

Highers Heath Community School

Newsletter

Friday 16th January 2026

Dates for your Diary

Thursday 29th January – Year 5 visit to the Birmingham Mosque

Thursday 12th February – Year 1 visit to the Black Country Museum

Friday 13th February – School closes for half term at the normal time of 3.15pm

Monday 23rd February – school reopens to pupils at the normal time of 8.45am

Thursday 5th March – Year 3 visit to the Synagogue

Thursday 6th March – Year 4 visit to the Gurdwara

Week beginning – Monday 9th March – SEND Parent meetings

Wednesday 25th March – Year 5 visit to the Think Tank

Thursday 26th March – Reception visit to Attwell Farm

Friday 27th March School closes for the end of term at the normal time of 3.15pm

Message from the Executive Headteacher

I just wanted to say a huge thank you for your understanding last week when I had to close the school on the Friday. I hope you had a lovely time enjoying the snow as a family – it is always good to do something a little different. However, I am sorry for any inconvenience caused.

After several complaints from the local residents, please could you ensure that you park respectfully and not block driveways and other cars on the car park. I understand that this can be difficult at times but leaving a little earlier to either walk or park a little further away from the school will be of great help to all and ensure the safety of the children.

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

enquiry@highersheath.excelsiormat.org

Thank you for your continued support,
Mrs Aulton

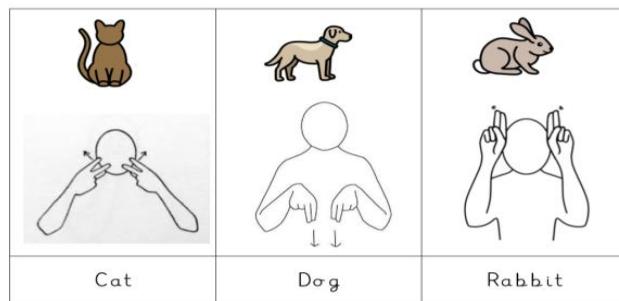
OPAL Donation Plea

As we are now well and truly into winter, equipment for our OPAL play needs to be more robust and weatherproof. Our children love den building, but they can't do it with the fabrics they have been using in the drier weather.

We would greatly appreciate any donations we can use for den building such as shower curtains, tarpaulin, planks of wood or old windbreaks. We also need bungy cords, heavy duty pegs and clips to hold the dens together.

If you are able to donate any items, please let Mrs Lindsay know by contacting the school office.

Makaton News



Lots of us have different pets and we love to talk about them. Can you learn this week's signs for cat, dog and rabbit? If you could have any pet, what would it be?

Spotlight on attendance



Thank you and well done to all the families who recognise the importance of attendance and ensure their children are in school on time every day when well enough to do so. Year 1 are our best attenders this week, achieving 99%! However, whole school attendance this week is again worrying low and Year 1 were the only class over our target of 96%!

If your child is ill and this results in them being off on a Wednesday or a Thursday, please don't think it's not worth sending them back to school for the remaining days of the week. Learning takes place every day – including Fridays! The more days your child misses from school the wider the gaps in learning become. Children can also feel anxious about returning after a prolonged absence so sending them back to school as soon as they are well enough is a priority.

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	Rahmah and Samara
Year 1	Maha and Winner
Year 2	Arthur and Shiza
Year 3	Eliza and Winner
Year 4	Huzaifah and Elsie
Year 5	Phoebe and Maryam
Year 6	Harry and Nazainin

Congratulations to everyone who won a Headteachers Award this week.

Hot Chocolate Friday Winners

Congratulations this week go to:

Reception	Anas
Year 1	Winner
Year 2	Winner
Year 3	Luna
Year 4	Omar
Year 5	Carter
Year 6	Lydia

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



House Points

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

Apollo	Mercury	Neptune	Pegasus
8097	7066	6920	7196

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	91.7%
Year 1	99.0%
Year 2	89.9%
Year 3	94.1%
Year 4	93.5%
Year 5	91.8%
Year 6	92.4%
Whole School	93.3%

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