



HEATHFIELD SCHOOLS' PARTNERSHIP

13th March 2026

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Attendance

Congratulations to the children in **Birch, Chestnut, Elm, Bamburgh, Juno, Myrtle and Pokai Bay** for having the best attendance over the last three weeks.



World Book Day

Last week, we had a fantastic time celebrating our love of books. On Wednesday, after home time, our Infant children returned to school in their pyjamas to enjoy cosy bedtime stories. Sarah from Sycamore said, *"It was my first time at bedtime stories. I really liked the book about a soggy blue balloon that turned into a rainbow soggy balloon. We had cookies and juice and I really loved it."*



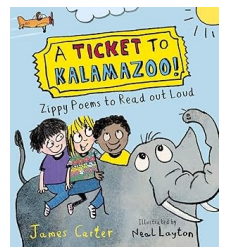
Bedtime Stories

On Thursday children in both schools dressed up as book characters (or in their pyjamas) and enjoyed a book themed day. In Infants this included a playground parade, creating story boxes and retelling and performing favourite stories and poems in class. Abu from Chestnut said, *"I enjoyed performing a poem from the book A Ticket to Kalamazoo. I used actions for different words such as train, plane, boat, snow and rain."* The book's author, James Carter, will be visiting the Infants on the last day of term.



A Cat in a Hat

In the Juniors, children started the day with a book bazaar. Olivia from Year 5 said, *"It's really good to be able to choose a book you want."* Nellie added, *"I also picked up picture books for my younger brother and sister!"* After registration, the children were



treated to a special assembly created by Mrs Proctor-Lane, with the help of several members of staff, based on the book *Brown Bear, Brown Bear*. Infants will enjoy a similar assembly next week.



Book Bazaar

The day continued with a BBC live session for Years 3 and 4 and an online meeting for Years 5 and 6 with Kwame Alexander, author of *The Undeafened* and *The Crossover*. Inspired by the wordless picture book, *Flotsam* by David Wiesner, Junior children went on to create their own versions of the story.

We had some amazing entries for our World Book Day competitions. The winners of the poster competition in Infants

were **Eesa** (Cherry), **Valerie** (Elm), **Adam** (Rowan) and **Janvi** (Birch). They all received a book while everyone who entered the competition was awarded a certificate. In Juniors, the cardboard roll competition winners, **Harley** (Ahipara), **Nancy** (Pegwell Bay), **Poppy** (Waikiki) and **Natasha** (**Giant's Causeway**) also received books as prizes.



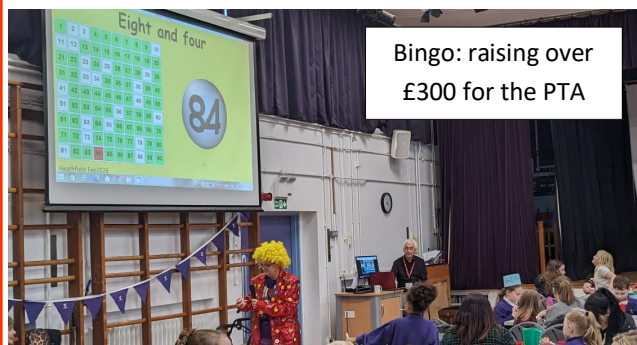
A winning entry



Enjoying books in the sunshine

PTA: Eyes Down for a Full House

A wonderful afternoon was had by all at the PTA family bingo event recently. Archie said, *"It was so busy. I got a line and my brother won a prize for getting all the numbers. I came with my nan, my auntie and my whole family. There was lots of singing - Dancing Queen for 17 and my favourite 67!"* The bingo winners were: **Harley** (Ahipara), **Bradley** and **Mila** (Mackinac) and **Aaron** (Pegwell Bay).



PTA: Valentine's Day

Congratulations to the Valentine's Bake Off contestants for some amazing entries. The competition helped raise a total of **£1,780** for the PTA on Valentine's Day with money from the baked goods sale after school, mufti day and the Valentine's raffle. The Infant Bake Off winners were **Belle** (Sycamore) and **Luna Rae** (Rowan), while the Junior winners were:



Isaac (Elafonisi), **Mia** and **Aleda** (Paradis) and **Angel** Mackinac Island).

To help the PTA with their latest Plus Rooms fundraising appeal, please [click here](#).

