

HEATH MOUNT PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER



9th October 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

What a fantastic week we have had!

Our football team played at Highters Heath Community School and achieved an excellent result, scoring 4 goals. Well done to everyone involved.

Thank you to all the parents and carers who attended the phonics meeting this week and our coffee morning on Wednesday. We really value your support and partnership. Please remember that we are always here to help, so do come and speak to us if you need any support or advice.

Your child will be bringing a reading book home on Friday. Please continue to read regularly with them at home, as this makes a huge difference to their progress and confidence.

Finally, we would like to remind everyone of the importance of attending school every day and arriving on time. Good attendance and punctuality are essential for children's learning and help them get the most out of every school day.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Samuel
Headteacher

PE TIMETABLE

Monday - Year 6 (pm)

Tuesday - 2A (am)

Swimming - 5A

Wednesday - Year 3 (am) - Cricket

Year 4 (am) - Cricket

Thursday - Year 1

5Z (pm)

Friday - RM (am)

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





DIARY DATES

School Events



Tuesday 13th Oct	Year 5 Stay and Read Time: 8:35am - 8:55am Location: Lower Hall
Wednesday 14th Oct	Reception Stay and Read Time: 8:35am - 8:55am Location: Classroom
Thursday 15th Oct	Year 4 Stay and Read Time: 8:35am - 8:55am Location: Lower Hall
Thursday 15th Oct	Year 1 Stay and Read Time: 8:35am - 8:55am Location: Lowr Hall
Thursday 15th Oct	Year 2 Stay and Read Time: 8:35am - 8:55am Location: Classroom
Thursday 15th Oct	Cake Sale

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

FRED'S ATTENDANCE SUPERHEROES OF THE WEEK



RM 98.3%

30 98.8%

4K 98.8%

5Z 99.6%



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

Azeez

YEAR 2

Mahir

YEAR 3

Zaid and Bayan

YEAR 4

Absalat and Fatima

YEAR 5

Abdiquduus and Natane

YEAR 6

Kharism

STAR

of the week

Reception

Ayah.

Year 1 M. Abeed and Maya. Amayrah and Zayaan.

Year 2 Ibrahim and Michelle.

Year 3 Aya and Esa. Ayaan and Elijah.

Year 4 Alaa and Habibullah. Khloe and Ahmed.

Year 5 Yunus and Rehan. Yousaf and Leyanna.

Year 6 Omar and Mariam. Rai-Yan and Musa.

Hot Chocolate Friday

Well done to all of the children who were nominated.

This week's winners are:

Reception Dean and Mohmmmed

Year 1 Tareeq

Year 2 Maya

Year 3 Waleed

Year 4 Affan

Year 5 Musa

Year 6 Zoya



**HEATH MOUNT
PRIMARY SCHOOL**

CAKE SALE

Thursday 15th October

Come along and treat yourself to some
delicious cakes and sweet treats!

Cakes from

50p - £1.00

(depending on the cake)



When: Thursday 15th October



During: Lunchtime & Hometime



Where: Heath Mount Primary School

Bring your coins and choose from
a variety of tasty cakes!

We look forward to seeing you there!

Year 4

Stay and Read

Year 4

★ Stay and Read ★



Thursday 15th October



8:35 – 8:55



Lower Hall

Year 5

Stay and Read

Year 5

★ Stay and Read ★



Tuesday 13th October



8:35 – 8:55



Lower Hall

Reading
takes you
further!

Explore
new worlds
through books!

Readers
today
Leaders
tomorrow

HEATH MOUNT PRIMARY SCHOOL

Read together
Share
Belong

EYFS
Weekly Stay and Read
Books build brighter futures!

Little Readers Big Dreams

EXPLORE
IMAGINE
LEARN
GROW
TOGETHER

Read together

Good Books Brighter People

Make memories

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!

HEATH MOUNT PRIMARY SCHOOL

Read together
Grow together

Year 1 and Year 2
Stay and Read
Share a story, make a difference!

Books Build Brighter Futures

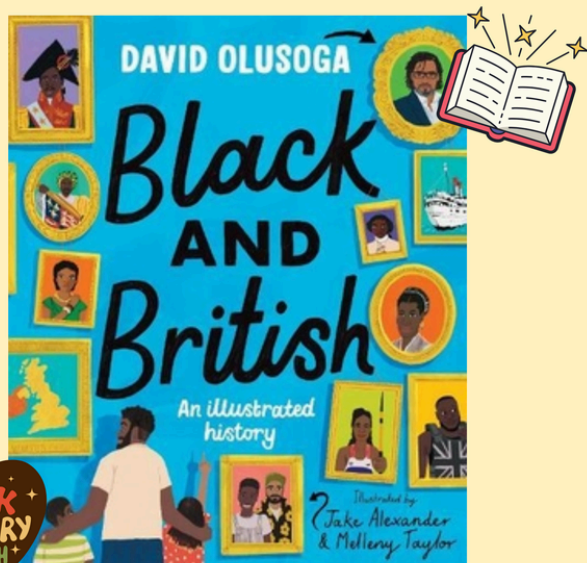
READ
EXPLORE
IMAGINE
LEARN
BELONG

Good Books Brighter Minds

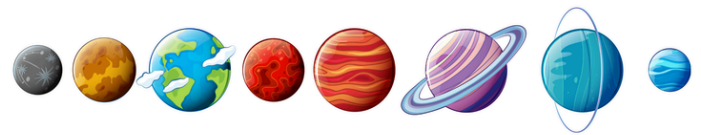
STARTING
THU
Thursday 8th October
Then every Thursday thereafter.

