



MAY 2026



Welcome to May's edition of our school newsletter.

As we settle into the Summer term of the academic year, our focus turns to our children doing their best in the upcoming tests. Year 6 have their end of Key Stage 2 SATs during May, and then moving into June, Year 1 have their phonics check and Year 4 have their times tables check. It is very important your child has excellent attendance and gets some good sleep in the run up to their tests so they can give them their best.

We look forward to welcoming parents/carers to our sports day on Friday 15th May. If the weather is too wet to go ahead, the backup date is Friday 22nd May. More details to follow.

We have seen a high level of interest in school places for Reception in September and look forward to welcoming our new Rabbit class into our Heartwood community. There will be information regarding welcome meetings and information packs very soon. Heartwood is full in every year group apart from Year 4. If you know of any families looking for an excellent school, please let them know about Heartwood.

We will be hosting open days/evenings for any children turning 3 before September. We offer funded places for 30 and 15 hours. Please contact the school office, (01760) 721357, if you are interested in your child attending our wonderful nursery.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support at Heartwood.



Service



This half term the school value that we are focusing on is ‘service’.

In Collective Worship, we are focusing on the Sustainable Development Goals 9 (Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure), 11 (Sustainable cities and communities) and 17 (Partnerships for the goals). This will include looking after our environment, reducing pollution and protecting green spaces. It will also be knowing we are all part of one big team.

Genesis 2:15 – We are given responsibility to “work and take care” of 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.



Bike racks and buggy shelters

We have had new bike racks and a new buggy shelter built at Heartwood. Both of these are not within the school gates. Please make sure you lock any bikes/scooters. If you do not have a bike lock, they can be purchased from Amazon from £3.99 or from local shops. While we provide these shelters for your convenience, please remember that items are left at your own risk. The school cannot accept responsibility for any loss or damage to property left in the buggy or bike areas.

Thank you to everyone who took part in the Big Walk and Wheel before Easter. Over 1100 schools took part and our efforts put in 67th place. Well done!



Front Playground

We're excited to share that we are improving and refreshing our front playground to make sure playtimes and lunchtimes are as fun and rewarding as possible for all our children. As part of these improvements, we'll be installing brand-new wooden fencing at the end of May.



Sports Day

We have listened to your feedback and will be having a whole school sports day on Friday 15th May. Each class will have a set time out on the field for their sports events. In case the weather is too wet, there is a back up date of Friday 22nd May. We look forward to welcoming our families to this event.



Colour Run

After the success of last year's Colour Run we will be holding another sponsored colour run on Friday 3rd July (if the weather is not suitable it will be on Friday 10th July). We have listened to your feedback and have changed the coloured powder so that it is more visible on white clothes. More information to follow.



Arbor

We have now fully transitioned to Arbor. Thank you to everyone who has either logged on or downloaded the app. Please ensure that you have logged into the system. The most efficient way is to use the Arbor app and we will start using the in-app messaging system so lots of information will be sent this way. All information and links for downloading the app have been sent out. Any questions, please ask.



Photograph Permission

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. Let the school office know if you need another letter.** Here are some of the photos:



Wrap-Around

We are pleased to announce that from September we are working in collaboration with Teeni-Icenis for wrap around care. Teeni-Icenis will be running after-school provision in our school hall and school field. This will be available for any child from Nursery to Year 6 at £7.25 an hour. Flyer to follow with more information. If you would like more information in the meantime please contact Tina on (01760) 720668.



Well done to Kim Hamilton who ran the London Marathon on Sunday 26th April. We are all really proud of her.



School Trips

As a school we put money from our budget towards school trips to reduce the price as much as possible. We run every trip at a loss. Payment for school trips is voluntary. However, if we do not have enough contributions, the trip will not be able to go ahead. If you cannot afford the whole amount, you can pay an amount towards the payment.



Diary Dates

Monday 4th May – Bank Holiday – School Closed

Monday 11th – Thursday 14th May – End of KS2 SATs for Year 6 pupils

Friday 15th May – Whole School Sports Day

Wednesday 20th May – Workshare in all classrooms 3.30pm

Friday 22nd May – Back up Whole School Sports Day

Monday 25th – Friday 29th May – Half term, School Closed

Monday 1st – Friday 12th June – Year 4 Multiplication Checks

Friday 5th June – Sex Education meeting for Year 6 parents/carers 3pm

Monday 8th – Friday 12th June – Year 1 Phonics Screening Checks

Friday 12th June – Year 2 trip to Wells

Friday 19th June – Year 3 trip to Stiffkey farm

Monday 22nd – Friday 26th June – Gypsy, Roma and Traveller History week in school

Thursday 25th June – Year 4 trip to Viridor

Friday 26th June – Year 2 sleepover in school

Monday 29th June – Year 4 trip to Dragon Hall

Wednesday 1st July and Thursday 2nd July – Y6 transition day to TNHA

Friday 3rd – Colour Run (after school)

Monday 6th – School Reports sent out

Wednesday 8th – Workshare in all classrooms at 3.30pm.



Friday 10th July – Back up Colour Run (after school)

Friday 10th July – Year 3 trip to Ancient House

Thursday 16th July – End of Year Church service at 2.30pm – All welcome

Friday 17th July – Year 6 Leavers Assembly 2.30, parents/carers welcome.

Friday 17th July – 3.30pm, school finishes for the academic year and summer holidays.

August – dates TBC for family stay and play sessions and to change reading books throughout the summer holidays.