

## School Newsletter

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2025

### Celebration assembly

Well done to the pupils below who were chosen by their teachers to receive certificates in today's Celebration assembly for being a good friend to all in school this week.

Reception Chestnut Class	Madison
Reception Maple Class	Alex
Year 1 Ash Class	Phoebe
Year 1 Redwood Class	Octavia
Year 2 Birch Class	Calamity
Year 2 Elder Class	Kian
Year 3 Iroko Class	Ben, Ellie and Riley
Year 3 Willow Class	Manraj
Year 4 Juniper Class	Indi
Year 4 Spruce Class	Lennon
Year 5 Sycamore Class	Amina
Year 5 Walnut Class	Erin and Georgia
Year 6 Aspen Class	Millie
Year 6 Beech Class	Charlie

### House points

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

Reception Chestnut Class	Kai
Reception Maple Class	Donya
Year 1 Ash Class	George
Year 1 Redwood Class	Jamie
Year 2 Birch Class	Sohan
Year 2 Elder Class	Isla
Year 3 Iroko Class	Fernando
Year 3 Willow Class	Raegan
Year 4 Juniper Class	Charlie
Year 4 Spruce Class	Ollie
Year 5 Sycamore Class	Alayna
Year 5 Walnut Class	Jake
Year 6 Aspen Class	Chloe B
Year 6 Beech Class	Frankie

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

“Children settle quickly when they join the school in the early years. This is because leaders and teachers have clear expectations.”  
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	100%
Year 2 Elder Class	99%
Year 5 Sycamore Class	99%
Year 3 Willow Class	97%
Year 6 Beech Class	96%
Reception Maple Class	95%
Year 6 Aspen Class	95%
Year 1 Redwood Class	94%
Year 4 Juniper Class	94%
Year 5 Walnut Class	94%
Year 2 Birch Class	91%
Year 3 Iroko Class	90%
Year 4 Spruce Class	89%
Reception Chestnut Class	84%

### 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.

### May Bank Holiday

The school will be closed on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May for the May bank holiday. Children return to school on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> May as normal.

### 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:

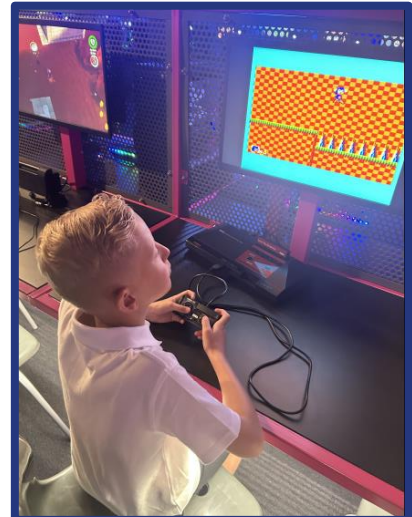
'You should always do what your friends ask you to.'

**"The school provides extensive opportunities for pupils to develop their talents and interests."**

Junior school Ofsted Inspection report

### Year 5 Science Museum school trip

On Tuesday and Wednesday, Year 5 Sycamore and Walnut classes visited the Power Up exhibition at the Science Museum as part of their learning in History about leisure and entertainment. The children got hands-on with some of the very best video games and consoles of the past five decades.



“It was so fun and exciting and I loved all the games!” Eladie (Sycamore class).

“I loved to see the difference between the new games and the old games!” Carly (Sycamore class).

“My favourite part was playing the original Super Mario,” Amelia (Sycamore class).

“I loved seeing how the graphics have improved from the old video games compared to the modern games,” Jack.C (Sycamore class).

“Power Up was amazing, the best school trip yet!” Luke (Walnut class).

“I loved it – my favourite game was Pacman-8 of us played at once!” Olivia (Walnut Class).

“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

### Year 2 Firefighter visit

Year 2 had a visit from a fire engine and some firefighters on Monday. They learnt about the different equipment used to put out fires and had the exciting opportunity to hold the hose and squirt water!

As part of their History unit about The Great Fire of London, this visit helped them understand how firefighting today compares to how fires were tackled in 1666.



### Cricket Festival

Last Thursday, some of our pupils were invited to a Cricket Festival at Uxbridge Cricket Club. They all thoroughly enjoyed the day taking part in a rotation of cricket related activities.

Well done to Mason, George, Frankie, Tommy, Remy, Susan, Fleur, Sophie, Poppy, Archie & Aiden.



### Forest School

This week at Forest School, the children had free play and made shelters.



**“We learn about different feelings so we can regulate our emotions.”**  
Year 2 pupil

### VE Day Celebrations

It is the 80th anniversary of VE day next Thursday. It will be a non uniform day and children should come in to school wearing red, white and blue coloured clothing. There will be a special VE day assembly during which we will explain the importance of VE day. There will also be afternoon tea parties for the children with tasty treats including scones, jam and clotted cream for the children to enjoy.



