

# Heath Mount Primary School



## Newsletter



1st May 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope that you have had a good week.

This week, our pupils who are taking part in the Scholars Programme had the exciting opportunity to visit the **University of Warwick** with Miss Galvin and Mrs Yafai. The visit allowed the children to experience a university setting and further develop their aspirations for future learning. During their visit they also took part in a graduation event. Well done to all of our Scholars!


The Scholars Programme, run by **The Brilliant Club**, places PhD researchers in schools to tutor small groups of students aged 8–18. The programme aims to foster academic skills and confidence to support access to top universities. Pupils take part in university-style tutorials and work towards a final assignment.

We would also like to remind families of **the importance of regular attendance**. Please ensure that your child attends school every day and arrives on time, as this plays a vital role in their learning, progress, and wellbeing.

Thank you for your continued support.

Have a lovely weekend.


Mrs Samuel  
Headteacher



### Medical Appointments

We kindly remind you to book appointments for your child outside of school hours whenever possible to minimise disruption to their learning.

If your child's appointment is **in the morning**, bring them to school before the appointment, then bring them back to school after the appointment.  
**Only the morning will be an authorised absence.**



If your child's appointment is **in the afternoon**, keep your child in school until you need to take them for their appointment.  
If they finish in time, bring them back to school.  
**Only the afternoon will be authorised absence.**

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**MONDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> MAY**  
MAY DAY BANK HOLIDAY - SCHOOL CLOSED

**THURSDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> MAY**  
POLLING DAY - SCHOOL CLOSED FOR PUPILS

**WEEK COMMENCING 11<sup>TH</sup> MAY**  
YEAR 6 SATS ASSESSMENT WEEK

**WEDNESDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> MAY**  
YEAR 6 TRIP TO THE ACKERS TRUST

**FRIDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> MAY**  
SCHOOL CLOSURES AT 1:00 PM FOR THE HALF TERM BREAK

**MONDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> JUNE**  
SCHOOL REOPENS FOR THE NEW HALF TERM

**WEDNESDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> JUNE**  
YEAR 2 TRIP TO WESTON SUPER MARE

**MONDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> JUNE**  
RECEPTION TRIP TO ATWELL FARM

**MONDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> JUNE**  
YEAR 5 AND 6 RESIDENTIAL TRIP TO BOUNDLESS ACTIVITY CENTRE

**FRIDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> JULY**  
SCHOOL CLOSURES AT 1:00 PM FOR THE SUMMER BREAK

**100% SCHOOL ATTENDANCE**

**RAFFLE DRAW!**



**13 DAYS TO GO!**

**8:35 AM**

Be on time – gates open at 8:35

**In School  
Every Day is the  
Winning Way!**



One lucky winner  
will receive a  
**£20 Aldi Voucher**  
on Friday 22nd May!



