HEATH MOUNT PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Excelsior Multi Academy Trust

2nd October 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope this letter finds you and your family well.
As we move further into the term, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support of our school. The positive partnership between home and school plays a vital role in ensuring that all children are happy, safe and successful in their learning.
The children have settled well into their routines, and it has been wonderful to see their enthusiasm, resilience and commitment to their learning. Staff have been particularly impressed with the excellent attitudes and behaviour demonstrated across the school.

On Monday, our football team played Parkfield in the Excelsior League, and I am delighted to report that they secured an impressive 7-4 victory. This is a fantastic achievement and reflects the team's hard work and determination. We are incredibly proud of all the players who represented the school so well. A huge thank you goes to Mrs Beech, Miss Holmes and Mr Ishfaq for their commitment and support in providing these valuable sporting opportunities for our children.

I would also like to remind parents of the importance of good attendance and punctuality. Every school day provides valuable learning opportunities, and regular attendance helps children to build confidence, develop friendships and achieve their full potential.

Thank you once again for your ongoing support. We look forward to sharing further updates and celebrating the many achievements of our pupils throughout the term.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Mrs Samuel
Headteacher





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

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DIARY DATES

School Events



Tuesday **6th Oct**	**EYFS Phonics Parents' meeting** Time: **9:00am**
Tuesday **6th Oct**	**Year 1 Phonics Parents' meeting** Time: 2**:30pm**
Wednesday **7th Oct**	**Parents' Coffee Morning** Time: **9:00am** Location: **Lower Hall**
Wednesday **7th Oct**	**Reception Stay and Read** Time: **8:35am - 8:55am** Location: **Classroom**
Thursday **8th Oct**	**Year 1 Stay and Read** Time: **8:35am - 8:55am** Location: **Classroom**
Thursday **8th Oct**	**Year 6 Stay and Read** Time: **8:35am - 8:55am** Location: **Classroom**
Tuesday **13th Oct**	**Year 5 Stay and Read** Time: **8:35am - 8:55am** Location: **Classroom**
Thursday **15th Oct**	**Year 4 Stay and Read** Time: **8:35am - 8:55am** Location: **Classroom**
Tuesday **20th Oct**	**Year 3 Stay and Read** Time: **8:35am - 8:55am** Location: **Classroom**
Friday **23rd Oct**	**Non Uniform Day** **Autumn non uniform day - £1 donation**

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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.

COOMBS

Heath Mount Weekly Menu

WEEK 3- 14/9, 5/10, 2/11, 23/11, 14/12, 18/1, 8/2

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
Beef Ragu with Penne Pasta & Garlic Slice	Classic Beef Burger in a Bun Battered Chicken Burger in a Bun	Roast Turkey with Yorkshire Pudding & Gravy
Macaroni Cheese with Garlic Slice (V)	Veggie Burger in a Bun (V)	Herb Roasted Quorn (V)
Broccoli, Cauliflower	Pomme Noisettes, Peas & Sweetcorn, Sauces	Roast Potatoes, Carrots, Green Beans
Pineapple Fingers, Orange Wedges or Apple Slices	Iced Sprinkle Sponge	Rice Pudding with Jam

THURSDAY	FRIDAY
BBQ Hunters Style Chicken Sea Stars with a Lemon Wedge	Wholemeal Chicken & Mixed Pepper Pizza
BBQ Hunters Style Quorn (V)	Wholemeal Margherita Pizza (V)
Spicy Wedges, Baby Corn on the Cob, BBQ Sauce	Chipped Potatoes, Peas
Homemade Carrot Cake	Chocolate Orange Sponge

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


Congratulations!
to our new
Prefects
Year 6
Leaders
Supporters
Role Models
Change Makers
Together we make a difference!
Kharisma
Khadija
Zoya
Tabish
Ayesha
Turaab
Aisha
Joelle
Saad
Hawwa
Taha
Yusuf
M Abdiaziz
Aylah
Proud of You!
Be Kind
Be Respectful
Be Responsible
Be a Positive Role Model
CONFIDENCE
KINDNESS
OPPORTUNITY
SUCCESS
LEARN
LEAD
INSPIRE
Setting a positive example, making our school a better place!


