

Highters Heath Community School

Newsletter

Friday 22nd May 2026

Dates for your Diary

Friday 22nd May – school closes to pupils for half term

Monday 1st June – school opens to pupils with doors opening at the normal time of 8.45am

1st – 12th June – Year 3 Swimming

15th – 26th June - Year 4 Swimming

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 3.15pm

Message from the Headteacher

I wanted to say a huge thank you to SH Active, Sarah, Dean and Samuel for their high energy and enthusiasm today. All the children have taken part in different fun activities and have had a lovely time learning a new skill. Thank you to you all for ensuring they all had their PE kit in school so they could take part. They have certainly had a great time. Thank you.

May I remind you that next week is half term. We will return on Monday 1st June with gates opening at the normal time of 8.45am.

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

enquiry@hightersheath.excelsiormat.org

Have a lovely restful half term break and thank you for your continued support,
Mrs Aulton

Year 1 visit to the Birmingham Wildlife Conservation Park









Year 1 had a brilliant time visiting the Birmingham Wildlife Conservation Park. The children showed off their incredible science knowledge by discussing animals' diets, classifying their group, and talking about their habitats.

They were a credit to the school and took a keen interest in how we can protect endangered animals. They also loved meeting Ayra, the Red Panda. Well done Year 1!

Makaton News

Did you know that this Saturday is National Turtle Day? Can you learn the signs for turtle, sea and sand?

		
		
Turtle	Sea	Sand

Spotlight on attendance

As we move closer to summer, people's minds naturally move towards holidays. We all love to go on holiday, but these should be taken during the school holidays, not during term time, and will not be authorised by the school. If you do decide to take your child on holiday during term time you will need to let us know by filing in a leave in term time request form from the office. You will receive a penalty notice fine, which is £160 per parent, per child. This fine will be reduced to £80 if paid within 21 days, but if you take your child out of school for a holiday for a second time within a 3 year period there will no reduction in the fine. A third absence in that time frame will result in you being taken to court and you could be fined £2,500! Aside from the potential fines it is also detrimental to your child to miss a large amount of time from school, and it can be difficult for them to catch up on missed learning when they return.

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	Suhaan and Winner
Year 1	Zakharia and Siraj
Year 2	Albert and Winner
Year 3	Harry and Eliza
Year 4	Kaiden and Lamar
Year 5	Julia and Subhaan
Year 6	Jack and Finn

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

House Points

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

Apollo 14552	Mercury 13419	Neptune 13809	Pegasus 13760
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Well done to **Apollo** for achieving the most house points this week.

Hot Chocolate Friday Winners

Congratulations this week go to:

Reception	Yana
Year 1	Winner
Year 2	Amelia
Year 3	Samil
Year 4	Winner
Year 5	Maliyah
Year 6	Winner

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



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	92.0%
Year 2	96.2%
Year 3	96.8%
Year 4	90.8%
Year 5	96.9%
Year 6	93.0%
Whole School	94.8%

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