

School Newsletter

Friday 4th April 2025

Celebration assembly

This week's theme was our school value of 'compassion'. Well done to the pupils below who were chosen by their teachers to receive certificates in today's Celebration assembly for being kind and caring to others in school this week.

Reception Chestnut Class	Olessya
Reception Maple Class	Ciara
Year 1 Ash Class	Archie
Year 1 Redwood Class	Jamie
Year 2 Birch Class	Elliott
Year 2 Elder Class	Logan and Willow
Year 3 Iroko Class	Dua
Year 3 Willow Class	Lilly-Belle
Year 4 Juniper Class	Lilly
Year 4 Spruce Class	Marcus
Year 5 Sycamore Class	Tommy
Year 5 Walnut Class	Dani
Year 6 Aspen Class	Millie
Year 6 Beech Class	Danielle

House points

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

Reception Chestnut Class	Archie, Yasin and Lily
Reception Maple Class	Aaron
Year 1 Ash Class	Phoebe
Year 1 Redwood Class	Darius
Year 2 Birch Class	Annie
Year 2 Elder Class	Bunnie Blue
Year 3 Iroko Class	Amanda
Year 3 Willow Class	Spring and Eddie
Year 4 Juniper Class	Indi
Year 4 Spruce Class	Marcus
Year 5 Sycamore Class	Alyssa
Year 5 Walnut Class	Scarlett
Year 6 Aspen Class	George
Year 6 Beech Class	Ronnie and Grayson

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

"Pupils are taught the knowledge and skills they need to read confidently."
 Infant school Ofsted inspection report

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 1 Ash Class	98%
Year 6 Aspen Class	97%
Year 2 Elder Class	96%
Year 3 Willow Class	96%
Year 5 Sycamore Class	96%
Year 3 Iroko Class	95%
Year 6 Beech Class	95%
Reception Chestnut Class	93%
Year 4 Juniper Class	93%
Year 5 Walnut Class	93%
Reception Maple Class	92%
Year 4 Spruce Class	92%
Year 2 Birch Class	91%
Year 1 Redwood Class	89%

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.

Attendance raffle

Congratulations to the following children for winning this term's attendance raffle:

- 1st prize – a £100 Sports Direct e-voucher won by Mahilini (Year 3 Willow Class).
- 2nd prize - a £70 Smyths Toys gift card won by Jack C (Year 5 Sycamore Class).
- 3rd prize – a £50 Argos e-voucher won by Henry (Year 4 Juniper Class).

At the end of next term, children that achieve the 96% target will be entered into the attendance raffle with a chance of winning some amazing prizes.

“Pupils develop as confident and fluent readers.”
Junior school Ofsted Inspection report

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 and Hayden
Year 1 Ash Class	Elson, Archer, Heba and Louie
Year 1 Redwood Class	Ivy-Rose, Jack, Scarlett and Elissa-Anastasia
Year 2 Birch Class	Harriet, Louie, Albie, Elise, Sohan and George
Year 2 Elder Class	Olivia, Bradley, Harry, Harlee-Shay, Nathan, Keira, Erin-May, David, Willow and Spencer
Year 3 Iroko Class	Mykhailo, Miles, Amanda, Christalona, Iris and Ellie
Year 3 Willow Class	Spring, Eddie, Mahilini and Mary
Year 4 Juniper Class	Christiana, George, Aiden J and Ruby
Year 4 Spruce Class	Stanlie, Nancy, Hunter, Abigail, Louie and Yasmina
Year 5 Sycamore Class	Alyssa, Frank, Sophie, Lola, Tyler, George, Aoife and Ellie
Year 5 Walnut Class	Georgia and Alejandro
Year 6 Aspen Class	Chloe B, Ella, Chloe L, Jayden, Aragsan, Sam, Millie, Darcey and Oliver S
Year 6 Beech Class	Tommy, Danielle, Sofia and Adna

