

School Newsletter

Friday 20th December 2024

What a great term we've had at Harefield Infant and Junior schools with so much to celebrate. The children have made great progress in their new classes thanks to the hard work of our fantastic teaching staff. There have been lots of events for pupils, parents and staff to enjoy together such as the Travel Back in Time Day, Family Fireworks Evening and the recent Christmas Concerts. A big thank you to all of our staff and the school's PTA for making these events such a success. The PTA have raised over £10k, which will be used to buy Ipads for the classes and an iPad charging station, and have also donated £50 per class to spend on classroom resources. We really are lucky to have such a wonderful PTA! Have a merry Christmas-see you on Tuesday 7th January 2025!



Attendance

We are aiming to achieve an attendance of 96% this year. Well done to all the classes highlighted in green for achieving that target last week.

Year 3 Willow Class	96%
Year 1 Ash Class	95%
Year 5 Walnut Class	95%
Year 3 Iroko Class	94%
Year 4 Juniper Class	94%
Year 6 Aspen Class	94%
Reception Maple Class	93%
Year 2 Elder Class	93%
Year 5 Sycamore Class	93%
Reception Chestnut Class	92%
Year 4 Spruce Class	92%
Year 6 Beech Class	92%
Year 2 Birch Class	89%
Year 1 Redwood Class	87%

Attendance Ladder



As well as attendance, punctuality is very important. If your child is late for school, they miss the important introduction part of the first lesson during which the teacher explains the key learning. Class doors open at 8.45am and close at 9am. Please ensure your child is in class by 9am.

“School staff form caring, nurturing, professional relationships with pupils.”
Infant school Ofsted Inspection report

House points

Congratulations to the following pupils for earning the most house points this week.

Reception Chestnut Class	Stevie
Reception Maple Class	Rosey and Tom
Year 1 Ash Class	Elson
Year 1 Redwood Class	Jamie
Year 2 Birch Class	Calamity
Year 2 Elder Class	Bradley, Keira and David
Year 3 Iroko Class	Dua
Year 3 Willow Class	Sajan and Millie
Year 4 Juniper Class	Christiana
Year 4 Spruce Class	Bella
Year 5 Sycamore Class	Jamie
Year 5 Walnut Class	Harry and Jack
Year 6 Aspen Class	Aran
Year 6 Beech Class	Sofia

Well done to the pupils in **Blue** house for earning the most house points this week.

100% Attendance

Congratulations to the following pupils who came in to school every day, achieving 100% attendance this term.

Class	Name
Reception Chestnut Class	Jamie, Lily-Rose, Madison, Emerald and Lucca
Reception Maple Class	Donya
Year 1 Ash Class	Elson, Selena, Archer, Sahej, Sarah, Louie and Grace
Year 1 Redwood Class	Zayne Elisha, Peter and Octavia
Year 2 Birch Class	Kelsey, Larosa, Elise, George and Noah
Year 2 Elder Class	Bradley, Harry, Harlee-Shay, Nathan, Roan, Keira and George
Year 3 Iroko Class	Mykhailo, Miles, Amanda, Christalona and Ben
Year 3 Willow Class	Spring, Elsie, Raegan and Millie
Year 4 Juniper Class	Lucas, Carolina, Aiden J and Jasmine
Year 4 Spruce Class	Stanlie, Leon and Marcus
Year 5 Sycamore Class	Alyssa, Lola, Tyler and Ellie
Year 5 Walnut Class	Georgia, Scarlett, Jake, Fateh, Harry, Alejandro and Luke
Year 6 Aspen Class	Ella, Carter, Chloe L- C and Millie
Year 6 Beech Class	Charlie, Aiva, Poppy-Rose, Sofia and Sienna

“The school’s work to enhance the development of pupils’ character is exceptional.”
 Junior school Ofsted Inspection report

Inter-house Dodgeball competition

Each Junior class held an inter house dodgeball competition this week. Congratulations to the winners below.

