



9th September 2026

Miss Harries Head Teacher News!

Welcome back to the new school year! The children have settled into their new classes well and it has been lovely to see some of the learning over the last week. We were delighted to see so many children use the free breakfast club from 8am. Even if your child has had breakfast, please feel free to drop off early and help you beat the traffic or just start your day calmly!

Attendance

A reminder please that **every day counts**. We are working hard on improving attendance overall and we need you to help us with this. The national average for primary schools is 94.6%. Our attendance is currently 91%. This is well below the national average. Help us improve! Remember if your child is not here, we cannot teach them and they may fall behind in learning. Each week the class with the best attendance wins a reward for the whole class. Some classes won several times last year, ask your child if their class won. Each term, those who are meeting the national standard or above for that term receive a badge for great attendance, they can wear this in school. Lateness counts as absence and it can be difficult for children to come into a class that is already settled. Please help your child arrive on time. School starts at 8.50am. If you are struggling with your child's attendance, please come and talk to us.

Uniform

The children look very smart in their uniform, please do keep this up. If you are unclear as to uniform expectations, please check our website. We have a stock of second-hand uniform which can be bought for a small donation if you find anything running short. Children grow quickly! Please can we ask that you check all items of clothing including PE kit are named as jumpers/cardigans and coats are frequently taken off at break. We can then return any misplaced items to children. Remember they are all wearing the same thing!

Staffing update

We have welcomed some new staff to our team! Mrs. Burton in Reception, Mrs. Aziz in year 3, Mr. Alderson as our Site Manager and Mrs. Gray to our cleaning team. I know that you will extend a warm welcome to them all. At the end of September, we say farewell to Mrs. Reeves, who works in the year 3 classroom. She has worked at Heathlands for many years and we will miss her dedication and support. We wish her well in her next adventure. You will have received a letter on Tuesday, informing you I am leaving and Mr. Golding is taking up the post of Headteacher at October term. We are delighted to welcome Mr. Woodward, a very experienced leader and teacher as full-time Deputy Head and Foxes class teacher, on a Monday. The class and team will meet him across this half term.

Best wishes

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