Congratulations!
to our new
Pupil Parliament
Well done to the following children on their appointment to the Pupil Parliament.
We are very proud of you!
Year 1
Harshan and Tareeq
Year 2
M. Ahmed
Year 3
Muqadas and Ranya
Year 4
Sumaya and Maureen
Year 5
Muadh M and Rayyan R
Year 6
Renad and Maira
Ibrahim and Aisha
Pupil Parliament


Congratulations!
to our new
Head Pupils
for this year!
Lead
Inspire
Support
Make a Positive Difference
HEAD PUPIL
HEAD PUPIL
Saad
Aylah
We are so proud of you!
Kind
Respect
Responsibility
Teamwork
Success
Believe
Achieve
Together

FRED'S ATTENDANCE SUPERHEROES OF THE WEEK

HEATH MOUNT PRIMARY SCHOOL

RM 99.3%

4K 100%

100% 2 WEEKS IN A ROW!

5Z 98.4%



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	M. Senan
YEAR 1	Mariam and Azaan
YEAR 2	Bilal
YEAR 3	Muqadas and Harris
YEAR 4	Zaiden and Abhimanyu
YEAR 5	Abeer and Anora
YEAR 6	Razwanullah

STAR of the week

Reception	Ibrahim and Eessa
Year 1	Zainab, Farzan, Akram and Shazain
Year 2	Harris and Zaiden
Year 3	Aayan and Dalya. Safa and Joel
Year 4	Ayam and Nehal. Affan and Sarah.
Year 5	Yonotan and Malak. Zyra and Moustapha
Year 6	Michael, Sundus, Ajwa and Yameen

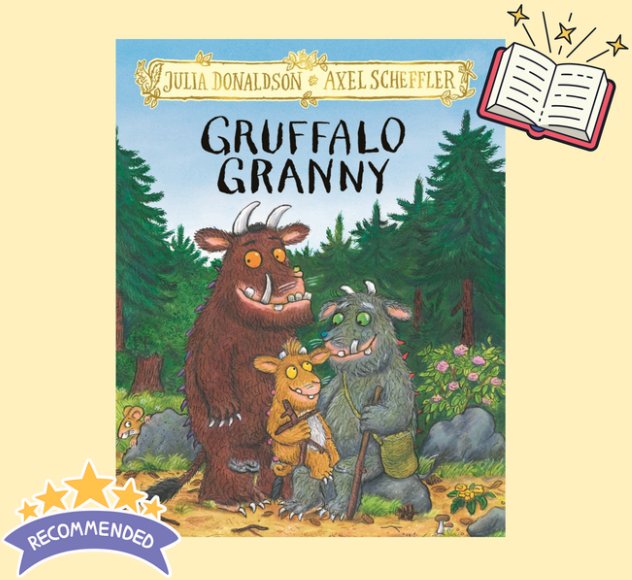
Hot Chocolate Friday

Well done to all of the children who were nominated.

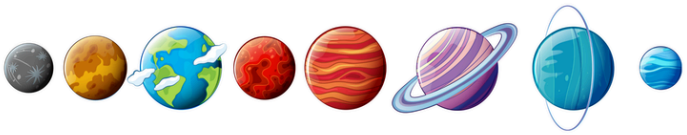
This week's winners are:

Reception	Yaqob
Year 1	Mariam
Year 2	Coby
Year 3	Harris
Year 4	Maureen
Year 5	Muna
Year 6	Aylah

This week's book recommendation

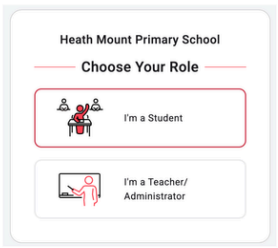


Are you ready to return to the deep dark wood? The Gruffalo Granny, the exciting third instalment in the much-loved series, brings back familiar characters for another clever and entertaining adventure. Packed with humour and surprises, it is a delightful read that you and your family will love sharing together.

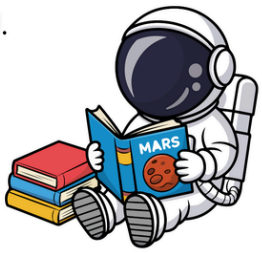


KS2 AR Quizzing

To quiz on your AR book at home, please use this QR code...



You will find your login details in your reading record.



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This week's rocket reader winners are ...



6B

704,724 words read

THIS WEEK AT HEATH MOUNT



Last Friday, Year 1 enjoyed a local walk to support their learning, giving the children the opportunity to explore and observe their local environment while developing their understanding of the world around them.