Class	Winning house	Winning team
Year 3 Iroko Class	GREEN	Ben, Fernando , Ellie, Iris & Faye
Year 3 Willow Class	GREEN	Bowie, Munraj, Millie, Georgie-May & Harley
Year 4 Juniper Class	BLUE	George, Jasmine, Henry, Ruby, Lucas, Ava & Aiden
Year 4 Spruce Class	YELLOW	Sarah, Forrest, Stanley, Hunter, Lennon & George
Year 5 Sycamore Class	BLUE	Frank, Amelia, Alyssa, Lola, Fleur, Jamie, Jack, Phoenix & Thomas
Year 5 Walnut Class	BLUE	Oliver, Oscar, Valentina, Harper, Josh, Danny & Tyler
Year 6 Aspen Class	RED	Carter, George, Laycee, SaM, Millie, Dolly B & Elliott
Year 6 Beech Class	RED	Aiva, Henry, Archie, Mason, Sam & Tulisa

Skillsbuilder project

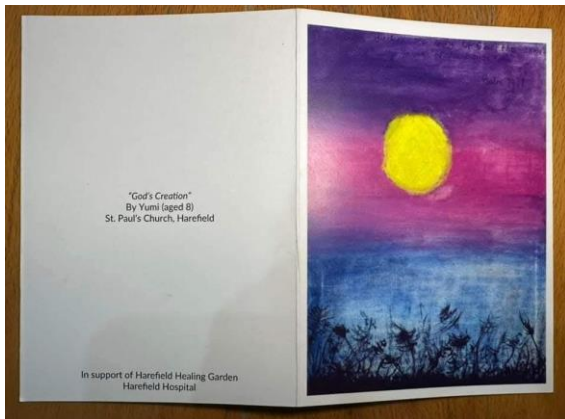
At the end of each term children work in small groups to complete a Skillsbuilder project Year 5 Walnut class enjoyed the challenge set this week to make their own Maths based board games. They are amazing and we will have a lot of fun playing them next term.



“I was really impressed not only as a governor, but as a parent at the nurturing way all teachers had with their classes. Children were engaged, happy and enjoying lessons.”
School governor

Out of School achievements

Yumi, who is in Year 4 Juniper class, won an art competition that was held at St. Paul's Church. Her painting theme is 'God's Creation'. It was printed and sold for the benefits of Harefield Healing Garden in Harefield Hospital. Well done Yumi!



Applying for a place in Reception at the Infant school for September 2025

If your child was born between 1st September 2020 and 31st August 2021, you must apply for a school place by Monday 15th January 2025. For full details and to apply online, visit: www.hillingdon.gov.uk/schooladmissions

Applying for a place in Year 3 at the Junior school for September 2025

If your child is currently in year 2, you must apply for a junior school place by Monday 15th January 2025. For full details and to apply online, visit: www.hillingdon.gov.uk/schooladmissions

Key dates for your diary

Spring term 2025

Training day (school closed for pupils)	Monday 6 th January 2025
Term starts	Tuesday 7 th January 2025
Half term	Monday 17 th to Friday 21 st February 2025
Term ends	Friday 4 th April 2025 at 1pm

Summer term 2025

Training day (school closed for pupils)	Tuesday 22 nd April 2025
Term starts	Wednesday 23 rd April 2025
Half term	Monday 26 th to Friday 30 th May 2025
Term ends	Friday 18 th July 2025 at 1pm

**"My son has really come out of his shell since having sessions with the pastoral lead."
Junior School Parent**

Term dates and holidays 2025/2026

Autumn term 2025

Training day (school closed for pupils)	Tuesday 2 nd September 2025
Term starts	Wednesday 3 rd September 2025
Half term	Monday 27 th to Friday 31 st October 2025
Term ends	Friday 19 th December 2025 at 1pm

Spring term 2026

Training day (school closed for pupils)	Monday 5 th January 2026
Term starts	Tuesday 6 th January 2026
Half term	Monday 16 th to Friday 20 th February 2026
Term ends	Friday 27 th March 2026 at 1pm

Summer term 2026

Training day (school closed for pupils)	Monday 13 th April 2026
Term starts	Tuesday 14 th April 2026
Half term	Monday 25 th to Friday 29 th May 2026
Term ends	Friday 17 th July 2026 at 1pm

“My last visit to the school was 6 years ago and I can categorically say that the improvements that have been made are outstanding.”
School governor

Community News

Hillingdon Holiday Activity & Food (HAF) Winter Programme

Bookings for Hillingdon's Winter 2024/25 Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme are now open. Our holiday programme is open to school-aged children from reception to year 11 (inclusive) who receive **benefits-related free school meals** in Hillingdon.

