



Heather Herald

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Gosh this half term is whizzing by and there is definitely a feel of Autumn in the air.

The weather at this time of year is very changeable – it is important that all children bring a coat into school, regardless of the weather when you leave home in the morning. At Heather we value time outdoors and we are often outside at play and lunch time when it is spitting with rain; therefore, coats are essential.

The classes are in full swing of their Autumn term learning – lots of fantastic outdoor creative play in Caterpillar class, reflecting the Three Little Pig story they have been doing in English. The children in Ladybird have been looking at different objects in science and what they are made of – there has been some great vocabulary used. All things Egyptian are going on in Bumblebee – looking at what life was like then as a Pharaoh compared to a slave! In Dragonfly, there is the beginning of some amazing art work, looking at the work of Peter Thorpe. There is lots going on in classes, which I am sure you will get to hear about if you are able to come to your child's class assembly!

The new Year 6's chosen t-shirts have arrived – I am sure you will all agree, our "Green Beans" are looking glorious in green!

Thank you to those of you who have signed up to [Your School Lottery](#) – we are now up to 39 tickets – that's 10 more since my last newsletter. With the prize draw going up from £6.30 to £11.40! Congratulations to Mx O who won last week – surely it must be my turn this week!!

If you have any concerns, please do not hesitate, in the first instance, to contact your child's class teacher.

Best wishes,

Mrs Michalowski

Play Fighting

I appreciate that play fighting is a natural and important part of childhood development, helping children learn empathy, self-control, and how to understand the feelings of others. Just as lion cubs, monkeys, and even young dogs or elephants can be seen tumbling, chasing, and wrestling on wildlife programmes, children use this kind of play to practise communication, cooperation, and boundary-setting; however, while this behaviour is an important stage in growing up, school is not the right place for play fighting. In a busy environment it often leads to accidents, misunderstandings, or even intentional/unintentional harm. What starts as fun, can quickly end in tears.

That's why we remind ourselves of our mantra: "Is my fun, fun for everyone?" If the answer is no, it's time to choose a different way to play that keeps everyone safe, happy, and included. Your support with talking to your child/ren about this would be very much appreciated.

Harvest Festival

It is not long now to our Harvest Festival, September always seems to whizz by!

This year our Harvest festival will take place in St John's Church on Tuesday 14th October starting at 1:30pm. All parents/carers are more than welcome to join us. As we have done in previous years, we are asking for donations for local foodbanks who are in particular need of tinned soup, chickpeas, red kidney beans, baked beans, tinned meat (such as chilli, meatballs, stew, chicken in sauce), potatoes, carrots, sweetcorn, fruit, tuna, pulses, spaghetti – especially hoops/sponge and rice puddings; tins, cartons or packets of custard; instant mash potatoes, noodles, cuppa soups etc.; jars of pasta, curry sauce, jam; dried pasta, rice; breakfast cereal; tea, coffee, UHT long life milk, bottles of squash and fruit juices; sweet treats – penguins/kit-kats etc., as well as toothpaste, shampoo, deodorant, bars of soap, shaving foam and razors – NO alcohol please and please ensure all food is unopened and in date (it isn't always).

Members of the PTA will also be organising fruit and veg hamper raffle (again fresh fruit, vegetable and preserve donations are very much appreciated). Members of the PTA then make up 'themed' hampers – such as all you need to make a chilli, sausage casserole, fajitas etc. Teas and coffees will be available in the school hall after the service for all to attend and the fruit and veg raffle will be drawn before the end of the school day. Gardening Club will also be holding a pumpkin raffle – well one large orange pumpkin, small orange pumpkin and two winter squash, that they have grown themselves, raffle. Raffle tickets will be for sale on the Monday 13th October on the playground and outside the church. Donations for the hampers need to be taken into the classroom by the children on Tuesday 14th October.

All donations will be split equally between Feed the Need in Coalville and the Ashby Foodbank. Every year, your generosity, at this time of year, blows me away we always have such a large amount of donations to hand over to both charities, who are every grateful for our support.

Parking Reminders

It would be great if we could all our bit to keep our community safe and neighbourly when parking. A few things to keep in mind:

- Please don't park on zig-zag markings
- Keep dropped kerbs and driveways clear
- Leave plenty of space around junctions (at least 10 metres) so everyone has good visibility
- Try not to block pavements – pushchairs, wheelchairs and mobility scooters need to get by too

On bin collection days, extra care is needed. If the bin lorry can't get into St. John's Close, neither can a fire engine in an emergency – so let's keep access clear.

And a quick reminder – please only use *The Crown* or *The Queen's Head* car parks if you've checked with the pub owners first.

Thanks so much for helping keep things safe, easy and pleasant for everyone!

Term Dates for 2025 – 26

These can also be found on the school website. Please note, these dates broadly follow those set out on the Leicestershire website; however, the Local Authority dates do not include INSET (teacher training days). These are set by individual schools which is why our dates differ to the LA and other local schools.