This week, we were delighted to welcome Freddie the Frog to EYFS and KS1! Each week, the class with the highest attendance will have the exciting opportunity to look after Freddie and take care of him for the week as a reward for their excellent attendance. 🐸✨









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EYFS Phonics

Parents' Meeting

Supporting your child's early reading journey

Learn about our phonics approach

How you can support at home

Top tips and useful resources



TUE

Tuesday 6th October

9:00am

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Year 1 Phonics

Parents' Meeting

Supporting your child's phonics learning at home

Learn how we teach phonics in Year 1

Top tips to help your child at home

Resources and activities to try together

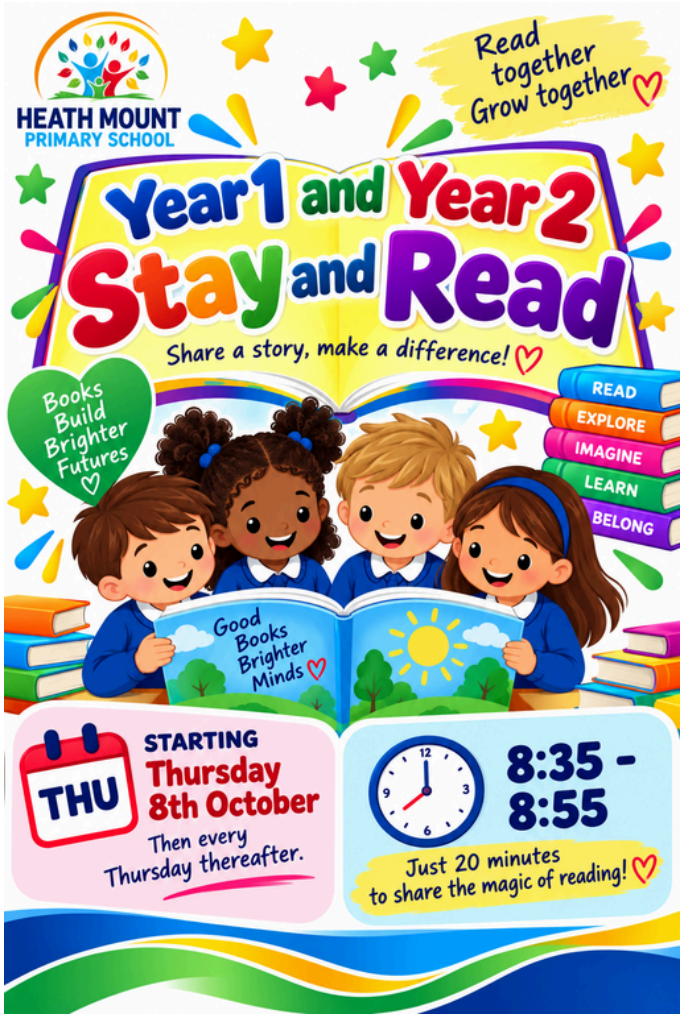


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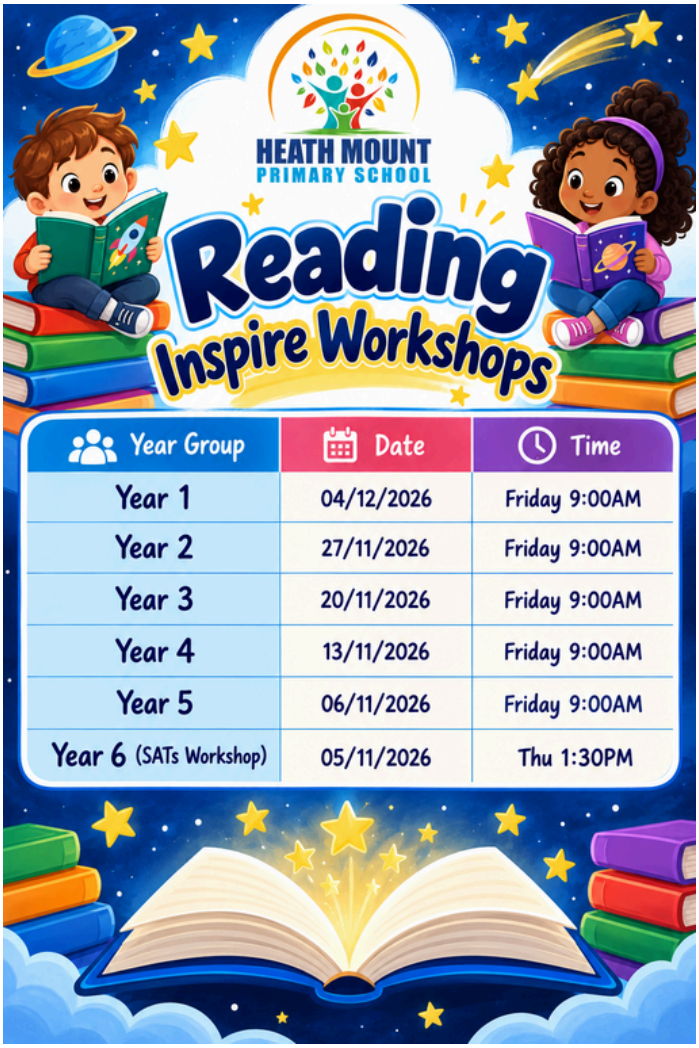
Tuesday 6th October

2:30pm


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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
THU
STARTING
Thursday 8th October
Then every Thursday thereafter.
8:35 - 8:55
Just 20 minutes to share the magic of reading!


