



September 2026

Live Life in All its Fullness, John 10:10

Welcome to the new academic year.

It is a great pleasure to welcome everyone back to a new academic year, and to extend a particularly warm welcome to those families who are joining our Heartwood community for the first time.

As we begin this new school year, we are looking forward to another year filled with learning, friendship, discovery and exciting opportunities for every child. Thank you to the dedicated staff team who have been working hard to prepare for the year ahead.

At the heart of our school are our values of Friendship, Courage, Compassion, Respect, Responsibility and Service. These values guide the way we learn, play and care for one another each day. We want every child to develop strong and lasting friendships, to have the courage to try new things and persevere when learning is challenging, and to show compassion and kindness towards others.

We encourage our children to treat everyone with respect, to take responsibility for their choices and actions, and to recognise the importance of service; helping others and making a positive contribution to our school and wider community. Together, these values help us to create a welcoming, inclusive environment where every child feels valued, supported and able to flourish.

We believe that children thrive when school and home work closely together. Your support, encouragement and partnership are invaluable in helping your child to develop confidence, independence and a love of learning.

Thank you for your continued support of our school. I am very proud of our wonderful Heartwood community and look forward to all that we will achieve together. There will be many exciting events, activities and opportunities for our children and families over the coming months.

Wishing all our pupils and families a happy, positive and successful start to the new academic year.

Mrs Starman



Name EVERYTHING!!! Please make sure your child's name is in all of their uniform, coat, shoes etc. If there is no name we find it very hard to get it back to you if it is lost.

Please send in named wellies for your child to access outdoor learning and forest sessions. These can be kept at school for the year. Each class has a wellie rack.



We do NOT allow plastic bags in school. If your child is bringing things into school, please make sure it is a drawstring bag/fabric bag/bag for life bag. Thank you.

As advertised, we are providing wrap around care from September from 7.30 until 5.30. The morning club will be continued to be run by Heartwood staff and the after school club will be run by Teenie Icení's in our school hall.

We are also offering free breakfast club at 8.30 for all children Reception to Year 6.



Changes to morning club from September

From September we will offer a morning club for all children (from Nursery to Year 6) from 7.30 to 9am. Each session is £3 and is paid via the Arbor app.

We will also be offering a free Breakfast Club from 8.30am. Your child will need to arrive between 8.30 and 8.35am to access this club.

We ask that parents/carers book their child/ren in for the free breakfast club the week before to ensure we have enough breakfast ordered for them.



The front entrance will be open between 7.30 and 7.40am and then 8.00 to 8.10am. There will no staff available to open the main entrance between 7.40 and 8.00am. The back gate will be open from 8.00 to 8.10am. The front entrance will be open between 8.30 and 8.35am.

All children who attend the morning club or the free breakfast club will be offered breakfast at 8.30am. They will be able to choose between

- Toast with butter, a piece of fruit and a drink
or
- Cereal, a piece of fruit and a drink.

Any children who do not attend either of these clubs, will be offered a piece of toast and butter when they arrive at school between 8.50 and 9am.

As we start the new school year, we are updating our medical records to make sure we have the most accurate and up-to-date information for all of our children.



If your child has asthma, you should have received a medical form to complete before the end of the summer term. We would be grateful if you could complete and return this form to the school by **Friday 4th September**. We also ask that you send an **inhaler into school** for your child. Please make sure it is in date, clearly labelled with your child's name, and is suitable for use in school. Keeping this information and medication up to date helps us to make sure we can support your child safely and confidently while they are with us. Thank you for your support.

Summer Reading Challenge

Well done to everyone who took part in the 'Read to the Beat' summer reading challenge at the library. We will be celebrating those who completed it in Collective Worship on Friday 11th September. Please bring in your certificates/wooden medals for this Collective Worship.



Keeping our children Safe

Please be aware to help keep White Cross Road and our school route safe, Norfolk Police will be patrolling at drop off and collection times. This is to ensure vehicles are not parking/stopping illegally on the double yellow lines and 'keep clear' area at the front of the school.

Thank you to parents/carers for your support helping to keep the children safe, when travelling to and from school.

Uniform

If you require any free pre-loved uniform for your children, please speak to the school office staff or we now have slips at the office to fill in.



Please continue to use the Heartwood Park and Stride, the swap shop and remember family litter picking kits are available from the school office - The future is in our hands!



We have a buggy and scooter park at the front entrance to the school, and two bike and scooter parks near to the vehicle gates. Please make sure you lock your bikes/scooters as they are left at your own risk. We do not take responsibility for any damage or theft.





Diary Dates



Thursday 3rd September – First day of the new academic year
Thursday 10th September – Year 1 Phonics Meeting at 3pm
Thursday 10th – Friday 11th September – Year 4 Horstead residential trip
Wednesday 16th September – Reception phonics meeting at 3pm
Thursday 24th September – Year 6 SATs meetings at 3pm
Monday 28th September - 'Together at Heartwood' parent/carers session
w/c 28th September – Open Forest – join your child in their forest session

Thursday 1st October – Harvest Festival 2.30 at St. Peter and St. Paul's Church.
Monday 5th October – Year 6 NHS screening checks
Monday 5th October – Workshare for all parents/carers 3.30 - 3.45 in classrooms
Thursday 8th October – Year 6 trip to Gressenhall (Stone Age)
Friday 9th October – Individual and Sibling photographs
Thursday 22nd October – Last day of the half term
Friday 23rd October – Sunday 1st November – Half Term Break
Wednesday 4th November – Bonfire and books at 5pm
Monday 9th November – Learning Review Meetings after school
Wednesday 11th November – Learning Review Meeting after school