

Highters Heath Community School

Newsletter

Friday 1st May 2026

Dates for your Diary

**Monday 4th May Bank
Holiday – school
closed to pupils**

**Thursday 21st May –
Year 1 visit to the
Birmingham
Conservation Park**

**Wednesday 17th June
– Friday 19th June –
Year 6 Residential**

**Tuesday 24th June –
Animal Man to visit
Reception and Year 1**

**Friday 26th June –
Year 2 visit to Weston**

**Friday 26th June –
Speak Up, Speak Out
competition**

**Friday 3rd July –
Sports Day**

**Tuesday 14th July –
Reception
Teddybears Picnic**

**Friday 17th July –
Year 6 Leavers
Assembly**

**Friday 17th July –
School closes for the
summer holidays at
the normal time of
3.15pm**

**Monday 20th July –
Teacher Training Day**

**Thursday 3rd
September – school
reopens**

Message from the Headteacher

This week Mrs Lindsay has been putting together further plans for our OPAL provision and with the help of Mr Brookes, Site Manager, she will be developing different areas for the children to explore including working on our allotment. If you have any spare gardening tools such as trowels, spades or even gardening gloves that you feel you could donate we would be most grateful. We will also be developing our quad area this term too and asking the children to help us plant summer bulbs and plants to improve the environment. We will be very busy indeed!

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

Bank Holiday Monday

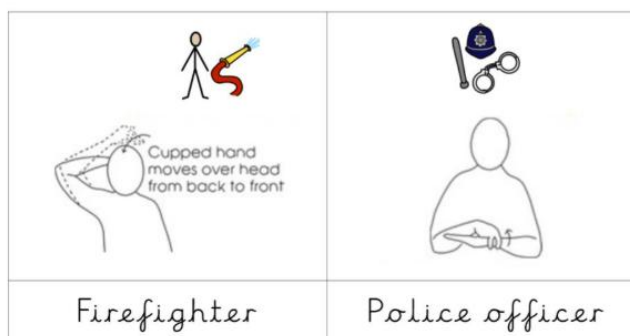
Please can we remind all parents that Monday 4th May is a Bank Holiday and school will be closed for the day. We will reopen on Tuesday 5th May with the doors opening at the normal time of 8.45am.

Year 4 visit to Tamworth Castle

Year 4 had a wonderful time at Tamworth Castle. They enjoyed exploring the castle, looking through the arrow slits across the bailey to see the moat, got to work as medieval servants and knights for the day and even met the Lady Tamworth. They had an excellent time and could explain lots of the features of the castle, that they had learned about in our lessons. Well done Year 4 for a fantastic day!

Makaton News

Did you know that Monday is International Firefighter's Day? Can you learn the signs for firefighter and police officer? What things do you aspire to be one day?



Spotlight on attendance

We frequently tell you how important attendance is so here are some interesting facts

- All schools must report their termly attendance percentages to the Local Authority.
- If your child is not in school, they do not reach their learning potential.
- Parents have a legal responsibility to ensure that their child receives a full-time education.
- Parents can be issued with Fixed Penalty Notices (fines) for failing to ensure that their child attends school regularly - this includes taking children out of school on holiday, and excess 'lates'.
- The Local Authority has the power to prosecute parents in the Magistrates Court for the offence of failing to ensure their child attends school regularly.
- If your child arrives after 9:25am we are required to mark them as having unauthorised absence for the morning - arriving after 9:25am once in a week brings their attendance down to 90% for that week.

If you have any worries or concerns about your child's attendance, please see Mrs Lindsay via the school office.

Headteacher Award Winners

This term's winners are:

Reception	Sara and Samara
Year 1	Winner and Winner
Year 2	Delilah and Peyton
Year 3	Winner and Muhammad
Year 4	Ella and Haris
Year 5	Winner and Pippa
Year 6	Alexandra and David

Congratulations to everyone who won a Headteacher's Award this week.

Hot Chocolate Friday Winners

Congratulations this week go to:

Reception	Winner
Year 1	Mirha
Year 2	Julia
Year 3	Ilyas
Year 4	Isla
Year 5	Aamina
Year 6	Winner

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
13335	12330	12513	12450

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	89.9%
Year 1	97.0%
Year 2	90.6%
Year 3	97.5%
Year 4	93.1%
Year 5	95.1%
Year 6	94.2%
Whole School	93.9%

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