**Fred, the,  
School Attendance  
Champion**

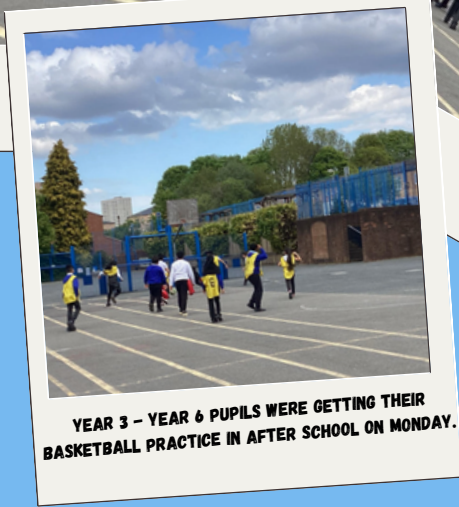


**HEATH MOUNT  
PRIMARY SCHOOL**

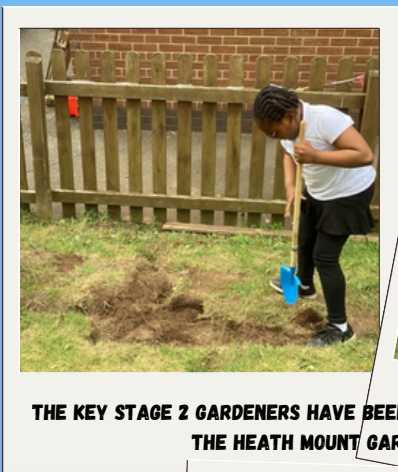
# THIS WEEK AT HEATH MOUNT



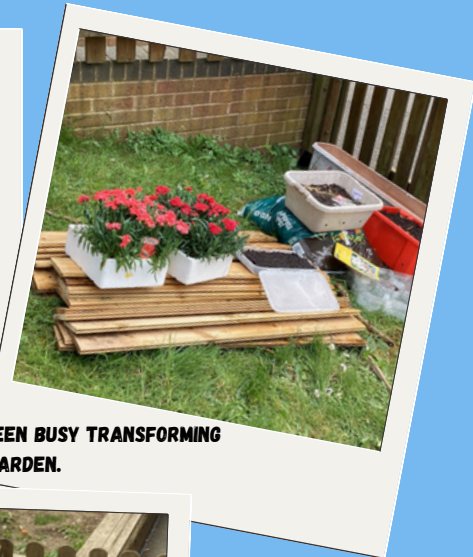
OUR WONDERFUL SCHOLARS GRADUATED FROM SCHOLARS CLUB AND THE CEREMONY TOOK PLACE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF WARWICK.



YEAR 3 - YEAR 6 PUPILS WERE GETTING THEIR BASKETBALL PRACTICE IN AFTER SCHOOL ON MONDAY.



THE KEY STAGE 2 GARDENERS HAVE BEEN BUSY TRANSFORMING THE HEATH MOUNT GARDEN.



# FRED'S ATTENDANCE SUPERHEROES OF THE WEEK

2Z 100%

3O 100%

5B 99%



HERE  
EVERYDAY  
READY  
ON TIME

# ORACY CHAMPIONS OF THE WEEK



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

## ORACY CHAMPIONS

YEAR 1	Michelle
YEAR 2	Aileen and Asma
YEAR 3	Mohammed and Isaac
YEAR 4	Ijaaz and Zahra
YEAR 5	Zia and Kharisma

# STAR of the week

- Reception Aisha and Imran
- Year 1 Abduraqeb and Maya
- Year 2 Safa and Elijah. Haleema and Saibo
- Year 3 Habibullah and Zayaan. Maureen and Abhimanyu
- Year 4 Arslan and Leyanna. Ibrahim and Talhah
- Year 5 Joelle and Rai-Yan. Khadijah and Layth
- Year 6 Amani and Easa. Noorsin and Yasmin

# Hot Chocolate Friday

Well done to all of the children who were nominated.

This week's winners are:


- Reception Amayrah
- Year 1 Ibrahim
- Year 2 Sarah and Harris
- Year 3 Noha
- Year 4 Abdul-Raheem
- Year 5 Kharisma







# 5 PILLARS OF PARENTING (3-7 YEARS)

This is a practical 8 weeks programme for parents of children aged between 3 and 7 years.


 Starting on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup>  
May 2026

 Tuesday Mornings,  
9:30am - 11:30am

 Heath Mount  
Primary School



## THE PROGRAMME INCLUDES:

-  Effective communication with your child
-  Importance of building structures and routines
-  Managing challenging behaviour
-  Improving parent-child relationship

 To book, please contact  
Mrs Rashida Ikhlaq  
07846874695




# خمسة أركان أساسية في الأبوة والأمومة


برنامج عملي لمدة 8 أسابيع  
مخصص لأباء و أمهات الأطفال  
الذين تتراوح أعمارهم بين 3 و 7  
سنوات




## يتضمن البرنامج

-  التواصل النافذ مع طفلك
-  أهمية بناء الهياكل والروتينات
-  التعامل مع السلوك الصعب
-  تحسين العلاقة بين الوالدين الأطفال

ابتداءً 12 مايو 

صباح الثلاثاء،   
9.30am - 11.30am

Heath Mount   
Primary School



 للحجز، يرجى الاتصال  
رشيدة إخلاق  
07846874695

# HEATH MOUNT WEEKLY MENU

WEEK 3- 9/3, 13/4, 4/5, 1/6, 22/6, 13/7

## MONDAY

Beef Ragù with Penne Pasta  
Macaroni Cheese (V)

Garlic Bread,  
Veg of the Day

Raspberry Ripple Ice Cream  
Fresh Fruit & Yoghurt

## TUESDAY

Spicy Lamb Burger  
Veggie Burger (V)

Paprika Sauté Potatoes,  
Veg of the Day

Rice Pudding with Jam  
Fresh Fruit & Yoghurt

## WEDNESDAY

Roast Turkey with Yorkshire Pudding  
Herb Roasted Quorn (V)

