

# HEATHERWOOD SCHOOL

## End of Term Newsletter

### July 2025

Dear Parents, Carers & Families

Welcome to our final newsletter of the 2024-2025 academic year, and what an incredible year we have had at Heatherwood School! I can't believe that the Summer Term has nearly drawn to a close; we have packed it full of incredible opportunities for our amazing children and young people and are so proud of all that they have achieved. The Summer Term has seen lovely weather and longer days, as well as Sports Days, Nexus Olympics, Sing & Sign, Prom, special assemblies, trips and visits as well as lots of learning both in and outside of class! Our Summer Term culminated with our Leavers' and Special Assemblies, Summer Fair, Prom and Heatherfest! It was so wonderful to see so many pupils and families at our assemblies and at Prom; an extra special thank-you goes to the team at SEN Friends who supported us at the Prom and at our Summer Fair. We look forward to working in collaboration with them and with Phab more next year! Our second annual Heatherfest did not disappoint! A huge shout out to Rachel, our Deputy for organising it and to Kevin, Post 16 teacher, whose band Sundaze headlined. A fantastic time was had by one and all.

We hope you enjoy reading about all that our school community has achieved over the past term. You can see from end of year reports, how much progress has been made over the academic year. I have so enjoyed reading all of the pupil reports and celebrating the achievements of our children and young people.

Classrooms have been buzzing for the month of July, as some of our young people transitioned to their new classes! We are thrilled to welcome new pupils both to the main school and to Post 16 – The Key @The Bridge from September.

We are sad to say good-bye to two members of our amazing LSA team – Sanaa and Shanel. Sanaa will be taking up a new post at Communication College and Shanel at Coppice School. We thank Sanaa and Shanel for the amazing support that they have offered our pupils in their time here, and wish them both the very best for the future. It gives me great joy to welcome Rebekah Fulwood, Libby Nichol and Chloe Petherick to our Heatherwood Team from September. We can't wait for you to start with us.

Please can I take this opportunity to thank all our brilliant families for your continued support! The relationship between our school and our families is a vital one, one that we will never take for granted. Your support, and at times your challenge of us all, help us to continue to grow and to improve, and to be the best we can be for our pupils. Thank-you to so many of you who have come forward to be part of Heatherwood's Helping Hands! I am so excited to see this grow next year.

I wish you all the most happy, healthy and safe summer break with family and friends. We look forward to welcoming our young people back into school on Wednesday 3rd September 2025.

Lyndsey

# Purple Class

We've had a fantastic final half term in Purple Class. Our topic 'Shade and Shelter' inspired lots of sensory exploration—from crawling through tents to enjoying textures, light, and outdoor water play. Pupils loved cooling off in the summer sun with splashing trays, pouring games, and sensory water play using water wheels and flowing streams. A real highlight was mirror play, where children enjoyed seeing their reflections, copying expressions, and watching light bounce off shiny surfaces. We also focused on building friendships through shared play and turn-taking activities. Some of us went on special trips to Flourish Gardens for a picnic and to Wentworth Family Farm to meet the animals. Communication skills have grown through symbols, switches, and gestures, and we've continued to thrive in sensory stories and Attention Autism.



# Yellow Class

We have had so much fun in class this term. We loved our 'Giraffes Can't Dance' story, where we have explored the sensory toys and music as part of these sessions. We have developed our skills in using yes/no symbols to communicate when we want more of something too. Soft play, cognition sessions and swimming have been firm favourites for everyone in class and we also enjoyed our trip to the garden centre, visiting the café and walking around the beautiful gardens.

Well done for all your hard work. Have an amazing summer!

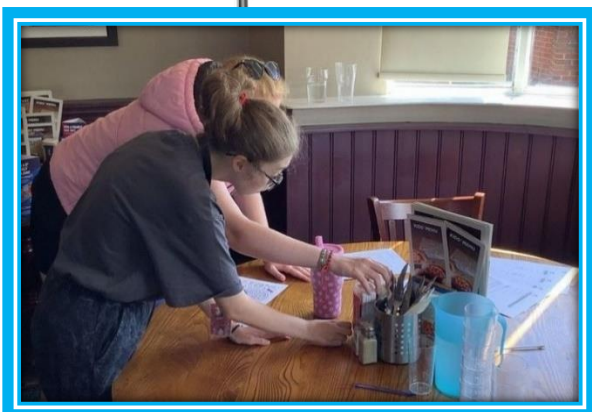


# The Key

This term has been a busy one in The Key. We have had a fantastic enrichment trip to Cleethorpes with our peers from The Bridge. We have continued to practice our wonderful skills within travel training and work experience. Some of us have been on our Duke of Edinburgh camping expedition and those that didn't had the opportunity to have a residential at The Bridge.