Inter-house Boccia competition

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

Class	Winning house	Winning team
Year 3 Iroko Class	Blue	Christalona, Maddie, Arihan, Joel, Kyla, Dua and Alessia
Year 3 Willow Class	Blue	Spring, Mailini, Sajjan, Ava and Lilly-Belle
Year 4 Juniper Class	Red	Christiana, Zoe, Carolina and Mason
Year 4 Spruce Class	Yellow	Hunter, Lennon, Forrest, Stanlie and George
Year 5 Sycamore Class	Blue	Frank, Thomas, Jack C, Jamie, Phoenix, Amelia, Fleur, Lola and Alyssa
Year 5 Walnut Class	Green	Harry, Erin, Alejandro, Elicia, Archie, Riley, Scarlett and Jake
Year 6 Aspen Class	Green	Molly, Chloe B, Aragsan, Charlie and Stephanie
Year 6 Beech Class	Green	Layla, Ronnie, Poppy, Tommy, Sienna, Grayson and Ethan

“We always help each other at school.”

Year 2 pupil

Teatime talk

We work 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.



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 topic 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 discussion topic is:

‘Schools should have more holidays.’

Maths challenge competition



Last Thursday, two of our year 6 pupils represented the Junior school at a maths challenge competition held at Newnham Junior School. They worked together to solve different types of maths challenges, competing in pairs with children from other schools. Congratulations to Aran and Stephanie for taking part.

Easter Bonnet Parade

Congratulations to the children below who are the winners of the Easter bonnet parade. They all received an Easter egg for their wonderful creations.

Nursery class: Cooper and Maya
Reception Chestnut class: Jamie
Reception Maple class: Ralphy
Year 1 Ash class: Grace
Year 1 Redwood class: Cronan
Year 2 Birch class: Evelyn-Rose
Year 2 Elder class: George O



“We get to go on lots of fun and interesting trips every year.”
Year 5 pupil

Year 3 Iroko class: Miles
 Year 3 Willow class: Millie
 Year 4 Juniper class: Indi
 Year 4 Spruce class: Ralph
 Year 5 Sycamore class: Ellie
 Year 5 Walnut class: Jake
 Year 6 Aspen class: Ella
 Year 6 Beech class: Aiva



PTA ‘Good Egg’ award

The following children have won the **PTA ‘Good Egg’** award for demonstrating how they uphold our school values. Each child received an Easter egg (donated to the PTA).

Nursery	Colby and Lidia
Reception Chestnut Class	Yeka and Archie
Reception Maple Class	Bonnie and Udaybir
Year 1 Ash Class	Karina and Rafe
Year 1 Redwood Class	Liza and Alfred
Year 2 Birch Class	George and Sienna
Year 2 Elder Class	Kian and Olivia
Year 3 Iroko Class	Maddie and Mykhailo
Year 3 Willow Class	Lexie-Rose and Harley S
Year 4 Juniper Class	Mason and Hara
Year 4 Spruce Class	Yasmina and Lenny
Year 5 Sycamore Class	Fleur and Chaise
Year 5 Walnut Class	Georgia and Ajejandro
Year 6 Aspen Class	Matilda and Jayden
Year 6 Beech Class	Grayson and Danielle

“Children are taught the importance of being kind and respectful.”
 Infant school Ofsted Inspection report

PTA's Guess the Name of the Easter Bunny

The PTA organised a 'Name the Easter Bunny' competition for the children this week. It was 50p a guess and they could guess as many times as they liked. The name of the Easter Bunny for the Junior School was 'Pom Pom' and the winner is Kyla from Year 3 Iroko class. The Infant's bunny name was 'Marshmallow' and the winner is Keira from Year 2 Elder class.



Thank you for all your support with the PTA's mother's day sale. The children had a lovely time coming to select presents for the women in their lives and we made £568 profit.

The guess the bunny's name was also hugely popular, raising over £50 profit. The proceeds from our fundraising has paid for Easter treats for all the children and the good egg award Easter eggs. We are very lucky to have such a dedicated PTA group. Thank you for all you do!

Year 2 Allotment school trip

Year 2 Elder and Birch Classes had an amazing time on their trip to the allotment! The children planted potatoes, strawberries, lettuce, and much more. They also had great fun digging in the soil and learning about how plants grow. They were lucky to take home their own sunflower plant to grow, and they even got to see the chickens! It was a fantastic hands-on experience.



