HEATH MOUNT PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

16th October 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope that you have had a lovely week.

Year 1 behaved very well when our PCSO visited this week to talk about staying safe near water and crossing roads safely.

Our EYFS children were delighted to see the fire engine this week and enjoyed learning all about how it helps keep people safe.

Year 3 and Year 4 listened carefully to the school nurse and learned about the importance of personal hygiene.

Thank you to all the parents and carers who attended our Stay and Read sessions this week. Your support is greatly appreciated.

We would also like to wish the Heath Mount football team the very best of luck for their final match on Monday against Parkfield Community School.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Samuel
Headteacher





Stay in touch: enquiry@heathmount.excelsiormat.org 0121 464 1691 www.heathmount@excelsiormat.org

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Friday 23rd October

AUTUMN NON UNIFORM DAY

Dress up in any clothes OF YOUR CHOICE for a donation of £1.

£1

Proceeds of this non-uniform day will go towards our OPAL PROVISION.

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DIARY DATES

School Events



Tuesday **20th Oct**	**Year 3 Stay and Read** Time: 8:35am - 8:55am Location: Lower Hall
Wednesday **21st Oct**	**Reception Stay and Read** Time: 8:35am - 8:55am Location: Classroom
Thursday **22nd Oct**	**Year 1 Stay and Read** Time: 8:35am - 8:55am Location: Lower Hall
Thursday **22nd Oct**	**Year 2 Stay and Read** Time: 8:35am - 8:55am Location: Classroom
Friday **23rd Oct**	**Non Uniform Day** Autumn non uniform day - £1 donation
Friday **23rd Oct**	**Last day of half term** School closes at 1pm for the half term break

Monday **2nd Nov**	**School closed** Staff Training Day
Tuesday **3rd Nov**	**School open for all pupils** Time: 8:35am
Thursday **5th Nov**	**Year 6 SATs Workshop** Time: 1:30 pm Location: Lower Hall
Thursday **5th Nov**	**Scholastic Book Fair - 5th Nov until 10th Nov** Time: 3:30 pm Location: Lower Hall
Thursday **5th Nov**	**EYFS Open Day - New Starters 2027** Time: 9:30 am and 1:30 pm
Friday **6th Nov**	**Year 5 Live lesson for Parents** Time: 9:30 Location: Year 5 Classrooms

THIS WEEK AT HEATH MOUNT



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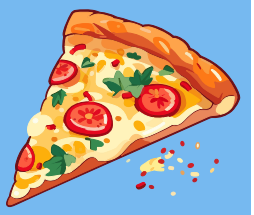


















Year 3 had a fantastic time learning all about seasonal vegetables and even put their cooking skills to the test by making a delicious vegetable tart as part of their DT lesson!









We were very proud of Year 1 for their fantastic behaviour during our PCSO's visit this week, where they learnt important lessons about staying safe near water and crossing roads safely.

FRED'S ATTENDANCE SUPERHEROES OF THE WEEK

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2A 97.4%

3H 100%

WELL DONE

6B 99.2%



HERE
EVERYDAY
READY
ON TIME

ORACY CHAMPIONS OF THE WEEK

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EACH WEEK, OUR STAFF CHOOSE A CHILD WHO HAS DEMONSTRATED THEIR ORACY SKILLS IN AN EXCEPTIONAL WAY.

ORACY CHAMPIONS

RECEPTION	Eessa
YEAR 1	Valeria
YEAR 2	M. Sulayman
YEAR 3	Isack and Laura
YEAR 4	Inaya and Luqman
YEAR 5	Rayyan and Muadh M
YEAR 6	Turaab and Ayesha

STAR
of the week

Reception	Kehlani and Adam
Year 1	Suhayb and Azeez. Alyza and Deenal
Year 2	Manaal and Abdul-Rahman
Year 3	Abdulhak and Waleed. Yara and Aileen.
Year 4	Miryan, Sumaya and Isaac.
Year 5	Ekram and Haleemah. Abdul-Raheem and Salima.
Year 6	Abu-Bakr and Maya. M. Abdulghani and Amelia.

Hot Chocolate Friday

Well done to all of the children who were nominated.

