

Highters Heath Community School

Newsletter

Friday 18th September 2026

Dates for your Diary

**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**

**Tuesday 3rd
November – School opens for pupils at 8.45am**

Message from the Executive Headteacher

This week I would like to say a huge thank you to Rich from Rock Steady Music School who joined us Monday afternoon for a fantastic music assembly and workshop where the children could have a go at playing different instruments and singing in a rock band. All the children thoroughly enjoyed the afternoon along with the staff and it was lovely to see so many of them experience playing, clapping, singing and laughing together. A thoroughly enjoyable afternoon

You will have received a letter regarding potential music lessons in school run by Rock Steady. I know that for some of you this might be expensive but unfortunately as a school and due to budget constraints, we are unable to provide the funds for this. However, it is a lovely opportunity if you wish for your child to take part. Please follow the guidance on the letter if you wish your child to attend.

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

Chosen Charities

As you may know each year each class chooses a charity they would like to support each academic year. This week the children have deliberated and the chosen charities each class will be supporting are:

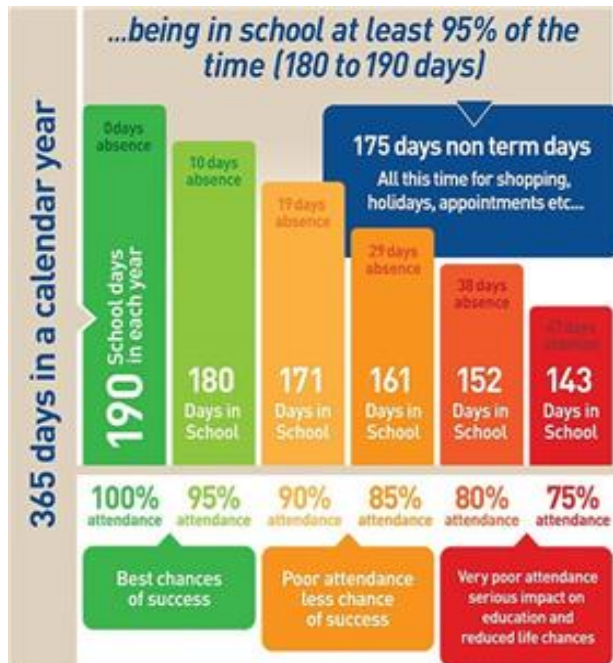
Reception	Marie Curie
Year 1	Cancer Research UK
Year 2	Acorns Children's Hospice
Year 3	Family Fund
Year 4	Birmingham Children's Hospital
Year 5	Make a Wish
Year 6	Young Minds

As always, our first charity event will be the Christmas Fayre at the end of the Autumn Term. However, we will also be taking part in our usual charity events this year too! We look forward to helping raise money for these incredibly worthwhile charities this year and hope you can join us.

Thunk of the Week

We hope you all enjoyed last week's oracy thunk and that it got you all thinking and talking at home. This week's question is, **are heroes ever scared?** We look forward to hearing your ideas next week.

Spotlight on attendance



What a great week we have had for attendance! As a school we have achieved over our target of 96%, and 90% of our children had 100% attendance. This means more of our children are accessing the education they need to help them make the best progress they can.

Research shows that students with high attendance rates consistently achieve better academic results in the long term. This means ensuring your child is in school prepares them for further education and future careers, setting them on a path to success.

Let's keep up the good work and achieve as good if not better attendance next week!

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	Zara-Mai and Mohammad Samar
Year 1	Ajwa and Ameera
Year 2	Maha and Haania
Year 3	Winner and Winner
Year 4	Mudabbir and Winner
Year 5	Lewis and Hamidullah
Year 6	Adharshna and Arham

Congratulations to everyone who won a Headteachers Award this week.

House Points

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

Apollo	Mercury	Neptune	Pegasus
658	698	721	685

Well done to **Neptune** 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	96.6%
Year 1	92.3%
Year 2	98.6%
Year 3	99.4%
Year 4	96.1%
Year 5	96.8%
Year 6	95.5%
Whole School	96.5%

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	Angel-Lynn
Year 1	Safa
Year 2	Haania
Year 3	Thomas
Year 4	Winner
Year 5	Demi
Year 6	Carter

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

