

Heath Mount Primary School



Newsletter



5th June 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

The children have settled back into school really well following the lovely hot holiday last week. It has been wonderful to see them return refreshed and ready to learn.

Year 6 recently visited the University of Birmingham, which they thoroughly enjoyed. This was a fantastic opportunity for them to experience a university setting and helps to prepare them for the next stages of their education.

Culture Day

The children looked wonderful today in their beautiful traditional clothing – it was a joy to celebrate the diversity within our school community.

Thank you to everyone who kindly donated cakes for our cake sale.

Together, we raised **£450**, which will go towards supporting future school events and activities. Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Kind regards,

Mrs Samuel
Headteacher



ATTENDANCE EVERY DAY COUNTS



 **PE TIMETABLE** 

Monday - 1B and Year 6
Tuesday - Reception
Swimming - 4SB
Wednesday - 2RZ and Year 5
Thursday - 2Z, Year 3 and 4A (Tennis)

Children to wear their PE kits to school on their PE days

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

WEDNESDAY 10TH JUNE
YEAR 2 TRIP TO WESTON SUPER MARE

MONDAY 29TH JUNE
RECEPTION TRIP TO ATWELL FARM

MONDAY 29TH JUNE
YEAR 5 AND 6 RESIDENTIAL TRIP TO BOUNDLESS ACTIVITY CENTRE

WEDNESDAY 8TH JULY
SPORTS DAY

THURSDAY 9TH JULY
SUMMER FAYRE

FRIDAY 17TH JULY
SCHOOL CLOSURES AT 1:00 PM FOR THE SUMMER BREAK

FRED'S ATTENDANCE SUPERHEROES OF THE WEEK

1B 99.1%

4SB 99.1%

6B 100%



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

Coby

YEAR 2

Yara and Mohammed

YEAR 3

Sumaya and Noha

YEAR 4

Meesum and Cheikh

YEAR 5

Aisha and Zakariyya

STAR of the week

Year 1 Zoe and Mishal

Year 2 Umar and Ihsaan. Zayd B and Ranya

Year 3 Hamza and Alaa. Layan and Ahmed

Year 4 Amelia and Talhah Abdul-Raheem and Anora

Year 5 Yameen and Basmah. Sundas and Zainab

Year 6 Yasmin and Eliza M. Hiiija and Idris

Hot Chocolate Friday

Well done to all of the children who were nominated.

This week's winners are Golden Ticket Winners!!

Year 4 Golden Ticket Winners

Shindara
Salima
Abdul-Raheem
Muadh
Yusuf
Abdus-Salaam



THIS WEEK AT HEATH MOUNT



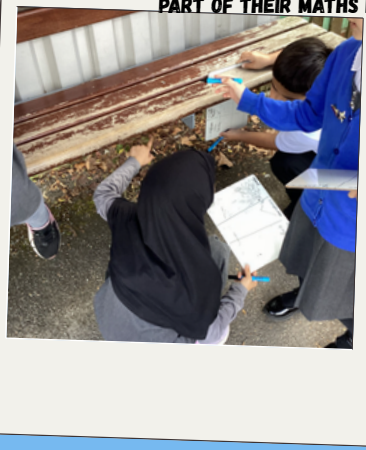
THE ROYAL NATIONAL LIFEBOAT INSTITUTION (RNLI) RECENTLY HOSTED A VERY IMPORTANT AND ENGAGING ASSEMBLY, WHERE CHILDREN LEARNED ALL ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF WATER SAFETY.



YEAR 6 VISITED THE UNIVERSITY OF BIRMINGHAM AS PART OF MOVE ON UP DAY TO HELP PUPILS DISCOVER MORE ABOUT UNIVERSITY LIFE.



YEAR 3 WERE ON AN IMPORTANT AND EXCITING MISSION IN THE PLAYGROUND, SEARCHING FOR SHAPES WITH RIGHT ANGLES AS PART OF THEIR MATHS LESSON.



WHAT A FANTASTIC CAKE SALE WE HAD TODAY! THANK YOU SO MUCH TO EVERYONE WHO CONTRIBUTED SUCH A WONDERFUL VARIETY OF CAKES AND TREATS. YOUR GENEROUS DONATIONS, CREATIVITY, AND EFFORT MADE THE EVENT A HUGE SUCCESS.





The Heath Mount Summer Raffle Draw



This year's summer fayre will include a Heath Mount themed raffle draw. Please donate coloured raffle items for the colour given to your child's class. These can be good quality items that you already have at home, gifts or a bargain at the shops. The filled hampers will be the prizes in our summer fayre draw.

