

## School Newsletter

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2025**

### Celebration assembly

In Monday's assembly, Miss Churchill explained OPAL (Outdoor Play And Learning) to pupils and shared some of the changes we are making to lunch times to improve children's quality of play. Well done to all of the pupils below who were chosen by their teachers to receive special certificates in today's Celebration assembly for playing nicely with others during lunchtimes this week.

Reception Chestnut Class	Finley
Reception Maple Class	Mia
Year 1 Ash Class	Yusef
Year 1 Redwood Class	Yasin and Olivier
Year 2 Birch Class	Karina
Year 2 Elder Class	Zayne
Year 3 Iroko Class	Fletcher
Year 3 Willow Class	Albie
Year 4 Juniper Class	Emir
Year 4 Spruce Class	Reagan
Year 5 Sycamore Class	Yumi
Year 5 Walnut Class	Ralph
Year 6 Aspen Class	Georgia
Year 6 Beech Class	Fleur

### House points

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

Reception Chestnut Class	Thomas
Reception Maple Class	Ella
Year 1 Ash Class	Darcie and Rosey
Year 1 Redwood Class	Hayden
Year 2 Birch Class	Archie
Year 2 Elder Class	Peter
Year 3 Iroko Class	Ellena
Year 3 Willow Class	Alexis
Year 4 Juniper Class	Joel, Amanda and Riley
Year 4 Spruce Class	Ermil
Year 5 Sycamore Class	Ava and Zoe
Year 5 Walnut Class	Iverson and Kaylee
Year 6 Aspen Class	Archie
Year 6 Beech Class	Remy

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 4 Juniper Class	97%
Year 3 Iroko Class	96%
Year 2 Birch Class	94%
Year 3 Willow Class	94%
Reception Chestnut Class	93%
Reception Maple Class	93%
Year 2 Elder Class	92%
Year 5 Sycamore Class	91%
Year 5 Walnut Class	90%
Year 1 Redwood Class	89%
Year 4 Spruce Class	88%
Year 6 Aspen Class	88%
Year 6 Beech Class	87%
Year 1 Ash Class	72%

## Attendance

### Ladder



## OPAL (Outdoor Play And Learning)

We launched OPAL this week with the aim of improving opportunities for physical activity, socialisation, cooperation, coordination, resilience, creativity, imagination and enjoyment through improved play.

Thank you very much parents for all your donations which we have used to create a dress up area and toy vehicle area in the playground during lunchtime. Please do continue to donate any clothing items and toys that are in a good condition.



“I used to just walk around the playground at lunchtime with nothing to do but today I dressed up with my friends,” Raegan (Year 4).

“I like cars and trains. It was fun playing sharing them with the others,” Sajan (Year 4).





### Tea time talk

This year, we are continuing to 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 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:

“Playing is as important as learning.”

### Applying for a place in Reception at the Infant school for September 2026

If your child was born between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2021 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2022, you must apply for a school place by Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2026. 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 2026

If your child is currently in year 2, you must apply for a junior school place by Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2026. For full details and to apply online, visit: [www.hillingdon.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.hillingdon.gov.uk/schooladmissions)

### Year 3 Willow school trip to the British Museum

Year 3 Willow class visited the British Museum on Monday as part of their learning in History about the ancient Egyptians and took part in an Egyptian mummies workshop.

“I loved learning about mummification in Ancient Egypt!” Harriet.

“My favourite part was seeing all the different sarcophaguses,” Oliver.

“There were lots of artefacts for us to see,” Alexis.



### Forest School

At Forest School this week, the children were matching nature to their colour wheel, constructing dens, making rope swings and playing the 'moving the log' game.



### Children in Need



Thank you everyone for your generous donations for Children in Need on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November. We raised a combined total of £293.15.



### Nourish Christmas Lunch menu

Nourish have created a special Christmas lunch menu for Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December.

If you would like your child to have a Christmas lunch on that day, please log into your School Grid account to order one for your child.

## Key dates for your diary

### November

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> November 9am: Y5 Sycamore assembly for parents in the Junior hall

### December

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> December: Year 6 trip to the Battle of Britain.

