

Highters Heath Community School

Newsletter

Friday 11th September 2026

Dates for your Diary

**Monday 14th
September – Rock
Steady Music School
assembly**

**Thursday 1st October
– Reception Parents
Workshop**

**Thursday 8th October
- Year 6 visit to
Birmingham
Cathedral**

**Thursday 8th October
– Open Day**

**Tuesday 13th October
– Open Day**

**Thursday 15th
October – Year 3 visit
to the Botanical
Gardens**

**Monday 19th October
– Flu Immunisations**

**Wednesday 21st
October – Reception
Parents Phonics
Workshop**

**Thursday 22nd
October – Parents
Evening**

**Friday 23rd October –
Schools closes for
half term at the
normal time of
3.15pm**

**Monday 2nd
November – Teacher
Training Day**

Message from the Executive Headteacher

Welcome back and happy September! I hope you have had a lovely summer break and enjoyed your time together as a family. I have to say we have had a brilliant start to the new academic year! The children look incredibly smart and have settled into their new classes extremely well.

Yesterday we were very honoured to meet our local MP Al Carns who came to visit the school and see all the wonderful work we do here at Highters Heath. He had a tour of the school and visited classes. He met with staff and spoke to the children in Year 6 who also had the opportunity to ask lots of questions about his role as an MP and the work that he does. He was extremely impressed and thoroughly enjoyed his visit and we look forward to seeing him again soon.

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

enquiry@hightersheath.excelsiormat.org

Thank you for your continued support,
Mrs Aulton

Year 4 Roman Workshop

Yesterday, Year 4 began their new theme of Ancient Rome by having a Roman workshop day. They started the day by learning all about key figures such as Boudica and Julius Caesar, through some role play. They then got to try on different pieces of clothing from the time and practised being Roman soldiers using bows and arrows.

In the afternoon they became archaeologists digging in the sand for artefacts and played a competitive Roman game. Everyone had a wonderful day, and it was a great start to our theme lessons. Well done Year 4!

Thunk of the Week

Working alongside the national charity 'Voice 21,' we have been developing our oracy skills across the school. This involves thinking of our own ideas, developing understanding and engaging with others through speaking, listening and communication. Oracy skills set children up for success in school and life. To help develop our oracy skills we have weekly, fun 'think' questions aimed at getting us thinking, talking and debating our ideas. This week's think is - **If I borrow a million pounds, am I a millionaire?** Enjoy having this discussion together at home - do you agree as a family or can you respectfully disagree? We look forward to sharing a different think with you every week.

Spotlight on attendance

Beacon Support Attendance Workshop for Parents

Yesterday we held a parent attendance workshop run by Joe Staines from Beacon Support. The focus was what to do when your child doesn't want to come to school. Parents who attended found it really useful and went away with a better understanding of why their child might feel this way and some useful strategies to try at home.

If you were unable to attend the workshop and would like to find out more about what Joe shared so that you can support your own child, or if you have any other worries or concerns about your child's attendance, please see Mrs Lindsay.

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Celebration Assembly Award Winners

This week's winners are:

Reception	Bonnie and Albie
Year 1	Mawa and Samara
Year 2	Mila and Ahmed
Year 3	Roxanne and Federico
Year 4	Mumin and Winner
Year 5	Lamar and Kaiden
Year 6	Romola and Aamina

Congratulations to everyone who won a Headteachers Award this week.

Hot Chocolate Friday Winners

Congratulations this week go to:

Reception	Ayda
Year 1	Hunter
Year 2	Winner
Year 3	Winner
Year 4	Samil
Year 5	Ayanda
Year 6	Rosie-Lee

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
349	319	324	391

Well done to **Pegasus** 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	97.8%
Year 1	96.0%
Year 2	97.0%
Year 3	96.0%
Year 4	97.0%
Year 5	96.0%
Year 6	97.0%
Whole School	96.7%

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