

Our local pub our hot meals every day

Heytesbury School is a small village Church of England primary school located just outside Warminster in Wiltshire. There are 67 primary aged children on site and there is a privately run pre-school.

There is a school kitchen on site and hot meals were cooked and served on the premises until July 2012. However the provision of the lunches was subsidised, in terms of staffing, by the school budget which was in deficit. The Governing Body decided that this was no longer an option and decided to close the kitchen. The Governing Body explored a variety of options and eventually the pre-school leader came to the rescue. She negotiated the provision of hot meals with the village pub and decided to take on the administration of the school meals.

The pub delivers the meals to the school and they are served by a team of volunteers who have completed their food handling/hygiene certificate. The pub provides meals for a cost of £2.20 per child per day. The pub makes a minimal profit and views the provision of meals to the school as a service to the community.

Approximately 40 school children, including 10 pre-schoolers, take up the hot meals. Menus are published on the website and children pre-order and pay a week in advance. Once ordered no refunds are available. There is variety and balance e.g. pasta and a roast dinner feature weekly. A vegetarian option is always available and allergies are catered for.