

## School Newsletter

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2025



### Celebration assembly

Happy New Year and welcome back!

In Tuesday's assembly, Mr Downs spoke about goals that the children would like to achieve in 2025. Well done to all of the pupils below who were chosen by their teachers to receive special certificates for working hard to achieve their goals this week.

Reception Chestnut Class	Ilyan
Reception Maple Class	Uday
Year 1 Ash Class	Elson
Year 1 Redwood Class	Ryden
Year 2 Birch Class	Mason D
Year 2 Elder Class	Austin
Year 3 Iroko Class	Maddie
Year 3 Willow Class	Chase
Year 4 Juniper Class	Lucas
Year 4 Spruce Class	Nancy
Year 5 Sycamore Class	Jack C
Year 5 Walnut Class	Jacob
Year 6 Aspen Class	Ava
Year 6 Beech Class	Ethan

“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	Bonnie-Mae
Reception Maple Class	Donya
Year 1 Ash Class	Sahej
Year 1 Redwood Class	Aiden
Year 2 Birch Class	Dilly
Year 2 Elder Class	Emily
Year 3 Iroko Class	Riley
Year 3 Willow Class	Lily
Year 4 Juniper Class	Charlie
Year 4 Spruce Class	Molly
Year 5 Sycamore Class	Pearl
Year 5 Walnut Class	Subin
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.

### 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 Iroko Class	98%
Year 3 Willow Class	97%
Reception Maple Class	96%
Year 2 Elder Class	96%
Year 5 Sycamore Class	95%
Year 1 Ash Class	93%
Year 5 Walnut Class	93%
Year 4 Juniper Class	90%
Year 2 Birch Class	88%
Year 6 Beech Class	88%
Year 6 Aspen Class	87%
Reception Chestnut Class	85%
Year 1 Redwood Class	82%
Year 4 Spruce Class	82%

### 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.

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

## Oracy

This year, we are working with Voice21, a charity that supports schools to develop oracy. Oracy is the ability to articulate ideas, develop understanding and engage with others through spoken language and listening. Oracy skills set children up for success in school and life.



Our oracy vision at Harefield Infant and Junior Schools is to teach our pupils to communicate effectively and with confidence.

In order for children to develop their oracy, we need to provide them with lots of opportunities to practice their speaking and listening, which we do regularly in school. We will be sharing a discussion question each week in the newsletter to also provide you with a chance to have an interesting discussion with your children and support their oracy at home. This week's home discussion question is:

*'Is it better to be an adult or a child?'*

## Forrest School

The children were whittling sticks and making snowflakes with twigs and glitter at Forest School this week.



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

If your child was born between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2020 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2021, you must apply for a school place by Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2025. For full details and to apply online, visit:

[www.hillingdon.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://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 Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2025. For full details and to apply online, visit:

[www.hillingdon.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.hillingdon.gov.uk/schooladmissions)

"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

## Key dates for your diary

### January

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> January: Year 6 trip to Henley River and Rowing Museum.

Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> January at 9am: Year 4 Juniper class assembly for parents in the hall.

### February

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> to Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February: Half term.

Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> & Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> February: Parent-teacher meetings after school. Further details to follow.

### March

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March at 9am: Year 4 Spruce class assembly for parents in the hall.

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March: Year 4 trip to the Verulamium Museum.

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> March: Red Nose Day. Further details to follow.

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> March at 9am: Year 3 Iroko class assembly for parents in the hall.

### April

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> April: Last day of Spring term for Nursery pupils.

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April: Last day of Spring term for Reception to Year 6 pupils. School finishes at 1pm.

## PTA News

We are very excited to announce that Santa's drive around managed to raise a huge £1407.50! Which means they were able to donate £703.75 to each of their sponsors, E-ACT Denham Green and Harefield Infants and Junior Schools.

Thank you so much for your very kind support.



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