Tuesday 30th September – year 5/6 Tag Rugby @ Ashby Rugby Club – Year 5/6 selected children (details to follow)

Thursday October 2nd – Ashby School Open Evening – prospective year 7 applicants

Thursday 2nd October – Census Day Menu – Information has been sent home about this

Friday 3rd October – Mrs Thornley's SEN Surgery 9am-11am – please contact the office if you wish to make an appointment

Tuesday 7th October – Ladybird Forest School Session (please ensure appropriate clothing is in school that day)

Tuesday 7th October Year 5/6 Girls Football Competition @ Coalville Football Club – selected children (details to follow)

Wednesday 8th October Bumblebee Trip to New Walk Museum (details to follow)

Thursday 9th October – Dragonfly class assembly – all parents/carers welcome – 9am start

Thursday 9th October – Bags to School Collection – PTA event (details to follow)

Thursday 9th October Year 3 Multi Sports Event @ Ashby School (details to follow)

Saturday 11th October – Congerstone Unity Cross Country @ Market Bosworth Country park 11am (details to follow)

Tuesday 14th October – Individual Photographs – photos with siblings too

Tuesday 14th October Harvest Festival 1:30pm start hopefully at St John's Church

Wednesday 15th October – Seasonal Flu Immunisations – (details to follow)

Thursday 16th October – Bumblebee Forest School Session (please ensure appropriate clothing is in school that day)

Thursday 16th October 2025 – School closes for half term for children

Friday 17th October 2025 – School open for staff Heather INSET Day 3

HALF TERM Break – Monday 20th October to Friday 24th October 2025

Monday 27th October 2025 School opens to pupils

Monday 27th October PTA AGM @School 7:30pm start – all welcome

Tuesday 28th October – Inclusive Multi Sport @Ibstock School Year 1-4 Selected children (details to follow)

Wednesday 29th October – Severn Trent Water Assembly for all children

Friday 31st October – Deadline for Secondary School Application

Friday 31st October Halloween Dress Down Day and Halloween Disco after school – (PTA Event)

Tuesday 4th November – Parents' Evening 3:30pm-7pm (details to follow)

Thursday 5th November – Parents' Evening 3:30pm- 5pm (details to follow)

Thursday 6th November Ladybird class assembly – all parents/carers welcome – 9am start

Friday 7th November Mrs Thornley's SEN Surgery 9am-11am – please contact the office if you wish to make an appointment

Tuesday 11th November – NSPCC workshops for Year 2 and Year 5/6

Wednesday 12th November Caterpillar class assembly – all parents/carers welcome – 9am start

Thursday 13th November – Sportshall Athletics @Ivanhoe School Selected Year 5/6 children (details to follow)

Monday 17th – Thursday 20th November – Bikeability for year 5/6 children (details to follow)

Monday 17th November – Dodgeball Festival Selected Year 3/4 children @ Castle Rock School (details to follow)

Tuesday 18th November – KS 1 Victorian Day @ Beaumanor Hall (details to follow)

Tuesday 18th November – Year 1/2 Dodgeball Festival – selected children @Ashby School (details to follow)

Wednesday 19th November Bumblebee class assembly – all parents/carers welcome –

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Thursday 20th November –Year 5/6 Dodgeball Festival selected children @Ibstock School
details to follow

Friday 24th November – Dragonfly Forest School Session (please ensure appropriate clothing
is into school that day

Wednesday 26th November Year 5/6 Dodgeball Competition selected children @Ibstock School

Thursday 27th November NWLSSP Let's Get Active Awards – Selected Year 6 Children

Friday 5th December Mrs Thornley's SEN Surgery 9am-11am – please contact the office if you
wish to make an appointment

Tuesday 9th December Caterpillar and Ladybird Christmas Production 2:00pm (details to
follow)

Wednesday 10th December Caterpillar and Ladybird Christmas Production 10:00am (details to
follow)

Wednesday 10th December Year 2 Christmas Journey Trip @ Marlborough Church Coalville
(details to follow)

Thursday 11th December Caterpillar and Ladybird Christmas Production 2:00pm (details to
follow)

Wednesday 17th December – Possible Theatre Trip (Details to Follow)

Thursday 18th December Provisional Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day

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Friday 19th December 2025 – School closes for pupils for Christmas
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS – Monday 22nd December to Friday 2nd January
Monday 5th January 2026 – School open for staff Heather INSET 4

Tuesday 6th January 2026 School opens for pupils

Friday 9th January – Mrs Thornley's SEN Surgery 9am-11am – please contact the office if you
wish to make an appointment

Friday 6th February Mrs Thornley's SEN Surgery 9am-11am – please contact the office if you
wish to make an appointment

Friday 13th February 2026 School closes for half term

Half Term Break Monday 16th February to Friday 20th February 2026

Monday 23rd February 2026 – School opens for pupils

Friday 6th March Mrs Thornley's SEN Surgery 9am-11am – please contact the office if you
wish to make an appointment

School Closes for Easter – **Friday 27th March 2026**

Easter Break – Monday 30th March to Friday 10th April 2026

Monday 13th April 2025 – School opens for pupils

Friday 1st May Mrs Thornley's SEN Surgery 9am-11am – please contact the office if you wish
to make an appointment

Monday 4th May 2025 – May Day Bank Holiday

KS 1 Assessments take place throughout May*

KS 2 Sats – Monday 11th – Thursday 14th May*

Tuesday 19th May – Class Photos

Friday 23rd May 2025 – School closes for half term for all

Half term Break – Monday 25th May – Friday 29th May 2026

Monday 1st June 2026 School opens to pupils

Friday 5th June Mrs Thornley's SEN Surgery 9am-11am – please contact the office if you
wish to make an appointment

Monday 1st June – 12th June – Year 4 Multiplication Check*

Monday 8th June – Year 1 Phonic Screen – take place this week*

Wednesday 24th June M&M Productions – The Jungle Book

Friday 3rd July – Mrs Thornley's SEN Surgery 9am-11am – please contact the office if you
wish to make an appointment

Thursday 9th July 2026 –School closes for pupils for the summer break

Friday 10th July 2026 – Heather Primary INSET Day 5

***PLEASE DO NOT BOOK HOLIDAYS DURING THESE TIMES**

Dates for 2026-27 – can be found [here](#)