Highters Heath Community School Newsletter

Friday 6th November 2026

Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 10th November – Year 6 visit to Avoncroft

Friday 13th November – Children in Need

Friday 20th November – Year 3 Ancient Egyptian Workshop

Monday 23rd November – Tree Planting at Daisy Farm Park

Wednesday 2nd December – Year 6 World War Two Workshop

Friday 11th December – Christmas Jumper Day and Christ mas Dinner

Wednesday 16th December – Christmas Fayre afternoon

Friday 18th December – school closes for pupils at the normal time of 3.15pm

Monday 4th January – Teacher Training Day

Tuesday 5th January – school opens to pupils with doors opening at the normal time of 8.45am

Message from the Executive Headteacher

Welcome back! I hope you had a lovely half term break and like us are looking forward to this half term. I wanted to say thank you to all the parents who attended our Year 3 live lesson on Tuesday. It was great to see so many of you join us. This half term we have lots of exciting events happening not only for the children but also for parents too! Please see below for more details

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

Children in Need



Children in Need Day is on Friday 13th November 2026. This year the theme is Spotacular and we encourage children to come in their own spotty clothes and if possible, bring a donation of £1 towards this great cause. Pupils will also take part in Children in Need related activities on Friday afternoon.

Parent Coffee Mornings

Over the next few weeks we will holding various Parent Coffee Mornings with different outside agencies we currently work with. If you would like to join us for any or all of the coffee mornings please contact the school office.

Tuesday 24th November Beacon Support – How to help your child during meltdowns and shutdowns.

Friday 27th November – Communication and Autism Team – Masking

Wednesday 9th December – Occupational Therapy Team – Play, Draw, Write – developing handwriting skills through play.

Thunk of the Week

This week's thunk is; **Is a bird singing or talking?** I wonder what they might be saying to each other. Have fun discussing this at the weekend.

Spotlight on attendance



This poster shows some key attendance data for last half term. It is wonderful to see so many of our children doing well with their attendance, resulting in positive outcomes in many areas.

Unfortunately, 10% of our children fall into the persistent absence band which is attendance below 90%. This has an impact on academic achievement and well-being. You may not know what your child's current attendance is, so for that reason we will be sending out letters to all parents with this information. Parents of children with attendance below 90% will be invited to a meeting with Mrs Lindsay in the coming weeks to see if we can support in any way to improve this.

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	Emily and Ava
Year 1	Ayzal and Winner
Year 2	Winner and Mirha
Year 3	Amelia and Shiza
Year 4	Luna and Mumin
Year 5	Winner and Balaaj
Year 6	Winner and Aamnah

Congratulations to everyone who won a Headteachers Award this week.

Hot Chocolate Friday Winners

Congratulations this week go to:

Reception	Ava
Year 1	Ameera
Year 2	Jinni
Year 3	Albert
Year 4	Luna
Year 5	Dolcie
Year 6	Rose

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
3059	2829	2475	2528

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	92.9%
Year 1	90.0%
Year 2	94.2%
Year 3	98.3%
Year 4	99.1%
Year 5	97.1%
Year 6	95.7%
Whole School	95.7%

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