**"Pupils appreciate the regular enriching cultural experiences they access such as visits to the theatre, museums and galleries."
Junior school Ofsted Inspection report**

Year 3 Theatre Trip to see Mrs Doubtfire

On Thursday, the Year 3 children enjoyed a trip to the Shaftsbury Theatre in London to see Mrs Doubtfire.



Sporting Events

On Monday, we attended the District Netball B Tournament at Newnham School. The team enjoyed the afternoon, they finished with a record of P5 L5

Well done to Aragsan, Stephanie, Chloe B, Chloe L, Darcey, Laycee & Layla.



On Wednesday, we attended the Football District Tournament at Northwood FC. We came 5th in our group finishing with a record W1 D3 L2.

Well done to Kane, Ollie, Frank, Charlie, Molly, Carter, George & Sam.

Also on Wednesday the Tag Rugby squad attended the District Tournament at Hillingdon Abbots Rugby Club. The team enjoyed the afternoon scoring some great individual tries. The team finished with a record P6 W1 L5.

Well done to Aran, Fateh, Tommy, Jake, Darcey, Chloe, Finn, Poppy & Sienna.



“Classes were calm and happy. Across both schools the engagement was amazing-a real credit to the teachers.”

School governor

Forest School

At Forest School, the children have been busy creating clay casts ready to pour melted pewter into to make unique individual pendants and having marshmallows and hot chocolate.



New school catering company

We are pleased to announce that when we are back at school after the Easter break, a new catering company, Nourish, will be providing school lunches. Nourish is a family run contract catering company that have a real passion for providing healthy, balanced and nutritious school meals. They recently won the Education award at the Contract Catering Awards 2025 and we are excited to be partnering with them. With a fresh approach to school lunches and a new drive behind providing the best meals, we are sure this will allow all children to get a hot and tasty school lunch. An email has been sent to you with the new menu and details about the new ordering system (SchoolGrid).

APRIL TO OCTOBER 2025					
WEEKLY MENU					
	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
WEEK ONE	Mild Chili Beef Tomato & Herb Penne Pasta 1 VG Jackets with a Choice Of Toppings 7,8,9	Chicken Pesto Pasta Shells 1,7 Rice & Bean Burrito & Wedges 1 VG Jackets with a Choice Of Toppings 7,8,9	Chicken Sausage Roll & Gravy 1,6 Vegetable Sausage & Gravy VG Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9	Margherita Pizzo 1,3,7 V Loaded Cajun Bean Wedges VG Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9	Fish Fingers 1,8 or Salmon Fish Cake 1,7,8 Cheese & Tomato Pinwheel 1,7 V Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9
21 ST APRIL 12 TH MAY 9 TH JUNE 30 TH JUNE 21 ST JULY 1 ST SEPTEMBER 22 ND SEPTEMBER 13 TH OCTOBER	Rice, Mixed Peppers, Peas Jammie Finger 1,6 VG & Custard 7 Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 VG Fruit Pots VG	Seasonal Vegetables Ice Cream 7 Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 VG Fruit Pots VG	Rustic Roast Potatoes, Green Beans, Carrots Fruit Jelly VG Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 VG Yoghurt 3,7, Fruit Pots VG	Rainbow Pasta 1, Sweetcorn, Colelaw 9 Sultana Cake 1VG Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 VG Yoghurt 3,7, Fruit Pots VG	Chips, Peas, Baked Beans, Cucumber Caramel Cookie 1,7 Yoghurt 3,7 Fruit Pots VG
WEEK TWO	Vegetable Nuggets with Katsu Sauce 1VG Onion Bhajis with Katsu Sauce VG Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9	Beef & Onion Pie 1 Cheesy Pasta Twists 1,7 V Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9	Roast Chicken & Gravy Roasted Vegetable Hot Pot VG Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9	BBQ Pulled Chicken Loaded Wedges Tomato Spaghetti 1 VG Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9	Tuna Penne Pasta 1,7,8 Margherita Pizzo 1,3,7 V Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9
28 TH APRIL 19 TH MAY 16 TH JUNE 7 TH JULY 8 TH SEPTEMBER 29 TH SEPTEMBER 20 TH OCTOBER	Rainbow Rice, Carrots, Peas Vanilla Sponge 1VG & Custard 7 Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 VG Fruit Pots VG	Crushed Potatoes Seasonal Vegetables Chocolate & Mandarin Mousse 7,3 Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 VG Fruit Pots VG	Rustic Roast Potatoes or Jollof Rice Broccoli, Carrots Cornflake Cookie 1,3,7,16 Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 VG Yoghurt 3,7, Fruit Pots VG	Cauliflower, Colelaw 9 Spiced Apple Focaccia 1,3,7 VG Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 VG Yoghurt 3,7, Fruit Pots VG	Chips, Peas, Grated Carrot Oaty Biscuit 1,15 VG Yoghurt 3,7 Fruit Pots VG
WEEK THREE	Beef Bolognese Pasta Shells 1 Cheese & Pesto Swirl 1,7 V Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9	Caribbean Chicken Curry Herby Tomato Penne Pasta 1 VG Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9	Roast Chicken & Gravy Samosa Puff 1 VG Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9	Macaroni Cheese 1,7 V Coconut & Spinach Biryani 6 VG Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9	Chicken Bites 1 Cheese & Cauliflower Nuggets 7 V Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9
5 TH MAY 2 ND JUNE 23 RD JUNE 14 TH JULY 15 TH SEPTEMBER 6 TH OCTOBER	Baked Wedges Seasonal Vegetables Ice Cream 7 Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 VG Fruit Pots VG	Rice, Green Beans, Carrots Peach Sponge 1VG & Custard 7 Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 VG Fruit Pots VG	Rustic Roast Potatoes or Jollof Rice, Cabbage, Swede Fruit Jelly VG Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 VG Yoghurt 3,7, Fruit Pots VG	Cauliflower, Mixed Peppers Chocolate Cake 1 VG Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 VG Yoghurt 3,7, Fruit Pots VG	Chips, Peas, Sweetcorn, Colelaw 9 Ginger Biscuit 1 VG Yoghurt 3,7, Fruit Pots VG

