

# Highters Heath Community School

## Newsletter

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2026**

### Dates for your Diary

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February – School closes for half term at the normal time of 3.15pm**

**Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February – school reopens to pupils at the normal time of 8.45am**

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March – Year 3 visit to the Synagogue**

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March – Year 4 visit to the Gurdwara**

**Week beginning – Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March – SEND Parent meetings**

**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March – Year 5 visit to the Think Tank**

**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March – Reception visit to Attwell Farm**

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March School closes for the end of term at the normal time of 3.15pm**

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April – school reopens at the normal time of 8.45am**

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> April – Year 3 visit to Birmingham**

### Message from the Executive Headteacher

I can't believe we are half way through the year already! Where has the time gone? The children have enjoyed lots of different visits and experiences already and we have many more booked in for the second half of the year including the annual Mini First Aid training for Years 3 and 5 in March which we are really looking forward to.

Next half term we will also be introducing our live lessons in each year group so that you can join your children for one of their lessons during the day. This is a great opportunity to see how we teach maths or English and I know the children will be really pleased if you can join them.

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)

May I wish you a very restful half term break and thank you for your continued support,  
Mrs Aulton

### Upcoming Parent Workshops – a reminder

Please be aware of further upcoming parent workshops after half term. Letters have been sent out and again we would love to see as many of you there as possible as it is a great opportunity to find out how to support your child's learning and find out a little more about what they do in school.

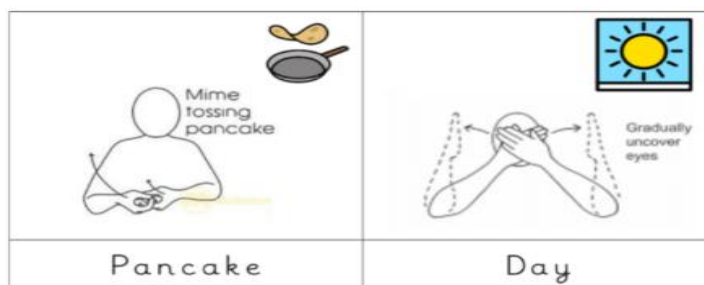
Reception Maths Workshop - Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> February at 2.30pm

Year 1 Maths Workshop - Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> February at 2.30pm

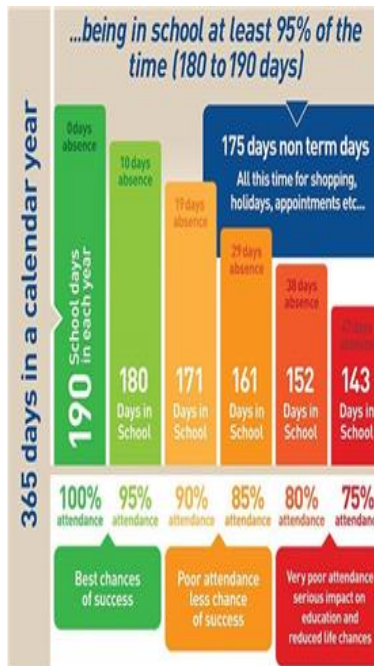
Year 2 Maths Workshop - Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> February at 2.30pm

### Makaton News

During half term many of us will enjoy a pancake or two on pancake day. Can you learn the signs for 'Pancake Day'? What toppings do you like on your pancakes?



## Spotlight on attendance



School punctuality is crucial for maximizing learning, with just 15 minutes of daily lateness equating to two weeks of missed education annually.

Being on time ensures students do not miss important instructions, helps them build vital life habits for future employment, and supports better academic performance and social confidence.

Whilst we recognise sometimes being late to school is unavoidable, some children are persistently late to school. Late codes on registers fall into two categories, and if your child arrives after 9.25am they will be given a U code. This is classed as an absence which has a negative impact on their overall attendance. You may think your child has 100% attendance for the week, but lateness everyday could bring that down to 50%. Please ensure your child comes to school on time every day.

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

### Celebration Assembly Award Winners

This week's winners are:

Reception	Ajwa and Musa
Year 1	Ahmed and Winner
Year 2	Zaina and Setayesh
Year 3	Keira and Scarlett
Year 4	Demi and Mukabbir
Year 5	Kyreece and Winner
Year 6	Pareeha and Lexie

Congratulations to everyone who won a Headteachers 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.

### 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	94.6%
<b>Year 1</b>	<b>98.3%</b>
Year 2	90.5%
Year 3	94.1%
Year 4	95.3%
Year 5	93.1%
Year 6	95.5%
Whole School	94.5%

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

### Hot Chocolate Friday Winners

Congratulations this week go to:

Reception	Theo
Year 1	Musawwir
Year 2	Zaina
Year 3	Ilyas
Year 4	Demi
Year 5	Winner
Year 6	Aghna

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

