

Highters Heath Community School

Newsletter

Friday 2nd October 2026

Dates for your Diary

**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**

**Tuesday 10th
November – Year 6
visit to Avoncroft**

Message from the Executive Headteacher

Our Roots to Fruits initiative is really getting underway. The Year 3 and Year 4 children along with Adam – Roots to Fruits Leader – have been clearing the paths and allotment areas, emptying the greenhouses and sheds and having a lovely time generally tidying up and preparing the allotment for growing plenty of vegetables. In the next couple of weeks, they will be planting seeds and learning all about what is needed to help a seed grow. I have to say I really enjoy seeing the children outside learning in a completely different way and how they are thoroughly immersed in what they are doing. Well done Years 3 and 4!

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

Open Days – a reminder

Thursday 8th October at 9.15am

Tuesday 13th October at 2.00pm

This year our Open Days are not only for the children who are looking for a Reception place next September but also for anyone who would like to come and have a look round the school to see all the great work taking place. If you would like to join us on one of the dates and times above, please phone the school office.

Reception Parents Workshop

A huge thank you to all of our parents who attended our Reception meeting and reading session this week. We had an amazing turn out and the children were so excited to see you all. We hope you found it useful to learn about how and what your child will be learning in Reception this year and hope you all enjoyed the story telling session. We will be holding a live RWI phonics teaching session on Wednesday 21st October at 2.15pm and would love to see you all again for this. If you have any questions in the meantime, please ask Mrs Delves or Mrs Johnson or contact the school office.

Thunk of the Week

This week's Oracy Thunk is all about feelings. I wonder...
'can you feel happy and sad at the same time?'
Why might you think that? Enjoy discussing this together at home.

Spotlight on attendance



We are now five weeks into term, and it is wonderful to see so many of our children in school every day and on time. Many of you will be aware that we monitor the attendance of children every week and offer support to parents where children's attendance causes us concern.

Good school attendance ensures that children get the best possible start in life. It is a legal responsibility of parents to ensure their child attends school every day it is open unless there is a valid reason for them not to do so. Where children do not have good attendance and there is no good reason for this, parents may face a penalty notice for irregular attendance or even be referred to court where they could receive both a fine and a criminal record. Please ensure your child is in school every day unless there is a valid reason for them not to do so.

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	Winner and Winner
Year 1	Essa and Safa
Year 2	Zoe and Harper
Year 3	Delilah and Kobie
Year 4	Harry and Scarlett
Year 5	Sara and Winner
Year 6	Ibrahim and Rose

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
1444	1493	1402	1525

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	98.1%
Year 1	95.0%
Year 2	93.2%
Year 3	100%
Year 4	100%
Year 5	93.8%
Year 6	96.6%
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	Emily
Year 1	Rahmah
Year 2	Aurora
Year 3	Roxanne
Year 4	Mudabbir
Year 5	Omar
Year 6	Phoebe

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

