

# Highters Heath Community School

## Newsletter

**Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2026**

### Dates for your Diary

- 15<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> June -  
Year 4 Swimming**
- Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> June  
– Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June –  
Year 6 Residential**
- Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> June –  
Animal Man to visit  
Reception and Year 1**
- Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June –  
Year 2 visit to Weston**
- Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June –  
Speak Up, Speak Out  
competition**
- Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July –  
Sports Day**
- Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> July –  
Summer Fair**
- Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> July –  
Reception  
Teddybears Picnic**
- Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July –  
Year 6 Leavers  
Assembly**
- Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July –  
School closes for the  
summer holidays at  
3.15pm**
- Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup>  
September – Teacher  
Training Day**
- Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup>  
September – Teacher  
Training Day**

### Message from the Headteacher

Congratulations to all the children in Year 1 who took part in their Phonics Screening Test this week. They have been working hard all year and the staff who work with them have done a great job in helping and supporting them to ensure they were ready and they certainly were. Well done Year 1 and may I also give a huge thank you to the Staff Phonics Team who have worked tirelessly to ensure the best outcomes for your children. A great job all round – well done everyone!

As always if you have any questions or queries, please contact the school office using the enquiry email.

[enquiry@hightersheath.excelsiormat.org](mailto:enquiry@hightersheath.excelsiormat.org)

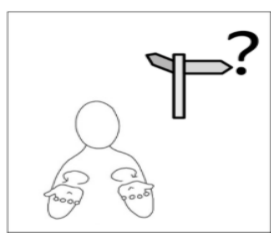
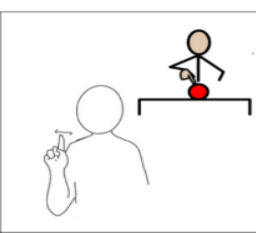
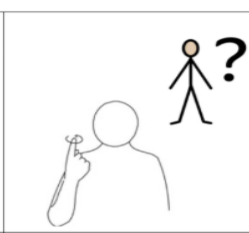
Thank you for your continued support,  
Mrs Aulton

### OPAL Gold Award

This week Kayleigh from OPAL came to audit our outdoor provision at lunchtime. As you know over the last three years we have been working towards receiving an OPAL award and this week I am delighted to tell you that we received the Gold Award. Achieving the Gold Award places Highters Heath in the top 2-3% of play provision nationally – something we are all very proud of. This is fantastic news for us here at Highters. OPAL has certainly changed our outdoor provision at lunchtime for the better and it is wonderful to see how well the children play together. Huge congratulations and thank you for all their dedication and hard work goes to Mrs Lindsay, Mrs Bartlett, Mrs Mugwambi, Mrs Marsh and the play team for doing such a great job – well done. Of course we are always on the lookout for any further donations of play equipment for the children – if you have anything you think you could donate please contact the school office.

### Makaton News

How many questions do you think you ask in one day? Can you learn this week's signs for 'what, where and who?' Try using them when you ask a question this week.

		
Where	What	Who

## Spotlight on attendance



Absence in school rose sharply after the COVID-19 pandemic in the 2020-2021 academic year and 5 years later absence rates have still not returned to pre-pandemic levels.

Improving poor school attendance is a national priority, and the government are working hard to try and tackle the issues that are contributing to this.

They have created this short 1 minute video which explains the importance of attending school every day.

Please click on the link below to watch the video.

[Why attending every day matters in primary school](#)

If you have any worries or concerns about your child's attendance, please see Mrs Lindsay via the school office.

### Headteacher Award Winners

This term's winners are:

Reception	Musa and Winner
Year 1	Winner and Winner
Year 2	Thomas and Julia
Year 3	Scarlett and Winner
Year 4	Eden and Ella
Year 5	Romola and Amaani
Year 6	Alexandra and Finn

Congratulations to everyone who won a Headteacher's Award this week.

### House Points

Well done to everyone receiving house points this week. The winners are...

<b>Apollo</b>	<b>Mercury</b>	<b>Neptune</b>	<b>Pegasus</b>
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Well done to **Apollo** for achieving the most house points this week.

### Hot Chocolate Friday Winners

Congratulations this week go to:

Reception	Hosna
Year 1	Haania
Year 2	Albert
Year 3	Jenson
Year 4	Evie-Leigh
Year 5	Carter
Year 6	Lexie

I look forward to meeting even more children who have gone above and beyond and have been nominated for this award.



### Attendance

Well done to everyone who has tried really hard with their attendance this week. As always, school attendance is important for your child, both in terms of their education as well as for their well-being and life opportunities.

Our attendance this week

Reception	97.6%
Year 1	96.5%
Year 2	95.2%
Year 3	96.9%
Year 4	95.0%
<b>Year 5</b>	<b>98.3%</b>
Year 6	91.3%
Whole School	95.8%

Please can you ensure your child attends every day where possible and is on time for school – doors close at 8.55am.