

# Highters Heath Community School

## Newsletter

**Friday 28th March 2025**

### Dates for your Diary

**Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> April –  
Reception visit to  
Attwell Farm**

**Week beginning –  
Monday 7<sup>th</sup> April –  
Easter Egg  
Competition**

**Monday 7<sup>th</sup> April –  
Pupil Parliament visit  
to Parkfield  
Community School**

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

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

**Monday 28<sup>th</sup> April –  
School reopens for  
pupils at 8.45am**

**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> May  
– Year 5 visit to Selly  
Manor**

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

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June –  
School reopens for  
pupils at 8.45am**

**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> June –  
Year 6 visit to  
Avoncroft Museum**

### Message from the Headteacher

Another busy week in school so much so that this week has really flown by. Please may I remind you that Parents Evening is on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> April from 3.30pm – 7.00pm. If you haven't done so already please book an appointment via the Arbor app.

That week we also have our annual Easter Egg competition. Over the last few years I have always been so impressed with the creativity and imagination of the entries and I am really looking forward to seeing them this year too! There will also be a prize for the winner in each class.

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)

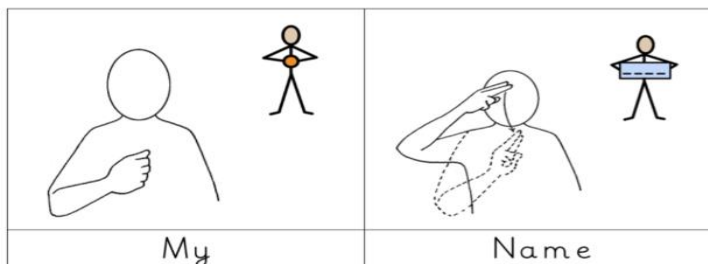
Thank you for your continued support,  
Mrs Aulton

### Year 4 visit to the Guru Nanak Gurdwara

The children had a lovely time exploring the Gurdwara. They were shown around the beautiful Gurdwara by the guide and found out lots of information. They were very respectful and asked lots of great questions. They listened well to the guide and enjoyed learning about Sikhism. Well done Year 4!

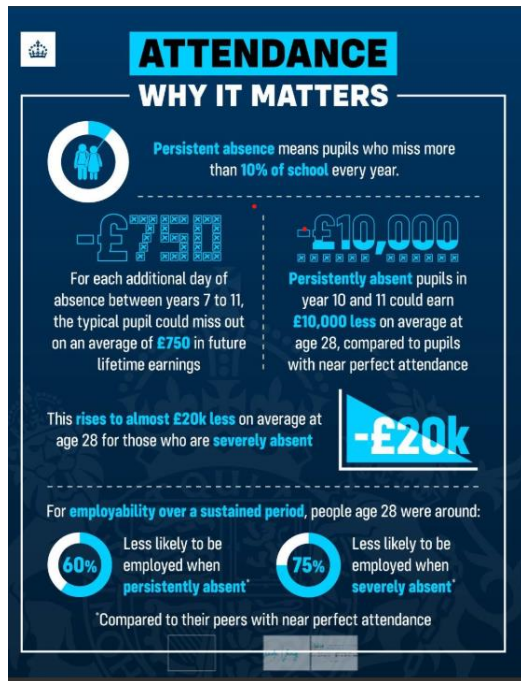


### Makaton News



This week, as well as learning 'brother' and 'sister,' we have also challenged ourselves to learn to sign 'how are you?' We have been incredible at learning this, and it has been wonderful to see children and staff asking each other how they are using Makaton. Next week we are going to learn how to sign 'my name is.' Can you learn how to do this at home?

## Spotlight on Attendance



Many of you will be aware that Mrs Lindsay often carries out home visits to families when children are absent from school. Parents often ask why we do this, especially if they have contacted us to give a reason for their child's absence. There are several reasons why we do this.

- An absence of 3 or more days
- Siblings off at the same time
- The weekend or a holiday starts the following day
- Ongoing attendance concerns
- A pattern of the same day absence in a week
- No contact from parents with a reason for absence

Please be reassured that home visits are always done with the best interests of your child in mind and to ensure all our pupils are safe and well.

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	Talha and Winner
Year 1	Setayesh and Haris
Year 2	Charlie and Kalsoom
Year 3	Evie-Leigh and Oli
Year 4	Huey and Zarah
Year 5	Alexis and Haseeb
Year 6	Aaliyah and Parisa

Congratulations to everyone who won a Headteachers Award this week.

### Hot Chocolate Friday Winners

Congratulations this week go to:

Reception	Winner
Year 1	Peyton
Year 2	Winner
Year 3	Esme
Year 4	Vy
Year 5	David
Year 6	Eleanor

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> 8806	<b>Mercury</b> 8921	<b>Neptune</b> 8886	<b>Pegasus</b> 9043
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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	98.3%
Year 1	96.6%
Year 2	91.7%
Year 3	97.0%
<b>Year 4</b>	<b>98.8%</b>
Year 5	93.3%
Year 6	95.2%
Whole School	96.0%

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