This week's winners are:

Reception	Zakariyya
Year 1	Mariam
Year 2	M. Ahmed
Year 3	Reem
Year 4	M. Farag
Year 5	Yousef
Year 6	Khadijah

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Year 3
Stay and Read

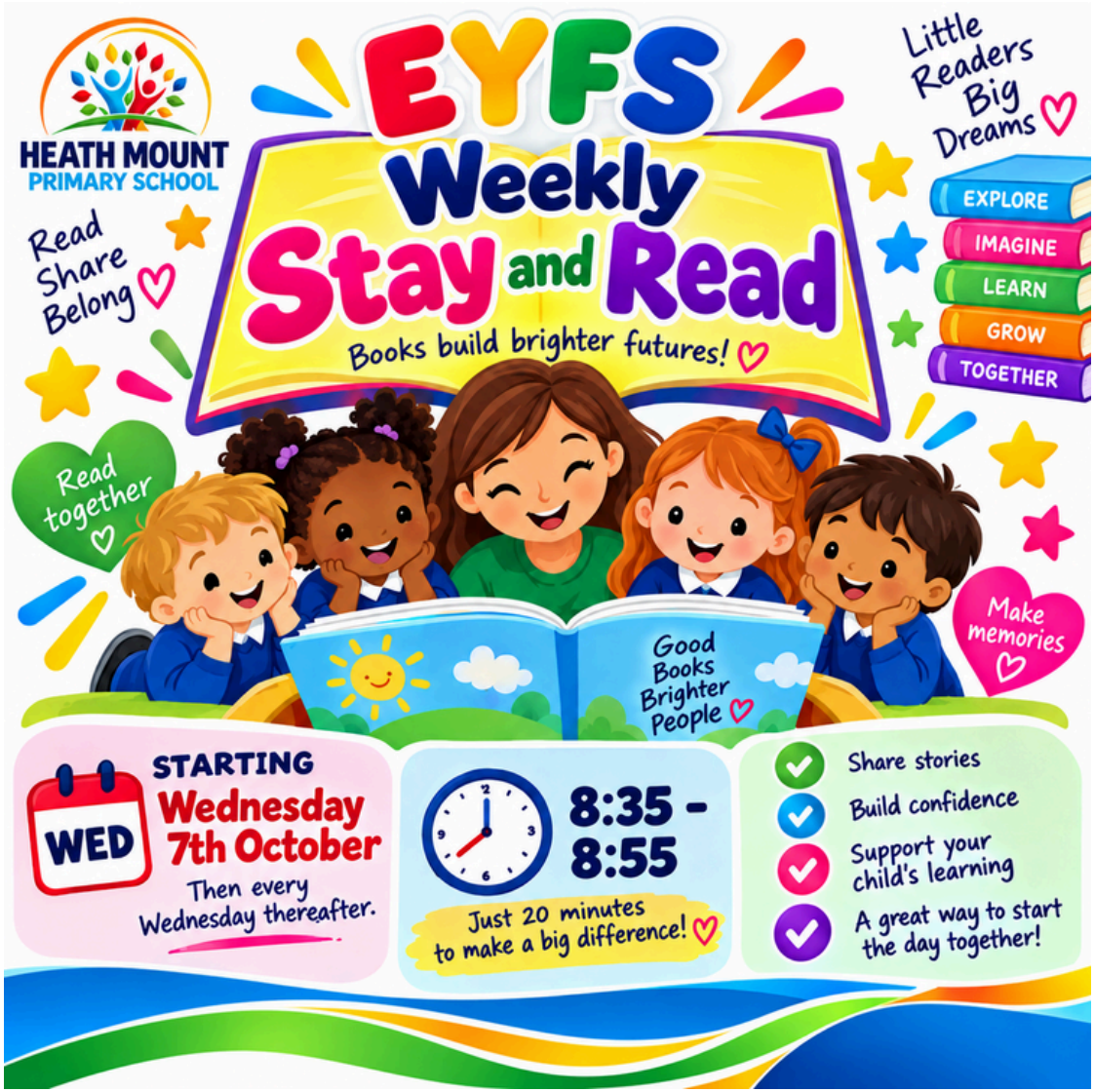


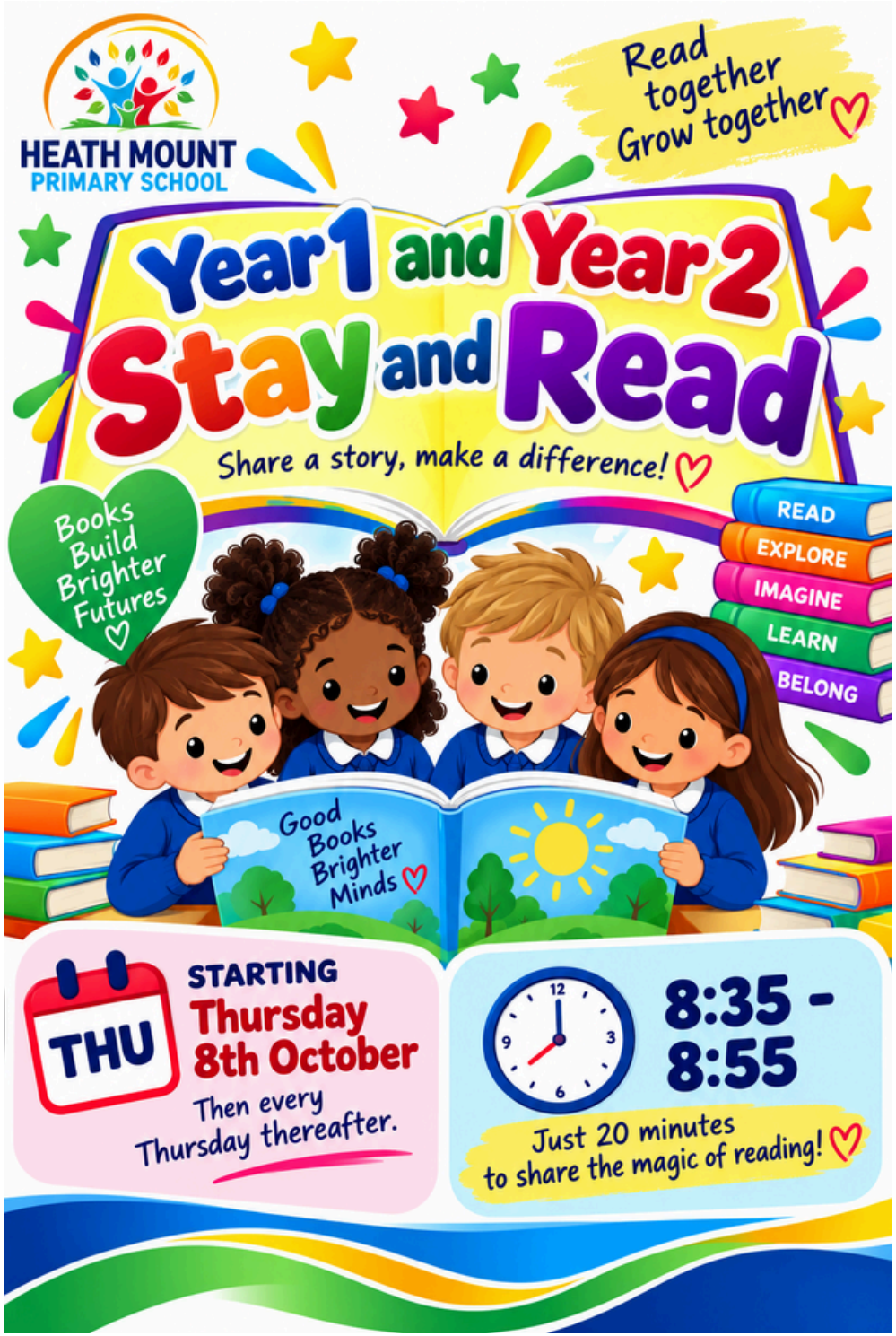
Year 3
Stay and Read

Tuesday 20th October

8:35 – 8:55

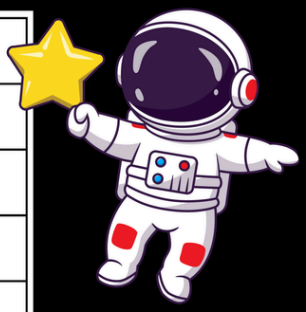
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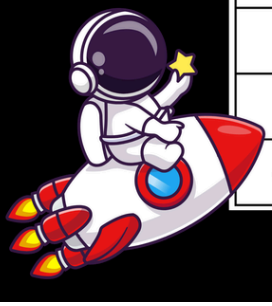

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EYFS
Weekly
Stay and Read
Books build brighter futures!
Little Readers Big Dreams
EXPLORE
IMAGINE
LEARN
GROW
TOGETHER
Read Share Belong
Read together
Make memories
Good Books Brighter People
STARTING
WED
Wednesday 7th October
Then every Wednesday thereafter.
8:35 - 8:55
Just 20 minutes to make a big difference!
Share stories
Build confidence
Support your child's learning
A great way to start the day together!