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Reading takes you further!
KS2
Stay and Read
Year Group
Autumn Term
Spring Term
Summer Term
Year 3 20/10/2026 28/01/27 27/04/27
Year 4 15/10/2026 26/01/27 22/04/27
Year 5 13/10/2026 21/01/27 20/04/27
Year 6 08/10/2026 19/01/27 -
Explore new worlds through books!
Readers today Leaders tomorrow


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Reading
Inspire Workshops
Year Group
Date
Time
Year 1 04/12/2026 Friday 9:00AM
Year 2 27/11/2026 Friday 9:00AM
Year 3 20/11/2026 Friday 9:00AM
Year 4 13/11/2026 Friday 9:00AM
Year 5 06/11/2026 Friday 9:00AM
Year 6 (SATs Workshop) 05/11/2026 Thu 1:30PM

OnYourFeet

Breathe Easy Birmingham

Asthma Awareness Workshop

FREE to parents and professionals in Ladywood

Do you have a child living with asthma?



Come and find out how you can support them and prevent hospitalisation!

Sessions include a FREE asthma support pack and specialist advice.

What's included:

- What is asthma?
- Signs, symptoms & early recognition
- Common triggers
- Asthma management
- Emergency care
- Local help and resources

Tuesday 13th October 2026
10.00am - 12.00pm
Bertram Children's Centre
B10 9QP

Scan now Register for FREE

bit.ly/BreatheEasyBrum

Contact us

0121 359 2025 hello@onyourfeet.biz www.onyourfeet.biz

A chance to chat

Meet new people

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Coffee Morning

Everyone welcome

Every Tuesday from 9.00am - 11.30am

Hot drinks, friendly faces and a warm welcome!

The Community Hub

located within Heath Mount Primary School

Excelsior
Multi Academy Trust

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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



Apply for a Reception school place

for September 2027

You can apply for a Reception school place through the **Birmingham City Council School Admissions portal** if you live in Birmingham.

Key Dates for September 2027 Entry

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!

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Your next chapter starts here!

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

Exploring Article 2 & 30 – Why do you think celebrating Black History Month is important?

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

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NO DISCRIMINATION

Article 2 – No Discrimination

"The Convention applies to every child without discrimination, whatever their ethnicity, gender, religion, language, abilities or any other status, whatever they think or say, whatever their family background."



UNICEF RIGHTS RESPECTING SCHOOLS

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MINORITY CULTURE, LANGUAGE AND RELIGION

Article 30 – Minority, Culture, Language and Religion

"Every child has the right to learn and use the language, customs and religion of their family, whether or not these are shared by the majority of the people in the country where they live."

Did you think of these?

- To recognise the contribution and achievements of those with African and Caribbean heritage throughout history.
- To ensure that we hear a diverse range of stories when considering the past.
- To celebrate people's heritage and cultures.
- Because all communities, including schools, should encourage respect for everyone and celebrate diversity and inclusion.
- To think about how we can make the world a more equal place where everyone's rights are respected.
- To learn how to challenge negative stereotypes.
- To ensure that there is time and space for people to discuss more recent events and issues such as Black Lives Matter, the treatment of the Windrush generation and the death of George Floyd.
- Because no one should be treated differently because of who they are.
- To learn about racism and its effects.
- To support people to recognise and challenge discrimination.



unicef UNITED KINGDOM

RIGHTS RESPECTING SCHOOLS

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HEATH MOUNT WEEKLY QUIZ CHALLENGE!

QUESTION

A pop-up says, "You won a new phone! Enter your details now!" What should you do?



A. Enter a friend's details

B. Avoid entering details and ask a trusted adult

C. Send the pop-up to everyone

D. Enter your details quickly

(TURN THE NEWSLETTER UPSIDE DOWN TO READ!)

ANSWER: B - Avoid entering details and ask a trusted adult.

DID YOU KNOW?

Unexpected prize messages can be scams designed to collect personal information.

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.