We have prepared for and run the summer fair, and said farewell to the year 14 pupils.

Some students have had the opportunity to take part in work place visits and had the opportunity to see what it was like to work at Regatta. Students also took part in the 'We care into the future' event at The Dome, showcasing careers in health.



# 6th Form

Pupils in 6th Form continued to learn about the daily working lives of people who help us, including doctors, paramedics, emergency services and dentists, we have looked at the clothes they wear. Pupils had the chance to interact with resources and equipment linked to these jobs as well as videos where pupils could choose the things they would like to learn more about using switches. With the glorious weather we have had, lots of learning has taken place outside including fun water-based activities and sharing and turn taking games in PE. Pupils have had lots of opportunities to get creative in Art sessions linked to sea animals. Jellyfish, rainbow fish, octopuses and crabs have all been made to create a busy and colourful display. Pupils have accessed the many areas around school in small groups as part of sensory walks and some pupils had the opportunity to visit Ten Pin Bowling Centre, Lakeside and Walkers Garden Centre. A brilliant time was had by all pupils at Heatherfest. It was such a joy to see so many happy faces. Have a lovely Summer.



# Red Class

In Red Class this term we have been learning about Fairgrounds. Through our text, we have been exploring items that spin. We have been using our senses by smelling candyfloss, looking at different colours and lights and listening to different types of music from traditional through to modern pop. We have also practiced catching ducks with our hook a duck game.

On our trip to the Lakeside shopping outlet, we even managed to find a carousel!

Well done Red Class, you have all worked really hard! Thank you for all your support this year. Have a lovely holiday and see you in September 😊



# Early Years

We have been so busy in Early Years this term! We had lots of fun exploring aspects of summer and festivals, as well as looking at shelters and shade. We have also really enjoyed our music sessions with Darts and Simon. We have celebrated Sport's Day and VE Day, and have been on trips to the zoo, the garden centre and the theatre! On top of all of this we have done lots of fun group activities, parachute and ball games, rhymes, stories, science, counting songs and being creative; alongside lots of fun multisensory learning activities, so a fun and busy end to the school year. Well done to all of our little superstars, you have been amazing!

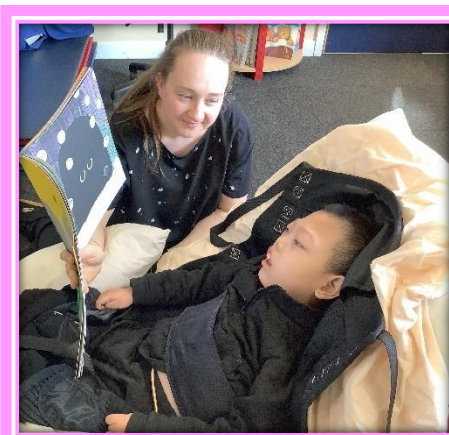
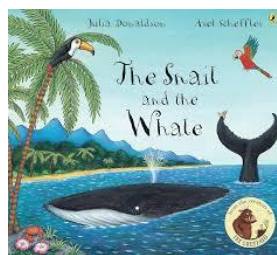


# ARC

In ARC class, we have been learning about the Beach and Sea animals. We have read stories about how fun is the beach is and found many stories about sea creatures.

Our favourite story was the Whale and the Snail by Julia Donaldson. We were listening to sounds these animals make, how they move and what they eat.

We have explored sand, water, touched shells, and starfish. We went on a trip to The Deep and really enjoyed it. We have been learning about our body and have done some mirror work. We are ready for our Summer Holiday.