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> December: Pantomime in school for pupils.

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December: Travel back in time day.

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December 9am: Reception Nativity for parents in the Infant hall.

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December: Christmas surprise for pupils organised by the PTA.

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December 9am & 2.30pm: Infant Christmas Concert-further details to follow.

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December 9am & 2.30pm: Junior Christmas Concert-further details to follow.

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December: Last day of term for Nursery pupils.

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December: Last day of term for Reception to Year 6 pupils. Non uniform day (wear Christmas jumpers). School finishes at 1pm.

### Spring term 2026

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

### Summer term 2026

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

## PTA News

**Christmas Surprise:** Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December-more details to follow.

## Community News

### Female Only BMX Session

Join us at Hayes Hawks BMX Club, Lake Farm for FREE female only BMX sessions. Open to all skills and abilities. Bikes and safety equipment can be borrowed if you don't have your own. Led by Harriet Alexander who is one of Britain's leading female BMX coaches. She is qualified in Sports Science and has a degree in Sports Psychology. Known for her innovative session plans and attention to detail, Harriet coaches riders of all levels at tracks across the south of England. Her wealth of knowledge plus her own formidable racing history means that rapid progression is assured for her young charges

Date: Sunday 23rd November

Where: Lake Farm Country Park, Hayes UB3 1EJ

Time: 1 - 2 pm

Book: [hello@hawksbmx.co.uk](mailto:hello@hawksbmx.co.uk) or 07805 687083

Cost: FREE

What you'll gain:

Fun and excitement

- BMX is a thrilling activity that gets your heart rate up and provides an exciting experience
- Creative expression: Riding allows for creativity through tricks and the ability to interpret any terrain, from skate parks to city streets
- Enjoyment: It's a simple and enjoyable activity that can be done almost anywhere, whether you're doing stunts or just cruising

Physical and Mental Health:

- Fitness: BMX is a great workout for your heart, improving endurance and efficiency
- Strength: It builds muscle in your legs and upper body through pedalling, jumping, and controlling the bike
- Weight loss: The combination of cardio and muscle work can help with weight loss by burning fat and building lean muscle
- Mental well-being: Riding can reduce stress and anxiety, leaving you feeling energized and happy
- Improved skills: It teaches precision, balance, and the ability to absorb impacts, which can be beneficial for other cycling disciplines

### Gender & Neurodiversity

CAAS are delighted to announce that they are running a workshop for parents and carers of ADHD / autistic children and young people on Wednesday 10 December 2025, 6pm-8pm.





The speaker, Emily Kersey, is the Specialist Adult Autism Team Lead at CAAS. With over a decade of experience working with neurodivergent individuals, Emily brings a unique blend of professional expertise and personal insight to her role.

This friendly and informative session will help you:

Understand the difference between gender identity, gender expression, and biological sex

- Learn about pronouns and why they matter
- Explore why gender diversity is more common in the neurodivergent community
- Gain practical strategies for offering supportive, affirming care
- Build confidence in language, communication, and allyship

[Register for this workshop](#)

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THE WINDMILL STUDIO CENTRE  
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**SATURDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> NOVEMBER**

**REGISTER YOUR INTEREST**  
Book a slot today & meet the team!

Or Email "JAM" to  
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All places must be booked in, no one is under any obligation, and though it is a 3 month free trial offer, due to Christmas, this will commence straight away, if signing up, but will last until the end of March 2026. With this in place, every child will be open to all job opportunities that we have available for any age group.

So why not book yourselves in, come and meet the team, ask questions, if required, and we will take appropriate headshots and full length photos very quickly to get your child on board, taking measurements and sizes etc.

If after March 2026 you would like to sign on officially, then everything would apply within our Terms & Conditions when it comes to having our agency photos and yearly registration fee, but to confirm, you would be under no obligation.

Here's further information and the link for you to completely, upload and submit for the **OPEN CASTING!**

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeSaMvcvQjO9wCcL7tdPfZRYWo1bE241oISD4eI8fkDrl57gw/viewform?usp=header>