

# Highters Heath Community School

## Newsletter

**Friday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2025**

### Dates for your Diary

**Friday 11<sup>th</sup> July – Sports Day**

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July – End of term – school closes to pupils at the normal time of 3.15pm**

**Monday 21<sup>st</sup> July – Teacher Training Day**

**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> September and Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September - Teacher Training Day**

**Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September – Pupils return to school at the normal time of 8.45am**

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October – School closes for half term**

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November – Teacher Training Day**

**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> November – Pupils return to school at the normal time of 8.45am**

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December – school closes to pupils at the normal time of 3.15pm**

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2026 – Teacher Training Day**

**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January – Pupils return to school at the normal time of 8.45am**

### Message from the Executive Headteacher

May I start with a huge thank you to everyone who joined us for our Summer Fayre. It was lovely to see so many of you and what lovely weather we had too! We raised a wonderful £864 which will go towards a book vending machine for the children. May I also say a huge thank you to the staff who have yet again worked tirelessly to make sure the fayre was a great success, particularly Mrs Delves and Mrs Fry – they love planning an event I have to say!

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

[enquiry@hightersheath.excelsiormat.org](mailto:enquiry@hightersheath.excelsiormat.org)

Thank you for your continued support.  
Mrs Aulton

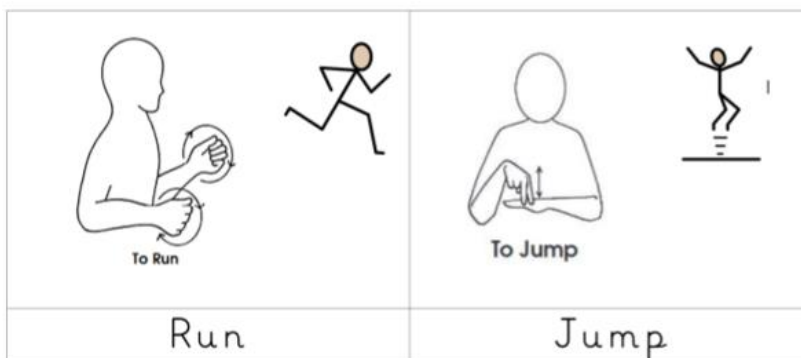
### Year 4 visit to Tamworth Castle



Year 4's visit to Tamworth Castle was a new experience for everyone. The children had a wonderful time exploring the medieval castle. They learned all about medieval weapons, trained like a soldier, met the lady of the castle and got to see what life was like in the past. Their favourite part was hiding in between the wall and enjoying the views from the battlements. They were fantastic role models for Highters Heath too! Well done Year 4!

### Makaton News

Next Friday it will be Sports Day, it will be lovely to see everyone being active and taking part. Can you learn the signs for run and jump? How much running and jumping will you do over the weekend?



## Spotlight on Attendance

Some interesting facts and information relating to attendance – your child's school attendance matters.

- All schools must report their termly attendance percentages to the Local Authority.
- If your child is not in school s/he does not reach her/his 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 whole morning - arriving after 9:25am once in a week brings their attendance down to 90% for that week.
- Children with less than 85% attendance at school are unlikely to gain 5 Grade 9-4 GCSEs (A-C with old GCSE grades) or any qualifications.

If you have any concerns regarding your child's attendance, please speak to Mrs Lindsay via the school office.

### Celebration Assembly Award Winners

This week's winners are:

Reception	Jinni and Talha
Year 1	Winner and Kayden
Year 2	Harry and Muddabir
Year 3	Sara and Demi
Year 4	Ali and Maliyah
Year 5	Finn and Alexandra
Year 6	Jacob and Habiba

Congratulations to everyone who won a Headteachers Award this week.

### Hot Chocolate Friday Winners

Congratulations this week go to:

Reception	Maha
Year 1	Roxanne
Year 2	Kalsoon
Year 3	Demi
Year 4	Hiba
Year 5	Zara
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...

<b>Apollo</b>	<b>Mercury</b>	<b>Neptune</b>	<b>Pegasus</b>
13479	13466	13539	13750

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	93.2%
Year 1	91.2%
Year 2	90.8%
<b>Year 3</b>	<b>95.4%</b>
Year 4	93.8%
Year 5	93.6%
Year 6	94.7%
Whole School	93.2%

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