

NORTH HEATH

Community Primary School



Are you thinking about a school place for
September 2026?

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Be Kind, Be Creative, Be Courageous

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Welcome to North Heath. We are a large community primary school where you can be confident your child will thrive in a welcoming atmosphere built on partnership between staff, parents and children. Together, we create a happy, safe, caring environment where every child is inspired and encouraged to reach their full potential.

North Heath has a well-deserved reputation for high standards and an engaging, constantly evolving curriculum that extends far beyond the classroom. We make full use of our excellent outdoor spaces to bring learning to life, encouraging active, hands-on experiences that support and enrich the things your child learns indoors. Whether it's developing motor control in one of our designed spaces, science investigations in our grounds, mathematical problem-solving on our playground, or creative storytelling beneath a tree, we believe that learning happens everywhere.

Our high-quality educational environment, underpinned by our values of kindness, creativity and courage, ensures your child will be motivated to learn, grow and discover their unique talents and interests within our supportive, nurturing community.

This year, we are offering tours of our school at either 10am or 2pm on the following dates:

	October		November
10am	Tuesday 7 th Thursday 9 th Wednesday 15 th	Friday 17 th Monday 20 th Wednesday 22 nd	Tuesday 4 th Wednesday 5 th Wednesday 12 th Friday 14 th
2pm	Wednesday 8 th Monday 13 th Thursday 23 rd		Thursday 6 th Monday 10 th

To book a tour, contact office@northheathprimary.co.uk or call 01403 254790

In addition, you are invited to our **Open Evening on Thursday 2nd October from 5.30 – 7.00pm**. All classrooms will be open and our teachers will be available so that you can get a flavour of pupils' journey through the school. There will be a short talk from the headteacher and our Early Years lead at 6:30pm

We look forward to welcoming you.

Mrs Nicky Chesshire (Headteacher)

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Frequently Asked Questions

1. What can we do to help our child before they start?

Useful skills to work on are:

Hanging up a coat	✓
Tidying toys away	✓
Saying please and thank you	✓
Recognising some letter sounds	✓
Writing their name	✓
Taking turns	✓
Putting on their own clothes	✓
Apologising where necessary	✓
Counting to 5 and recognising the numbers 1 to 5	✓
Using cutlery	✓

2. What is the provision for child care in the local area?

As a school, we have popular breakfast and after-school care provider, Rocketeers, available on site. <https://rocketeerschildcare.co.uk/>

The area is also well served by Ofsted registered providers.

<https://www.childcare.co.uk/search/Childminders/Horsham/Ofsted-Registered>

3. My child has medical needs – what training do you have in place to help?

Adults in school are trained regularly in Epipen use, Diabetes, Epilepsy and administering medicines. The medicines policy is available on our website should you wish for additional information. All support staff have first aid training.

We also have an Intimate Care Policy, which outlines any procedures required should other medical needs such as toileting be an issue. Our Inclusion Co-ordinator will be available to discuss any concerns with you on our Open Evening.

4. I think my child may need additional support with their learning. How will you ensure that their needs are met?

For children with special needs, and for able children, we can provide:

- Quality teaching from highly trained teachers
- Some additional group work with precise planning for the level of need
- Professional support and agency links via our Inclusion Co-ordinator

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5. What sports do you offer?

We pride ourselves on the wide range offered at North Heath as well as high achievement in local competitions:

- At least one PE lesson a term is supported by specialist coaches from Sports Stars or Kicks Dance
- Dance, gymnastics, invasion games, athletics and swimming within PE lessons
- Football, Dance, Cricket and Sport Skills Coaching run in partnership with outside providers
- Involvement in competitions – District Sports, Tag Rugby, Hockey, Netball, Rounders, Cross Country and Cricket (We are also starting a football team this year!)
- Our amazing EYFS outdoor area is designed to support physical development and all areas of the Early Years Curriculum
- We have carefully designed 'climbing frames' and PE trails in EYFS and KS1 to support the development of core strength and gross motor control
- We also have a running track on our substantial field to help promote exercise all year round
- Activity breaks throughout the day support pupils in their healthy, active lifestyles

6. Do you run any clubs?

Clubs are run by teachers and outside providers. Popular clubs have included:

Football	Dance	Choir	Art	Coding
Netball	Rugby	Homework	Science	Baking

7. What Educational Visits will my child go on?

Recent trips have included:

- YR – Farm Visit, Horsham Library
- Y1 – Local spring walk, Tilgate Park
- Y2 – Wakehurst Place, Fire Service
- Y3 – Natural History Museum, Horsham Park
- Y4 – Bignor Roman Villa, Local walk and orienteering
- Y5 – Sayers Croft Residential, Portsmouth Ancient Dockyard
- Y6 – Natural History Museum, Fairthorne Manor Residential

We also have a range of visitors in each year group throughout the year eg Young Shakespeare and drama groups for The Great Fire of London and The Vikings.

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8. Will my child have an opportunity to play an instrument?

The creative curriculum is alive and well at North Heath!

- Music is part of the National Curriculum and is taught throughout the school. This involves singing, using a beat and rhythm and using tuned and untuned instruments
- Glockenspiels are used to support teaching in all year groups
- Y3 and Y4 learn how to play the recorder
- Peripatetic teachers also provide guitar, piano, saxophone, flute, clarinet and violin
- 'Rocksteady' lessons are available to provide pupils with an opportunity for pupils from Year 1 to be in a 'band'! They perform to an audience termly
- All children have an opportunity to sing to their families and to the school in class assemblies, year group productions and Christmas shows

9. What are your academic standards like?

Tests take place in all schools in **Year 6** – these are our **2024 results**

Subject	% Meeting Age Related Expectations			% at Higher Level		
	North Heath	West Sussex	National	North Heath	West Sussex	National
Mathematics Test	90	69	75	37	19	25
Reading Test	95	74	75	56	29	28
Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling Test	92	68	73	55	26	33
Writing Teacher Assessment	76	68	73	8	8.5	13

In **Year 4**, pupils take a times table check of 25 questions with 6 seconds per question.

In June 2025 – **52%** of our Y4 pupils gained full marks

88% of our Y4 pupils scored at least 20/25

Pupils' average score was **23/25**

In **Year 1**, pupils' phonic knowledge is checked with 35 questions; the pass mark is 32.

In June 2025 – **88%** of our Y1 pupils gained at least 32 marks in the phonics screening

– **95%** of our Y2 pupils gained at least 32 marks in either Y1 or Y2

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10. What are your current priorities as a school?

We are working to ensure:

- Quality First Teaching ensures progress for all pupils in writing, mathematics and reading
- Our school values of Kindness, Creativity and Courage are embedded in our school ethos and curriculum
- Our new leadership team is embedded in the school and works to continually improve our school
- Pupils are encouraged to live healthy, active lives through regular breaks and specific skills-based activities in school

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We really hope that our child-centred offer resonates with what you consider important for your child. We look forward to hearing from you and meeting you on one of our upcoming tours.

Call 01403 254790 for a visit.

<http://northheathprimary.co.uk/>

North Heath is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.

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