Year 3 Litter Survey

Last Tuesday, Year 3 went out for their first geography fieldwork trip. The purpose of the walk was to collect data on litter they saw in either Whitton High Street or in Crane Park. Ronnie said, *"I went to Whitton High Street and we found a lot of rubbish; gum on the pavement, food containers and cigarette butts which is not how it is supposed to be. We took a tally of what we saw and Crane Park had a lot less than the High Street."*



Out of this World

As part of their Science topic, Year 5 welcomed a Planetarium last month. The children entered the large dome and explored the stars and planets within our solar system. Aria said, *"We learnt about Greek mythology through constellations like Orion and identified different animals such as the dog and bear."* Jayden added, *"I loved seeing the constellations. We even saw the North Star. It is the brightest star in the sky and it always shows us where north is. At the end, the presenter put on Star Wars music and a pretend Star Wars scene - it was amazing and it felt like we were in space!"*



Dates for your Diary

Thursday **19th March, 10am** - Junior Rocksteady Concert

Friday **20th March** - **Red Nose Day** for Comic Relief - **add something funny to your uniform for £1**

Friday **20th March, 10.30am** - Infant Rocksteady Concert

Sunday **22nd** - Wednesday **25th March** - Year 6 School Journey to PGL Osmington Bay

Monday **23rd March, 8.45-9.15am** - Parents & carers can share a story in Reception, Years 1&2

Monday **23rd** - Wednesday **25th March** - Safe walking training for Year 3

Wednesday **25th March** - Parents & carers can share a story in Nursery at collection time

Friday **27th March** - Poet James Carter visiting Infants

Friday **27th March** - End of spring term

Monday **30th March** - Thursday **2nd April** - Heathfield Cricket and Football Camp [click here to book](#)

Monday **11th April** - Start of summer term

Friday **15th May** - PTA Quiz and Curry Night - [tickets available soon](#)

Friday 19th June - PTA Summer Fayre - SAVE THE DATE - more details to follow

Mr Clayton's Decency Award

Mr Clayton's Decency Award was given to the following children at the end of last half term, for kind and respectful behaviour such as encouraging their friends, taking turns, using good manners and caring about others. More children will be selected to receive the award at the end of this half term.

Nursery - Hamish	Reception - Yusuf	Year 1 - Maelys	Year 2 - Andy	Willow - Mordecai
Year 3 - Esme	Year 4 - Anais	Year 5 - Denys	Year 6 - Noah	Willow - Harrison

Religious Studies Visitors

We have had several visitors recently representing different religions and beliefs. Before half term, a visitor from the Humanist Society UK came to see Year 6 to talk about humanism. Yasha and Amina said, *"It was interesting. Humanists are a group of people who don't believe in anything supernatural. They might be atheists or agnostics. They have scientific values instead."*

After half term, Year 4 welcomed a Buddhist visitor, Kyo, who shared his journey into Buddhism and reminded the children that kindness, positivity and selflessness create a better world, while greed never leads to happiness. Kyo said, *"The children were thoughtful, engaged, and wonderfully open in their reflections. I was especially struck by how honestly they responded when we discussed how we feel when things go wrong — they were clearly thinking deeply about it."*

Last week, Helen, the vicar from St Augustine's Church visited Year 3 to talk about Lent and Easter, an important time of year for Christians. She explained that some Christians give things up for Lent, like chocolate, but others try to do something, like raise money for charity. Helen said, *"I loved being with Year 3 this morning. Some of the questions displayed depth and maturity and I am impressed with their eagerness to understand and openly reflect on the big, existential questions."*



Netball

Last Wednesday, our Year 5 girls' netball team travelled to St Benedict's School to play in their London Girls' Netball Tournament. They were invited to join this annual event alongside 25 private schools. Maya said, *"We won every match. Our tightest games were 4-3 in the quarter final and 2-1 in the semi-final. We won the final 9-0!"* Mehreen added, *"Nina, our coach, is very supportive when we're playing which really helps."*



T1 Rugby Tournament

Last week, our rugby team went to Richmond Rugby Club to play T1 Rugby, a more realistic version of the game compared with tag rugby but still without full contact. After a limited time to learn the rules, our players rose to the occasion and were unbeaten all morning. They did not concede any tries and were declared the winners!



Football Festival

On Monday, to celebrate International Women's Day, England Football's *Girls Football In Schools* programme and Fulham FC teamed up and hosted a festival at

Heathfield for girls in Years 5 and 6. We fielded two teams alongside six other schools.

The morning consisted of a carousel of fun football activities before a competitive tournament, which Heathfield won, in the afternoon.