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Read together Grow together
Year 1 and Year 2
Stay and Read
Share a story, make a difference!
Books Build Brighter Futures
READ
EXPLORE
IMAGINE
LEARN
BELONG
Good Books Brighter Minds
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Rocket Readers Update

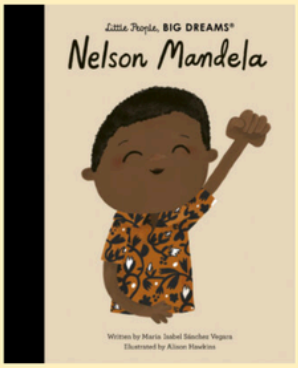
3H	63,756
3O	12,623
4A	75,042
4K	10,756
5A	65,793
5Z	129,950
6B	15,886,457
6JB	1,640,665





This week's book recommendation













The Little People, BIG DREAMS collection featuring Martin Luther King Jr., Nelson Mandela, Rosa Parks and Mae Jemison introduces young readers to inspirational Black figures who changed the world through courage, determination and achievement.

COOMBS
CATERING PARTNERS

Heath Mount Weekly Menu

WEEK 2- 7/9, 28/9, 19/10, 16/11, 7/12, 11/1, 1/2

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
Cheesy Chicken Pasta Bake with Garlic Bread Sea Stars with Pomme Noisette & Tartare Sauce	Grilled Chicken Kebabs	Homemade Chicken & Vegetable Pie
Vegetable Pasta Bake with Garlic Bread (V)	Vegetable Samosa & Curry Sauce (V)	Cheese, Chive & Potato Pie (V)
Garden Peas	Steamed Rice, Herby Flatbread, Broccoli	Roasted New Potatoes, Carrots, Green Beans, Gravy
Strawberry Mousse	Fresh Fruit Salad	Cherry Shortbread

THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Minced Beef Tacos with Savoury Rice	Wholemeal Cheesy Meatball Pizza
Cheese & Bean Quesadilla with Herby Diced Potatoes (V)	Wholemeal Margherita Pizza (V)
Sweetcorn & Peppers	Chipped Potatoes, Peas
Banana Loaf	Chocolate Crispy Cake

Available Daily- Jacket Potato with a variety of fillings / Fresh Salad Cart / Fresh Fruit

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Early Years rated Strong Standard by Ofsted

Ofsted
April 2026 Inspection

- Leadership Strong Standard
- Personal Development Strong Standard
- Safeguarding Standards Met
- Expected Standard Achievement
- Expected Standard Attendance and behaviour
- Expected Standard Curriculum and teaching
- Expected Standard Inclusion



EYFS Open Day

New Starters 2027

Thursday 5th November 2026

Come and see our Reception in action!

Applications open	Application deadline	National Offer Day
1 October 2026	15 January 2027	16 April 2027

Eligibility
Children born between **1 September 2022 and 31 August 2023** start Reception in September 2027.

Aspiring from the start
Where ambition begins on Day One

Engaging learning
Unlocking minds every day

Succeeding together
Alone you're good. Together we're amazing

Ensuring equality for all
Equality – First, Foremost, Forever

Respect | Ambition | Kindness | Inclusion | Success

It's time to apply for a secondary school place!

Your next chapter starts here!

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Plan ahead
Apply on time!

You'll need to submit your application by
31 October 2026
Go to
www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions
to get started

My top 6 schools are :

1.
2.
3.
4.
5.
6.

Dates to remember!

September	October	March
1st September 2026	31st October 2026	1st March 2027
Application period starts	Closing date for applications	National offer day

Applying for 6 schools gives you child the best chance of getting a school that you want. List the schools in order of preference when you apply and if a place is available at more than one school, you will be offered the highest one on your list.