**THE DEEP**  
For conservation, not profit.





# Blue Class

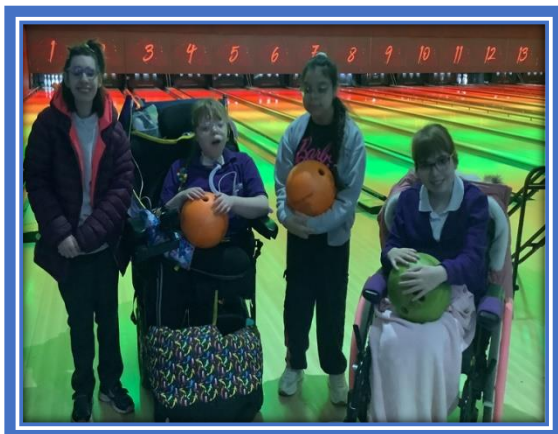


What an amazing year we have had in Blue class! Not only have we done fantastic learning, but we have also been on a range of trips exploring the local area. Our reading and writing skills have excelled this year, and I am so proud of all the commitment to reading and writing. Along with Literacy, our Maths skills have also progressed throughout the year, identifying numbers to 10, 20, 50 and 100.

We have also learnt about digital time and recognised the time of our daily routines. We have learnt a range of topics this year, and one of our favourites has to be under the sea, which included a visit to the deep. Yet again, we have been progressing with our friendships in class and around school and are all becoming more confident each day.

We look forward to new adventures next year; have a wonderful summer.

Blue Class 😊



# Green Class

Welcome to our new Green Class, our classroom is a work in progress and will be completely ready for September.

We look forward to sharing our news in the new academic year.



Welcome to  
Green Class





# HEATHER FEST



# Our Sensory Garden





Well done to  
all our  
Heatherwood  
Stars  
For all your  
hard work  
this term.

# School Calendar 2025/26: Heatherwood School

August 2025							
Wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
					1	2	3
	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
	25	26	27	28	29	30	31

September 2025 (22 days)							
Wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
2	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
3	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
4	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
5	29	30					

October 2025 (18 days)							
Wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
5			1	2	3	4	5
6	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
7	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
8	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
9	27	28	29	30	31		

November 2025 (20 days)							
Wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
9						1	2
10	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
11	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
12	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
13	24	25	26	27	28	29	30

December 2025 (15 days)							
Wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
14	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
17	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
18	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
19	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
20	29	30	31				

January 2026 (20 days)							
Wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
20				1	2	3	4
21	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
22	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
23	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
24	26	27	28	29	30	31	

February 2026 (15 days)							
Wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
24							1
25	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
26	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
27	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
28	23	24	25	26	27	28	

March 2026 (20 days)							
Wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
28							1
29	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
30	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
31	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
32	23	24	25	26	27	28	29
33	30	31					

April 2026 (14 days)							
Wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
33			1	2	3	4	5
34	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
35	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
36	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
37	27	28	29	30			

May 2026 (15 days)							
Wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
37					1	2	3
38	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
39	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
40	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
41	25	26	27	28	29	30	31

June 2026 (22 days)							
Wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
42	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
43	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
44	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
45	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
46	29	30					

July 2026 (14 days)							
Wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
46			1	2	3	4	5
47	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
48	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
49	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
50	27	28	29	30	31		

SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS:

- SCHOOL HOLIDAYS/BANK HOLIDAYS
- INSET DAYS

# Important Information

**Please remember to contact the School Office if your child is unable to come to school.**

**The School Office opening hours are: 8am to 4pm Monday to Friday. The school answer machine is available outside these times.**

## Transport:

If you need to cancel your child's transport for whatever reason these are the contact details you will need.

Unfortunately, school are unable to do this for you.

- 01302 737231
- 01302 736081
- 01302 736281
- 01302 736002
- [transport@doncaster.gov.uk](mailto:transport@doncaster.gov.uk)

If you are worried about a child and wish to speak to someone, you can contact the local authority safeguarding team by calling **01302 737777** in the **evening or at weekends call 01302 796000**. If this concern is not deemed to be immediate you will be directed to fill in the form. If you have urgent concerns regarding a child or young person's mental health, please call the duty team on 01302 796191. You will get a response from either our Early Help team or from Children's Social Care.

[Safeguarding concern - child at risk report form - City of Doncaster Council](#)

**Where you believe there is an immediate risk of significant harm the police should be contacted on 999.**

Useful Numbers for anyone who needs some support right now:

CALM – 0800585858

Mind – 03001233393

No Panic – 08449674848

Bereavement – 08088081677

PAPYRUS – 08000684141

Samaritans – 116123

SHOUT – Text SHOUT to 85258

Abuse – 08082000247

Refuge – 02073957700