



Heather Herald

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Dear Parents/Carers,

This has felt like the longest short half term ever! It has been so busy trying to fit everything in but what a fantastic half term we have had: glorious weather with lots of lovely lunch times with the treat of eating sandwiches outside and who would have thought that gym balls would be so popular as lunch time play equipment – thanks to NWLSSP for letting us have them after their clear out!

The Year 6 children all took their SATs test last week. I think the highlight for them was coming into school early each day for breakfast– my word some of those children can knock back some carbs in a morning!! Thank you to those parents who kindly donated extra breakfast items. As part of the SATs delivery, we ask members of the governing body to observe the testing process, as a way to ensure we are following the correct procedures. They all commented on how resilient the children were throughout the tests and could see them all striving to do their best – I don't think we could ask for more. We always remind the children that the SATs assessments are about showcasing what they can do that week, whereas in school we are looking at their overall progress in class, in their books and conversations, throughout the whole year.

This week we have had the pleasure of two local headteachers, from our collaborative of schools (Collab 360), visit school for two days as part of a peer review process. Although we will not receive the report until after half term, the process was a very positive one and the children were excellent ambassadors when discussing their learning and what life is like at Heather!

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

Have a super half term and if you are going away or visiting somewhere, please send us a postcard!

Best wishes,

Maxine Michalowski

Summer Term, Keeping Up to Date and Messages

We all know the last half term of the school year seemed to go by in a flash – possibly because there was a lot going on. Please keep an eye on dates for the dairy on the newsletter and the Arbor calendar. Keep the newsletter for handy reference – that should hopefully prevent unnecessary messages to the office. As I have mentioned before, life in a school office is a busy one, Mrs Davies and Mrs Griffin do not really have time to keep providing information about dates, deadlines and details already been communicated. It has felt at times that the Office staff have been providing a bespoke messaging service for some parents over the last few weeks. To be brutally honest, the best way to know what is going on, is to read the messages sent!!! As we would say to the children, #responsibility #independence

Lots of the information requested is already on the app, on paper notices that have been sent home or is on the website!

Nuts!

Children who suffer from nut allergies can develop a severe, potentially life-threatening allergic reactions. If someone has a nut allergy, it is not just eating nuts that can cause a severe reaction, just being touched on the skin or smelling the breath of someone who has had nuts or a product containing nuts can trigger anaphylactic shock (which can cause breathing and swallowing difficulties). Please ensure you are not sending in food containing nuts for snacks or lunchtimes and remember – we are wrapper free for play time.

Key Dates for the Diary

Half term Break - Monday 26th May - Friday 30th May 2025

Wednesday 28th May – Late Year Seven applicants are notified of school places

Monday 2nd June 2025 - School opens to pupils

Monday 2nd June – 13th June – Year 4 Multiplication Check*

Tuesday 3rd June – Unity Swimming Gala @ Coalville Leisure Centre (selected children)

Tuesday 3rd June Dragonfly Forest School Session (please ensure appropriate clothing are brought into school that day)

Thursday 5th June NWLSSP Netball Tournament @ Ashby School 15:30-18:00 (selected children)

Monday 9th June – rearranged 5/6 Orienteering Event at Coalville leisure centre this time (they will still be swimming in the afternoon)

Monday 9th June - Year 1 Phonic Screen – take place this week*

Wednesday 11th June Caterpillar Class Assembly 9am start Parents/Carers/Families welcome

Monday 9th – Friday 13th June Bottle Donations for Wheelbarrow of Booze – to be drawn at Sports Day

Tuesday 10th June NWLSSP Cricket Final 'Ashby Hastings Cricket Club 2pm start – selected children

Wednesday 11th June NWLSSP Year 4-6 Athletics @Saffron Lane 11am – 5:30pm NWLSSP selected children (details to follow)

Tuesday 17th June – Bumblebee Class Assembly 9am start Parents/Carers/Families welcome (please note this date is yet to be confirmed)

Tuesday 17th June Year 3/4 Quad Kids final 3:45pm @Ashby School – selected children

Wednesday 18th June Sports Day 1pm start (on the field – all welcome – bring your own chairs and blankets)

Wednesday 18th June Year 5/6 Quad Kids final @ Ashby School 3:45pm – selected children

Friday 20th June – Dragonfly alternative sports afternoon PE kits required

Friday 20th June Bumblebee Forest School Session (please ensure appropriate clothing and footwear are brought into school that day)

Tuesday 24th June – Ladybird Forest School Session (please ensure appropriate clothing and footwear are brought into school that day)

Wednesday 25th June – M& M productions – The Secret Garden (in school – details to follow)

Wednesday 25th June – Unity Presentation Evening @ Ivanhoe School 6pm start – (invited children only)

Thursday 26th June – Ladybird Class Assembly 9am start Parents/Carers/Families welcome

Thursday 26th June – TMBS Open Evening for new Year 7 starters

Friday 4th July – PTA Event – USA Themed Fun on the Field – 3:30pm start

Tuesday 1st July – Bumblebee Class Assembly 9am start Parents/Carers/Families welcome (please note this date has changed)

Tuesday 1st July – Year 5/6 Leavers' Performance 2pm start for Year 5 families only

Tuesday 1st July – Year 5/6 Leavers' Performance 6pm for Year 6 families only **N.B. All**

Dragonfly children must attend

Wednesday 2nd July – Year 7 Parents induction meeting at The Ibstock School

Monday 7th July – Year 6 and families Pool Party @ Ashby Lido – 6pm start (details to follow)

Thursday 10th July 2025 -School closes for pupils for the summer break

Friday 11th July 2025 – Heather Primary INSET Day 5 – disaggregated

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

Dates for 2025 – 26 can be found [here](#)