

# Highers Heath Community School

## Newsletter

Friday 23rd January 2026

### Dates for your Diary

**Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> January – Year 5 visit to the Birmingham Mosque**

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> February – Year 1 visit to the Black Country Museum**

**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**

### Message from the Executive Headteacher

Over the next few weeks we are hoping to start making plans to develop the old allotment area at the back of the school. We have been in touch with a company who will help and work with the children to clear the area and to start growing fruit and vegetables to cook and eat. This is a very exciting time for us especially now as we can start to plan other exciting opportunities in our curriculum that will enhance the children's learning. As always we are always looking for donations – if you have any garden tools – spades, trowels, unworn gardening gloves etc that you could offer for the children to use then please bring them into the office. All donations are always gratefully received.

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

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

Thank you for your continued support,  
Mrs Aulton

### Upcoming Parent Workshops

Please be aware of the upcoming parent workshops. Letters will be sent out in due course and 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.

Year 1 Phonics Workshop - Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February at 2.30pm

Year 6 SAT's Workshop - Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> February at 2.15pm

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

We do so many things during our day at school. Can you learn the signs for read, write and play? What do you like to do at school?



## Spotlight on attendance



Our whole school attendance continues to hover around 93% and we would love for this to move closer to the target of 96%. However, we can't do this without your support and recognition of the importance of good attendance. Your child should be in school every day that they are able to. Parents give a wide range of reasons why their child is not in school, including birthdays, haircuts, trips to other cities that a parent needs to make to collect a package and many others. These are not valid reasons for a child not to be in school. It is important to bear in mind persistent poor attendance can result in a fine.

Remember we will be holding our Aldi raffle draw next Friday for those who have 100% attendance in January and for those who have improved attendance on the month of December.

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	Sean and Sara
Year 1	Winner and Winner
Year 2	Zaina and Amelia
Year 3	Luna and Jibreel
Year 4	Balaaj and Ayanda
Year 5	Jacob and Zahra
Year 6	Aizah and Lydia

Congratulations to everyone who won a Headteachers Award this week.

### Hot Chocolate Friday Winners

Congratulations this week go to:

Reception	Ayzal
Year 1	Winner
Year 2	Winner
Year 3	Scarlett
Year 4	Mohammadreza
Year 5	Julia
Year 6	Macey

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
8427	7498	7393	7670

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	88.2%
Year 1	97.5%
Year 2	90.4%
Year 3	89.0%
Year 4	96.6%
Year 5	91.0%
Year 6	95.5%
Whole School	93.1%

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