All donations should be brought in to school the week commencing Monday 11th May. **Please note:** We cannot accept any nut-based products or any fresh food items. Raffle tickets will be available to purchase for £1 for a strip Of 5 tickets every morning from Monday 1st June.

Each Class has their own colour.

Reception and Year 1 = Red Year 2 = Yellow
 Year 3 = Orange Year 4 = Green
 Year 5 = Blue Year 6 = Pink

Here are some examples of donations for the raffle draw.



Sensory Circuits At Home Training for Birmingham Families

Delivered by Occupational Therapists from SEND Therapy Team

This training is designed for parents and carers to learn the following:

- What is a sensory circuit?
- Who would benefit from using a sensory circuit?
- How can I create a sensory circuit for my child?

1 parent or carer is allowed to attend per family. Places will be given on a first come first serve basis.

All attendees will receive a **FREE** sensory circuit resource pack.

| Date | Time | Location |
|------------------------------|---------------|---|
| 6 th July 2026 | 9am – 11am | Heath Mount Primary School, Knutsford St, Balsall Heath, Birmingham, B12 9SR |

PLEASE NOTE: Wear comfortable clothing, bring a bottle of water



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.

GRAMMAR SCHOOL ENTRANCE TEST 2026

Important Information for Parents & Carers

ARE YOU CONSIDERING A GRAMMAR SCHOOL PLACE?

Children currently in Year 5 can apply now for entry into
————— Year 7 (September 2027*) —————



KEY TEST DATE

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Saturday 12 September 2026



Application Deadline:
Friday 26 June - 4:00pm



Extra Needs / SEND Deadline:
Friday 12 June



HOW TO APPLY

Register online:



West Midlands Grammar Schools Website



WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

- ✓ Free State Schools
- ✓ Entry Based on Entrance Test Results
- ✓ You Must Register to Take the Test



SUPPORT AVAILABLE ON THE WEST MIDLANDS GRAMMAR SCHOOLS WEBSITE

- ✓ Practice Materials & Guidance
- ✓ Help for Disadvantaged Pupils

DON'T MISS THE DEADLINE!

HEATH MOUNT WEEKLY MENU

WEEK 1- 23/2, 16/3, 20/4, 11/5, 8/6, 29/6

MONDAY

Chicken Tikka with Boiled Rice / Battered Fish
Vegetable Tikka with Boiled Rice (V)

Naan Bread, Pomme Noisette, Veg of the Day

Vanilla Ice Cream
Fresh Fruit & Jelly

TUESDAY

Beef Chilli
5 Bean Chilli (V)
Sea Stars

Rice, Herby Diced Potatoes, Veg of the Day

Fruity Crumble Cake
Fresh Fruit & Jelly

WEDNESDAY

Roast Chicken & Yorkshire Pudding
Herb Roasted Quorn (V)

Roast Potatoes, Veg of the Day, Gravy

Chocolate Concrete with Pink Custard
Fresh Fruit & Jelly

THURSDAY

Cottage Pie
Vegetable Spring Rolls with Oriental Noodles (V)

Veg of the Day, Sauté Potatoes

Iced Lemon Doughnuts
Fresh Fruit & Yoghurt

FRIDAY

BBQ Chicken Pizza
Margherita Pizza (V)

Spicy Wedges, Veg of the Day, Baked Beans

Homemade Lemon Shortbread
Fresh Fruit & Jelly

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 7 - Name and Nationality

"Every child has the right to be registered at birth, to have a name and nationality, and, as far as possible, to know and be cared for by their parents."



UNICEF Rights Respecting Schools Article 8 - Identity

"Every child has the right to an identity. Governments must respect and protect that right, and prevent the child's name, nationality or family relationships from being changed unlawfully."

Exploring Article 7 & 8 - List as many things as you can think of that help to make you a **unique** and **wonderful** person!

Did you think of these?

- Appearance
- Talents
- Nationality
- Life story
- Name
- Religion
- Gender
- Sexual orientation
- Family
- Interests
- Ethnicity
- Skills
- Medical conditions
- Age
- Opportunities
- Experiences



Online Safety Quiz

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

Your best friend asks if they can borrow your password so they can access an online game. What should you do?

A

Give them the password. I can trust them

B

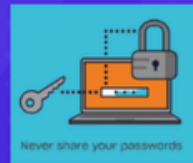
Give them the password, but make them promise not to give it to anybody else.

C

Go round to their house and type the password in, but make sure that you do not show them it.

D

Politely say no.



The correct answer is **D**. Politely say no.

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. 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, or [submit our online form](https://www.nspcc.org.uk/what-we-do/our-services/child-protection) — we can help. We also have advice about [supporting the parent of a child at risk of abuse](https://www.nspcc.org.uk/what-we-do/our-services/child-protection).

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.