Choosing a secondary school: Hints & Tips

- ✓ Don't leave it too late – You are likely to miss out on the school place you want if you apply late. Deadline is 31st October 2026.
- ✓ Attend any open events at your preferred secondary schools.
- ✓ Look at each school's website and prospectus.
- ✓ Think about how your child will travel to school.
- ✓ Check the admission criteria of the schools.
- ✓ Does your child meet the criteria? Distance from the school is an important factor.
- ✓ Remember to list six different secondary schools you would like your child to attend and put them in order of preference.

QUICK TIPS

Don't Delay. Apply Today!

www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions

At Heath Mount Primary School, we promote children's rights in all areas of our curriculum. We want to ensure that **ALL** children understand their rights so that they are **healthy**, **happy** and **safe**.

Look at the article below and talk about what this article means.



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LIFE, SURVIVAL AND DEVELOPMENT

UNICEF RIGHTS RESPECTING SCHOOLS

Article 6 – Life, Survival and Development

> "Every child has the right to life. Governments must do all they can to ensure that children survive and develop to their full potential."

Exploring Article 6 – What are all the things that you need to survive and to develop?

Did you think of these?

- Good health – physical and mental
- Protection so you are safe from abuse and neglect
- Education
- A good standard of living
- Healthy food
- Time and space to relax and play
- Clean water
- Knowledge of your rights
- Somewhere safe to live
- A name and an identity so you can be registered for healthcare and education

EVERY CHILD. EVERY RIGHT. EVERY OPPORTUNITY.

unicef UNITED KINGDOM

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HEATH MOUNT WEEKLY QUIZ CHALLENGE!

QUESTION

Why should you use privacy settings on apps and games?



A. To increase the screen brightness

B. To help control who can see or contact you

C. To make the battery charge faster

D. To make every game easier

(TURN THE NEWSLETTER UPSIDE DOWN TO READ!)

ANSWER: B - To help control who can see or contact you.

DID YOU KNOW?

Privacy settings help protect your information and limit unwanted contact.

Stay smart. Stay safe. Be kind online.



Safeguarding at Heath Mount Primary School

Please see the safeguarding page on our school website:

Safeguarding – Heath Mount Primary School (excelsiormat.org)

At Heath Mount Primary School safeguarding children is of paramount importance. We have 6 Designated Safeguarding Leads (DSLs) who can be contacted by parents should they have a safeguarding concern. If you have safeguarding concerns about a child, please email school using the following email address: ***enquiry@heathmount.excelsiormat.org***. Our DSLs are:

Meet your safeguarding team:



Mrs Samuel
Headteacher, SENCO & Lead DSL



Miss Beech
Deputy Headteacher
Deputy DSL



Miss Taylor
Pastoral Manager
Deputy DSL



Mrs Yafai
HLTA
Deputy DSL



Mrs Smith
HLTA
Deputy DSL



Miss Brook
Teacher
Deputy DSL



Miss Bi
Office Manager
DSO

BIRMINGHAM CHILDREN'S TRUST

The Children's Advice and Support Service (CASS) provides a single point of contact for professionals and members of the public who want to seek support or raise concerns about a child.

We want to keep all children and young people in Birmingham safe from harm. If you are concerned about a child please contact us. We will listen, assess your concerns, and can take action if a child is at risk.

Contact details

Monday to Thursday: 8:45am to 5:15pm
Friday: 8:45am to 4:15pm
Telephone: 0121 303 1888

Emergency out-of-hours

Telephone: 0121 675 4806

NSPCC

Cruelty to children must stop. FULL STOP.

If you have any concerns at all about a child's safety or wellbeing, don't hesitate to contact us

It doesn't have to be an emergency — you might be looking for guidance and support on issues effecting children. Whatever it is you're worried about, our dedicated child protection specialists will be able to advise and take any necessary action.

Whatever your worry — call us on 0808 800 5000, email help@NSPCC.org.uk, or submit our online form — we can help. We also have advice about spotting the signs of abuse.

Due to an increase in demand across our service, **our voice Helpline is currently operating between the hours of 10am-4pm on Monday to Friday**. However, you can email help@NSPCC.org.uk at any time. It's free and you don't have to say who you are. If you think a child is in immediate danger, please call the police on 999 straight away.