AVAILABLE DAILY 1 Wheat 2 Crustaceans 3 Soybean 4 Mustard 5 Sesame 6 Sulphites/Sulphur Dioxide 7 Milk 8 Fish 9 Egg 10 Peanuts 11 Molluscs 12 Celery/Celery 13 Nuts 14 Lupins 15 Dat Gluten 16 Barley Gluten VG Vegan V Vegetarian

*Selection of Salads 9, Homemade Bread 1,3. Some of our schools may use pre prepped potatoes or vegetables on occasions. These may contain sulphites and celeriac. Please discuss with your manager.

"The kids were really engaged within the lessons and activities. It was impressive to see them debate using phrases like 'in my opinion...' and letting others talk/encourage each other to share their thoughts."
School governor

Staff news

We'd like to welcome Mrs Frost back after maternity leave. She will be teaching in Reception Chestnut class on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays after Easter. Mrs Robinson will continue to teach Chestnut class on Thursdays and Fridays.

Sadly, our amazing music teacher, Miss Starkey, is leaving to pursue a career in music overseas. We thank her for spreading the joy of music to our children. Our new music teacher, Mr O'Reilly, will start after Easter.



Mrs Tranior, our SENCo, is retiring at the end of this academic year. Our new SENCo, Mrs Lumm, will be joining us after Easter to ensure a term of transition. Mrs Lumm is looking forward to meeting you in the summer term.

Key dates for your diary

April

Tuesday 22nd April: Teacher training day.

Wednesday 23rd April: First day of summer term for pupils.

Tuesday 29th April: Year 5 Sycamore trip to the Science Museum.

Wednesday 30th April: Year 5 Walnut trip to the Science Museum.

May

Thursday 1st May: Year 3 Willow trip to the Chiltern Open Air Museum.

Thursday 8th May: Year 3 Iroko trip to the Chiltern Open Air Museum.

Friday 23rd May to Monday 26th May: Year 6 PGL residential school trip.

July

Thursday 17th July: Last day of term for Nursery.

Friday 18th July: Last day of term for Reception to Year 6 pupils.

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

Community news

Hillingdon Holiday Activity & Food (HAF) Winter Programme

Bookings for Hillingdon's Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme are now open. The 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.

Visit: [Easter HAF programme - Hillingdon Council](#) to view the webpages where you can find out more about HAF and find booking information.



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