

Highters Heath Community School

Newsletter

Friday 25th 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

After only being in school for three weeks it feels like the children and staff have never been away. We have had a lovely week, and we have had several visitors in school commenting on how well mannered, well behaved and delightful the children are. The atmosphere in school is calm and purposeful, and the children work together brilliantly. Again, we have more visitors next week and I am sure they will also be hugely impressed too! Well done everyone – what a long way we have come.

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

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.

Year 7 Transition Parent Meeting

On 19th October at 2.30pm there will be a Year 7 Transition Parent meeting for all Year 6 parents. This will be an opportunity to find out information regarding how to apply for secondary school, how secondary schools work with us to ensure a smooth transition from Year 6 to Year 7 and how you can help at home to ensure your child is as prepared as possible for the next stage in their educational career. Please look out for the invite letter which will be sent out next week via email. In the meantime, if you do have any further questions please contact the office.

Thunk of the Week

This week's thunk question should be one for an interesting discussion and debate. Think about the question;

‘can you ever be grateful for bad things happening?’

I wonder what things you might discuss together.

Spotlight on attendance

Being punctual and on time is one of life's most important qualities, whether you're a child, adult, teacher or parent. It shows you are reliable, dependable, can be trusted and demonstrates respect not only to other people but also for their time. We understand there are occasions when things can get stressful, things go wrong, or unforeseen circumstances can cause a family to be a few minutes late. However, our role as educators, and yours as parents, is to prepare pupils for the next step in their school careers and beyond. This means young people need to value the importance of being on time.

Most of our children come to school on time, but unfortunately, we have several families who are persistently late. This year we will be working more closely with these families, so please endeavour to ensure your child is in school before the doors close at 8.55am.

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	Targunjot and Kebron
Year 1	Winner and Sara
Year 2	Amaya and Yaqub
Year 3	Albert and Thomas
Year 4	Ilyas and Winner
Year 5	Yaseen and Abigael
Year 6	Pippa and Phoebe

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
1020	1122	1035	1091

Well done to **Mercury** 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	96.7%
Year 1	89.0%
Year 2	99.0%
Year 3	97.4%
Year 4	99.0%
Year 5	93.0%
Year 6	90.0%
Whole School	94.7%

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	Salar
Year 1	Hosna
Year 2	Winner
Year 3	Winner
Year 4	Ezekiah
Year 5	Esme
Year 6	Hiba

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

