

Highters Heath Community School

Newsletter

Friday 21st March 2025

Dates for your Diary

**Thursday 3rd April –
Reception visit to
Attwell Farm**

**Week beginning –
Monday 7th April –
Easter Egg
Competition**

**Monday 7th April –
Pupil Parliament visit
to Parkfield
Community School**

**Monday 7th April –
Year 6 - How to get to
school transport
safety workshop**

**Friday 11th April –
School closes for
pupils at the normal
time of 3.15pm**

**Monday 28th April –
School reopens for
pupils at 8.45am**

**Wednesday 21st May
– Year 5 visit to Selly
Manor**

**Friday 23rd May –
School closes for half
term at the normal
time of 3.15pm**

**Monday 2nd June –
School reopens for
pupils at 8.45am**

**Tuesday 17th June –
Year 6 visit to
Avoncroft Museum**

Message from the Headteacher

This week I received the news that we have been fortunate to receive some parking friends boards to put out at our busy times to remind everyone to park safely.

As part of this Year 6 will be taking part in a transport workshop on 7th April. They will learn the importance of keeping safe when travelling to and from school and learn of the dangers they may encounter and how to prevent these. We look forward to welcoming them to Highters Heath to deliver some really important messages in the next few weeks.

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

Year 5 visit to the Think Tank

On Thursday Year 5 went to the Think Tank Museum. We had the opportunity to look around the museum at our leisure. The children thoroughly enjoyed having the chance to try everything out with most of the class agreeing they loved the museum especially all of the interactive activities. They also said it was nice to do something different too! I'd like to take this opportunity to say what a pleasure it was to take Year 5 and how well they all behaved which added to a fun and enjoyable day. Well done everyone!

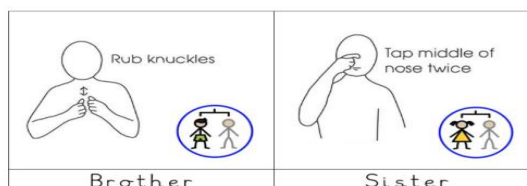
Comic Relief – wear something funny for money

Thank you to everyone who joined us in raising money for Comic Relief today. Not only have we had a fun day with lots of laughs, but we have also managed to raise £100 to all the good causes Comic Relief support. A huge thank you to everyone for your continued support.

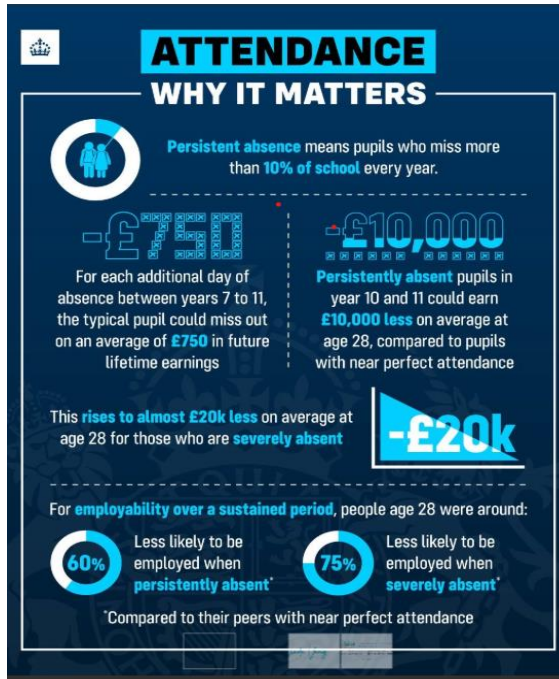
Makaton News

We are still really enjoying learning different Makaton signs and there are so many more we can still learn. Can you learn this week's signs for 'brother' and 'sister'?

Makaton signs of the week.



Spotlight on Attendance



Regular attendance in primary school builds positive habits and attitudes towards school, reducing absenteeism in secondary school.

'At primary school, children who attend school nearly every day in Year 6 (95-100% attendance) are 30% more likely to reach the expected standard in reading, writing and maths compared to similar pupils who attend 90-95% of the time.

Missing school doesn't just affect exam results and a child's time in education – it can impact future earnings too. Persistently absent pupils in secondary school could earn £10,000 less at age 28 compared to pupils with near - perfect attendance.' DfE, March 2025

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	Mirha and Mila
Year 1	Beatrice and Kobie
Year 2	Ezekiah and Harry
Year 3	Elsie and Balaaj
Year 4	Subhan and Maliyah
Year 5	Chanel and David
Year 6	Renayah and Winner

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
8441	8433	8453	8560

Well done to **Pegasus** for achieving the most house points this week.

Hot Chocolate Friday Winners

Congratulations this week go to:

Reception	Winner
Year 1	Winner
Year 2	Keira
Year 3	Ali
Year 4	Zahra
Year 5	Maili
Year 6	Harley

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	97.7%
Year 1	89.2%
Year 2	91.0%
Year 3	97.5%
Year 4	93.8%
Year 5	96.2%
Year 6	90.4%
Whole School	93.8%

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