#)
[Heads Together](#)
[Young Minds](#)

Links for pupils:
[Mindfulness Hub](#)
[Mindful Looking activity](#)
[Mindfulness Yoga](#)



Thank you for not parking in either of the staff car parks at any time of the day. We appreciate your support.



Diary Dates

Week beginning 2nd March – Year 6 assessment week

Thursday 5th March – World Book Day (no dressing up)

Friday 6th March – Year 2 trip to Gressenhall

Monday 9th March and Wednesday 11th March – Learning Review Meetings (parent/carers evenings)

Monday 9th March and Wednesday 11th March – Book Fair where you can use your free World Book Day Book Tokens

Friday 13th March – Year 4 trip to West Stow

Friday 13th March – Film and Pizza night after school

Friday 20th March – Year 1 and Year 3 trip to Banham Zoo

Thursday 26th March – Easter service in Church at 2.30pm. All Welcome.

Monday 30th March – Monday 13th April – Easter holidays, school closed

Tuesday 14th April – School open for summer term