

Highers Heath Community School

Newsletter

Friday 9th 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

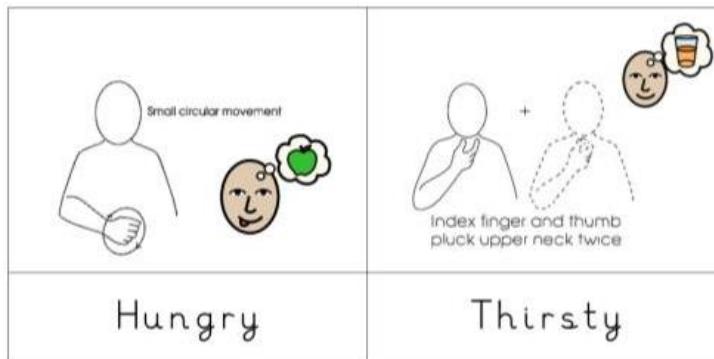
Welcome back and Happy New Year. I hope you all had a lovely break over the holidays. I am so pleased that I can finally share the much anticipated Ofsted report with you. We are thrilled with the outcome and it is a true testament to the hard work, dedication and commitment of the staff team, yourselves and of course your wonderful children. The school is a very different place three years later and I look forward to developing and enhancing the school even further in the next exciting phase of our school improvement journey. If you would like a paper copy of the Ofsted report – please contact the school office.

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

Thank you for your continued support,
 Mrs Aulton

Makaton News

This week's signs are 'hungry' and 'thirsty.' See if you can learn these at home. What foods and drinks might you ask for?



Send parent coffee morning – sensory differences



Highers Heath Community School will be holding a Special Educational Needs and Disability coffee morning on Wednesday 14th January at 9.15am. This will be led by Emma Tyndall from the Communication Autism Team and will focus on sensory differences in children with autism. This is an opportunity for you to find out about how to help your child manage any sensory issues and talk to other parents of children with autism over a tea or coffee and a biscuit! We look forward to seeing you on the day.

Spotlight on attendance



We have had many children late to school or absent this week due to the weather, as well as many parents phoning to ask if we are open.

If school is going to be closed for any reason, you will be notified by email, so please check your inbox before phoning. If school is open, parents have a legal responsibility to ensure their child attends school, and we cannot authorise absences that are weather related.

Please also note that the office is not open until 8.00am so if you do need to speak to reception please do not phone before that time.

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	Amelia and Winner
Year 1	Annabelle and Sahil
Year 2	Beatrice and Julia
Year 3	Scarlett and Mudabbir
Year 4	Jacob and Haris
Year 5	Rosie Lee and Carter
Year 6	Lexie and Winner

Congratulations to everyone who won a Headteachers Award this week.

Hot Chocolate Friday Winners

Congratulations this week go to:

Reception	Winner
Year 1	Mila
Year 2	Mowafak
Year 3	Kayla
Year 4	Ayanda
Year 5	Maryam
Year 6	Archie

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
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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	92.6%
Year 1	94.0%
Year 2	90.5%
Year 3	85.3%
Year 4	92.0%
Year 5	92.0%
Year 6	94.0%
Whole School	91.8%

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