Through our programme of **fully funded** healthy food and fun activities, children and young people can develop new skills, take part in creative and physical activities, learn about food and cooking, and enjoy a nutritious meal each day.

Activities this Winter include:

- Sports activities
- Drama and creative arts programmes
- Multi-activity camps
- STEM (science technology engineering and math) programmes
- Family swim sessions
- SEND activity camps and more!

Visit www.hillingdon.gov.uk/haf-programme to view our webpages where you can find out more about HAF, check out the Winter programme offer and find booking information. To book a place on the HAF programme, parents/guardians simply choose an activity programme from our list and book a place directly through the provider. Booking links and contact numbers are listed for each provider. When booking their free places, they will need to provide their child's unique individual Hillingdon HAF reference number which has already been sent to them. If a parent/guardian cannot locate this, please contact us for help.



Childhood Asthma

FREE Online Workshops

Workshop Dates

ALL SESSIONS: 4PM - 5PM

Monday 4th November

Monday 2nd December


Monday 6th January

Monday 3rd February



CONTACT THE TEAM TO RESERVE
YOUR PLACE

 01895 543 437

 nhsnwl.myhealth@nhs.net

Scan the code to register
your space

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What's Included In The Workshop ?

What to do if your child is having an Asthma attack	Inhaler Techniques	Myth Busting	Common Triggers	Asthma Plans	Q&A
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SESSIONS PRESENTED BY A HILLINGDON ASTHMA NURSE

NHS Pharmacy First Service – an NHS service being provided by pharmacies across England for children and adults

We are writing to let you know about an NHS service, which is available in Boots pharmacies across England, called the **NHS Pharmacy First Service**.

What is Pharmacy First?

The NHS-funded service enables children and adults to get convenient access to advice and treatment where appropriate for seven common conditions, without the potential delay of having to wait for a GP appointment. Accessing the service may mean that children feel better and get back to school as quickly as possible, as well as supporting parents/carers to also get better if they are unwell with one of the conditions covered under the service. There is no need to make an appointment; parents or carers can pop into their local Boots pharmacy with their child and ask for help under the service.

The service supports with the following conditions for people in the age groups specified below:

- **Earache** (aged 1 to 17 years)
- **Impetigo** (aged 1 year and over)
- **Infected insect bites and stings** (aged 1 year and over)
- **Sore throats** (aged 5 years and over)
- **Sinusitis** (aged 12 years and over)
- **Uncomplicated urinary tract infections** (UTIs) in women (aged 16 to 64 years)
- **Shingles** (aged 18 years and over)

The person will see a pharmacist in a private consultation room. The pharmacist will provide advice and, if clinically appropriate, offer to supply treatment for the condition*. If treatment is provided, an electronic message will be sent to the person's GP surgery so their health record can be updated.

Should the pharmacist be unable to help, they will direct the person to their GP surgery or other healthcare professional, as appropriate.

With the ever-increasing pressures on the NHS, particularly during these busy winter months, it is important to us, as a community pharmacy, that we do all we can to provide support.

NHS Pharmacy First Service

Did you know that the NHS Pharmacy First Service enables children and adults to get convenient access to healthcare advice and treatment where appropriate, for seven common conditions without the potential delay of having to wait for a GP appointment? Accessing the service may mean that we can help children feel better and get back to school as quickly as possible, as well as supporting parents/carers to also get better if they are unwell with one of the conditions covered under the service.

There is no need to make an appointment; parents or carers can pop into their local Boots pharmacy with their child and ask for help under the service.

Support for the following conditions can be accessed under the service, free of charge (unless NHS prescription charges apply):

<u>Common condition</u>	<u>Patient eligibility</u>
Earache	1 to 17 years
Impetigo	1 year and over
Infected insect bites and stings	1 year and over
Sore throats	5 years and over
Sinusitis	12 years and over
Uncomplicated urinary tract	Women 16 to 64 years
Shingles	18 years and over

A summary of the service is available as an [animation](#) and more information can also be found at [nhs.uk/thinkpharmacyfirst](https://www.nhs.uk/thinkpharmacyfirst) as well as at <https://www.boots.com/healthhub/a-z-services/pharmacy-first>