### Sports days



We will be holding this year's Sports Days during the last week of this half term, on the school field. We hope as many parents as possible can join us to cheer the children on, and also take part in the parents' race, so bring your trainers!

Sports days for each year group are taking place on the following dates:

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> May at 9am Year 1

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> May at 10.30am Year 2

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> May at 9am Year 3

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> May at 10.30am Year 4

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> May at 9am Year 5

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> May at 10.30am Year 6

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May at 9am Reception

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May at 10.30am Nursery (Afternoon Nursery children are welcome to attend the morning session on this day)

Please send your child in to school wearing their PE kit, including a t-shirt in the same colours as the house that they are in.

**"When I visited the Nursery and Reception classes it was inspirational to see how much learning can be achieved through play."**

**Chair of Governors**

## Key dates for your diary

### May

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May: Bank holiday-school closed.

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

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> May: SENCo Coffee Morning at 9am for Year 1 & 2 parents/carers in the Infant School hall.

Week beginning 12<sup>th</sup> May: Year 6 SATs week.

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> May: SENCo Coffee Morning at 9am for Year 3 & 4 parents/carers in the Junior School Hall.

Week beginning 19<sup>th</sup> May: Art week-further details to follow.

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> May: Year 1 sports day at 9am, Year 2 sports day at 10.30am.

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> May: Year 3 sports day at 9am, Year 4 sports day at 10.30am.

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> May: Year 1 Redwood class assembly at 9am.

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> May: Year 5 sports day at 9am, Year 6 sports day at 10.30am.

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May: SENCo Coffee Morning at 9am for Year 5 & 6 parents/carers in the Junior School hall.

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May: Reception sports day at 9am, Nursery sports day at 10.30am.

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

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 30<sup>th</sup> May: half term-school closed.

### June

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> June: School photographer in for Junior class photographs.

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> June: School photographer in for Infant class photographs.

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> June: Year 1 Ash class assembly at 9am.

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> June: Year 3 Willow class assembly at 9am.

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> June: Parent oracy open morning-further details to follow.

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> June: Year 5 Matilda theatre trip.

Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> June: Summer fete from 11.30am to 3.30pm-further details to follow.

### July

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> July: Travel around the world day- further details to follow.

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> July: Year 4 Lion King theatre trip.

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> July: Year 6 Starlight Express theatre trip.

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> July: End of year reports sent home to parents.

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> July: Year 6 disco from 6pm to 8pm- further details to follow.

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> July at 1.45pm: Year 6 production- further details to follow.

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> July at 9am: Year 2 production- further details to follow.

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> July at 7pm: Year 6 production- further details to follow.

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> July: Last day of term for Nursery.

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> July at 9am: Year 2 leavers' presentation- further details to follow.

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> July: Year 6 end of year party AM.

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> July: Year 2 end of year party PM.

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July at 9am: Year 6 leavers' presentation- further details to follow.

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July: Last day of term for Reception to Year 6 pupils. School finishes at 1pm.

**"The teachers are really kind and explain everything clearly."  
Year 6 pupil**

## PTA News

**Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> June: Harefield Infant & Junior School PTA Summer Fete 11.30pm to 3.30pm**

It's that time of year again when we start planning for our summer fete.

If anyone is available to help on a school stall that would be hugely appreciated! Please contact either school office or email the PTA on [harefieldijspta@gmail.com](mailto:harefieldijspta@gmail.com)

There are loads of options from cake stall, tombola, football goals, hook a duck and bouncy castle. We would love your help!

## Community News



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### MAY & SUMMER FUN DAYS

SWIMMING, MULTI-SPORTS, ARTS & CRAFTS, BOUNCY CASTLE, PERFORMING ARTS, GAMING, LASER TAG, NERF WARS, LEGO BUILDING & MUCH MORE!

**May Half-Term: Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> May - Friday 30<sup>th</sup> May**  
**Summer Holidays: Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> July - Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September**



**William Penn Leisure Centre**  
Shepherds Lane, Mill End, Rickmansworth WD3 8JN  
**9.00am - 4.00pm**  
Early drop off from 8am, late pick-up until 5pm

OPEN TO CHILDREN AGED 5 (SCHOOL YEAR 1) - 12  
**FROM £27.50 PER DAY!**

Discounts for siblings & full week booking - please see booking page for details.  
**We accept Childcare Vouchers, Tax-Free Childcare & we are OFSTED registered!**  
Please bring: Lunch, Snacks, Waterproof Clothing & a Refillable Drinks Bottle.



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