Roast Potatoes,  
Gravy,  
Veg of the Day

American Pancakes with Toffee Drizzle  
Fresh Fruit & Yoghurt

## THURSDAY

Hunters Chicken  
Hunters Quorn (V)  
Fish Fingers

Spicy Wedges,  
Veg of the Day

Carrot Cake  
Fresh Fruit & Yoghurt

## FRIDAY

Cajun Chicken Pizza  
Margherita Pizza (V)

Chipped Potatoes,  
Baked Beans,  
Veg of the Day

Chocolate Brownie  
Fresh Fruit & Yoghurt

Available Daily- Jacket Potato with a variety of fillings /  
Fresh salad cart / Fresh Fruit

# Attendance

## What happens if I book a holiday during term time?

A single parent with one child planning to take a one week holiday during term time...

Your holiday will not be authorised, and we strongly advise you to speak with the school before making any bookings. Since your child will miss 5 school days, a penalty notice fine will be issued. The fine is £160, but if paid within 21 days, it will be reduced to £80.

A penalty will be issued for each child.

£160 + £160 + £160



3 x children + 1 parent = £480  
reduced to £240 if paid within 21 days

For a family with 2 parents.

£160 + £160 + £160



3 x children + 2 parents = £960  
reduced to £480 if paid within 21 days

If, in any period within three years, your child has a second and third leave of absence or pattern of irregular attendance:

**2nd Time**  
2 Parents and...  
1 x child = £320  
2 x children = £640  
3 x children = £960  
No discount for early payment



**3rd Time**  
A penalty notice fine will not be given and your case will be taken to court. A magistrate can fine each parent £2,500 for each child.  
1 parent & 4 children = £10,000  
2 parents & 4 children = £20,000

10 in 10

### Irregular Attendance

If your child is absent for 10 or more sessions (5 days) in 10 weeks, and their absences are unauthorised, you may be prosecuted.

1 day =  
2 sessions





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 articles below and talk about what they mean.



**UNICEF Rights Respecting Schools  
Article 37 - Children in detention**

**"Children must not be tortured, sentenced to the death penalty or suffer other cruel or degrading treatment or punishment."**



**UNICEF Rights Respecting Schools  
Article 40 - Children who break the law**

**"A child accused or guilty of breaking the law must be treated with dignity and respect."**

**Exploring Article 37 & 40** - Children who are accused or found guilty of breaking the law should be treated with dignity and respect. How might this happen and what might it include?

**DID YOU THINK OF THESE?**

- They should be treated with fairness.
- They have the right to be listened to.
- Their views need to be respected.
- The police, lawyers and courts should still treat them as a child.
- They should be kept safe.
- They should be treated with respect even if they need to be punished.
- They should still have access to their rights.
- If they are guilty, they need a chance to learn and change their lives.



**Online Safety Quiz**

Does your child know how to stay safe online? Test their knowledge with this online quiz.

**How do you find out if a new game you want to play is suitable for your age?**

**A**

Look it up on the app store or game developer site and see what age rating it has.

**B**

Ask your mates if they are playing it, if they are you can get it too.

**C**

You just play the games you like, so don't bother checking what the age rating is.



The correct answer is **A**. Look it up on the app store or game developer site and see what age rating it has.

# Safeguarding at Heath Mount Primary School

Please see the safeguarding page on our school website:  
Safeguarding – [Heath Mount Primary School \(excelsiormat.org\)](http://heathmount.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](mailto:enquiry@heathmount.excelsiormat.org). Our DSLs are:



## Meet your safeguarding team:



Mrs Samuel  
Headteacher,  
SENCO &  
Lead DSL



Miss Beach  
Deputy Headteacher  
Deputy DSL



Miss Taylor  
Pastoral Manager  
Deputy DSL



Mrs Yufei  
HLTA  
Deputy DSL



Mrs Smith  
HLTA  
Deputy DSL



Miss Brook  
Teacher  
Deputy DSL



Miss B  
Office Manager  
DSL



## BIRMINGHAM CHILDREN'S TRUST

### Contact details

Monday to Thursday: 9:15am to 5:15pm  
Friday: 9:45am to 4:15pm  
Telephone: 0121 300 1000

### Emergency out-of-hours

Telephone: 0121 673 4006

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.



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 affecting 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 0300 800 5000, email [help@nspcc.org.uk](mailto:help@nspcc.org.uk), or [submit our online form](https://www.nspcc.org.uk/submit-your-online-form) — we can help. We also have advice about [submitting the police of abuse](https://www.nspcc.org.uk/submit-your-online-form).

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](mailto: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.