8:35 - 8:55
Just 20 minutes to share the magic of reading!

This week's book recommendation

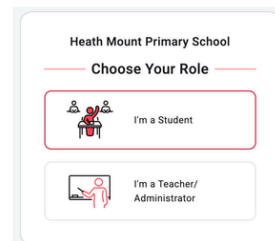


Black and British: An Illustrated History by David Olusoga is an engaging and accessible introduction to the rich history of Black people in Britain. Through vivid illustrations and powerful storytelling, it helps children understand how Black Britons have shaped British society for centuries. It is an excellent choice for Black History Month to discuss identity and belonging.

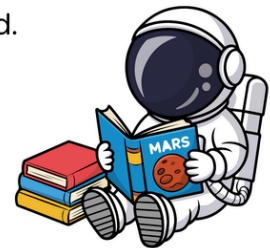


KS2 AR Quizzing

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



You will find your login details in your reading record.



This week's rocket reader winners are ...



6B

1,805,997
words read

A special mention to:
Kharisma (6B) -
1,009,231 words read



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
CATERING & EVENTS

HEATH MOUNT WEEKLY MENU

WEEK 1- 31/8, 21/9, 12/10, 9/11, 30/11, 4/1, 25/1

MONDAY

Creamy Chicken Korma
with Rice & Naan Bread

Battered Fish with Pomme
Noisette & Tartare Sauce

Creamy Vegetable Korma
with Rice & Naan Bread (V)

Peas & Sweetcorn

Vanilla Ice Cream

TUESDAY

Traditional Cottage Pie

Fish Fingers with
Herby Diced Potatoes
& Lemon Wedge

Vegetable Spring Rolls &
Oriental Noodles (V)

Green Beans,
Gravy

Watermelon or Orange
Wedges & Apple Slices

WEDNESDAY

Roast Chicken
with Yorkshire Pudding
& Gravy

Herb
Roasted Quorn (V)

Crunchy Roast Potatoes
Carrots, Cauliflower

Chocolate Concrete
with Pink Custard

THURSDAY

Beef Chilli Con Carne
with Steamed Rice
Chicken or Veggie (V)
Sausage Hot Dogs with
Sauté Potatoes

5 Bean Chilli Con Carne
with Steamed Rice (V)

Broccoli

Raspberry Jelly

FRIDAY

Wholemeal BBQ
Chicken Pizza

Wholemeal
Margherita Pizza (V)

Spicy Wedges,
Garden Peas

Homemade
Strawberry Shortbread

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



Excelsior
Multi Academy Trust



HEATH MOUNT
PRIMARY SCHOOL

Early Years
rated
Strong Standard
by 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

1 October 2026

Application deadline

15 January 2027

National Offer Day

16 April 2027



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



Engaging learning
Unlocking minds every day



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



Ensuring equality for all
Equality – First,
Foremost, Forever



Aspiring from the start
Where ambition begins on Day One



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Foremost, Forever

Respect | Ambition | Kindness | Inclusion | Success

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

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
1st
September
2026

Application period
starts

October
31st
October
2026

Closing date for
applications

March
1st
March
2027

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.

**Don't Delay.
Apply Today!**

www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions

QUICK
TIPS

Exploring Article 28 – Give yourself one minute to think of as many reasons as you can why education is so important for children and young people.

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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ACCESS TO EDUCATION

UNICEF RIGHTS RESPECTING SCHOOLS

Article 28 – Access to Education

“All children across the world have the right to access primary education for free, and secondary education must be available to every child.”

Did you think of these? Here are some reasons why education is so important!

- It gives you skills to improve things and help people.
- It helps you form opinions and views about things.
- You learn things, gain knowledge and pass exams.
- You are taught how to stay safe and healthy.
- You learn how to respect other people's ideas and get on with other people.
- You can learn about rights and why they matter.
- It helps you to get a job you enjoy and earn money in the future.
- You explore different opinions and can make informed choices.
- Education helps you to have more opportunities in life.
- You learn about things that are important for the world like the environment.
- You find out about different cultures and people's beliefs.
- It helps you grow up to be responsible adults.
- Learning is fun, and you can make friends and meet new people.
- Learning is something you will do for your whole life.

UNITED KINGDOM

RIGHTS RESPECTING SCHOOLS

HEATH MOUNT WEEKLY QUIZ CHALLENGE!

QUESTION

Before posting a photo of your friend online, what should you do?

- A Add their personal details
- B Send it to strangers first
- C Ask for their permission
- D Post it without telling them

(TURN THE NEWSLETTER UPSIDE DOWN TO READ!)

ANSWER: C - Ask for their permission.

DID YOU KNOW?

Your friend should have a say in whether their photo is posted online.

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 \(excelsiormat.org\)](http://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

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

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.

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 [0808 800 5000](tel: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](tel:999) straight away.

