

School Newsletter

Friday 5th December 2025

Celebration assembly

The theme at school this week was our school value of **teamwork**. Well done to the pupils below who were chosen by their teachers to receive certificates in today's Celebration assembly for showing good teamwork in school this week.

Reception Chestnut Class	Cass and Liam
Reception Maple Class	Margot, Mia, Phoebe and Maddison
Year 1 Ash Class	Ralphie, Yusef, Ibrahim and Hala
Year 1 Redwood Class	Yasin, Madison and Lucca
Year 2 Birch Class	Kamali and Cezar
Year 2 Elder Class	Elissa and Zayne
Year 3 Iroko Class	Ellena
Year 3 Willow Class	Olivia
Year 4 Juniper Class	Christalona and Zarghona
Year 4 Spruce Class	Lexi-Rose
Year 5 Sycamore Class	Christiana and John
Year 5 Walnut Class	Marie, Leon, Bella, Stanlie and Molly
Year 6 Aspen Class	Fateh and Subin
Year 6 Beech Class	Yanis and Lola

House points

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

Reception Chestnut Class	Ayana and Henry
Reception Maple Class	Amelia
Year 1 Ash Class	Ciara and Bonnie
Year 1 Redwood Class	Zoleasha
Year 2 Birch Class	Grace
Year 2 Elder Class	Muhammad
Year 3 Iroko Class	Isla
Year 3 Willow Class	Alan
Year 4 Juniper Class	Ben
Year 4 Spruce Class	Harley S
Year 5 Sycamore Class	Ruby
Year 5 Walnut Class	Shannon
Year 6 Aspen Class	Charlie and Riley
Year 6 Beech Class	Susan

Well done to the pupils in **Green** 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 1 Ash Class	97%
Reception Maple Class	96%
Year 2 Birch Class	96%
Reception Chestnut Class	94%
Year 4 Juniper Class	93%
Year 5 Walnut Class	93%
Year 6 Beech Class	93%
Year 3 Iroko Class	92%
Year 3 Willow Class	89%
Year 6 Aspen Class	87%
Year 1 Redwood Class	86%
Year 2 Elder Class	86%
Year 5 Sycamore Class	86%
Year 4 Spruce Class	85%

Attendance Ladder



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:

"Stars are better tree toppers than angels."

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

If your child was born between 1st September 2021 and 31st August 2022, **you must apply for a school place by Thursday 15th January 2026**. For full details and to apply online, visit: www.hillingdon.gov.uk/schooladmissions

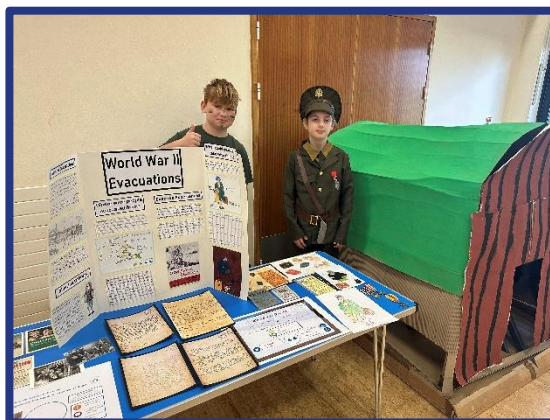
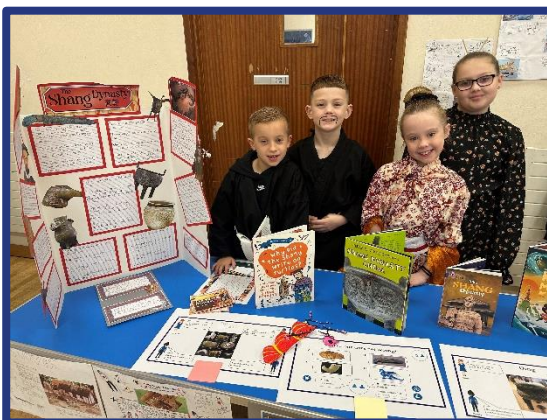
Applying for a place in Year 3 at the Junior school for September 2026

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

Travel back in time day

On Friday we had a 'Travel Back in Time Day' to celebrate the learning that has taken place this half term in History lessons.

Well done to all of the teachers and children for their very informative displays and presentations in the school hall. A special thank you to Miss Wilcox, who is the History subject leader across the Infant and Junior schools, for organising the day.



Year 6 school trip to the Battle of Britain Bunker

On Monday, Year 6 Aspen and Beech classes visited The Battle of Britain Bunker in Hillingdon where they got to learn about the importance of plotting and how this historical location was influential during the Second World War. The children were brilliantly behaved and demonstrated their knowledge and understanding of what they had been learning about in school throughout the day.

'It was very interesting learning about the battle of Britain,' Amelia.

'It was fascinating how we were able to stand in the bunker where people helped to save Britain,' Ollie.



Ten Pin Bowling Competition

On Monday, children from the Junior's represented the school at the Panathlon Ten Pin Bowling Competition. The group thoroughly enjoyed the morning finishing 4th out of 12 schools.

Well done to Nancy, Olivia, Ben, Arihan, Lennox & Harley.



Christmas Pantomime performance

The children had an early Christmas treat this Thursday with a visit from Chaplin's Pantos to perform Dick Whittington.



Forest School

The children made Christmas decorations at Forest School this week by painting wooden discs and adding glitter whilst Year 2 had a brilliant time building towers out of sticks, found rocks and painted them.



Out of School Achievements

Scarlett and George who both play for Get Set 4 tennis in Maple Cross each won two awards last Saturday at their Tennis Club Awards evening.

Scarlett won Best Match Performance Award and the Commitment Award and George won Best Match Performance Award and Player of the Year Award.

Their performances left a lasting impression on their coaches, teammates and the audience setting a high standard for match play at the club.



Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal



Thank you for your support

To Harefield Infant & Junior School

Thank you for supporting the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

Your collection total £321.70

District total £6200.00

Thank you

Your support has made a real difference to those in the Armed Forces Community.

Without your efforts, we couldn't do the work we do.

To find out more about how your donation helps, please visit rbl.org.uk/poppyappeal

Thank you for your kind generosity. We raised a combined total £321.70 for the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal.

Nourish Christmas Lunch menu



Nourish have created a special Christmas lunch menu for Wednesday 17th 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

December

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

Friday 12th December: Christmas surprise for pupils organised by the PTA.

Tuesday 16th December 9am & 2.30pm: Infant Christmas Concert.

Wednesday 17th December 9am & 2.30pm: Junior Christmas Concert.

Thursday 18th December: Last day of term for Nursery pupils.

Friday 19th 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)

Term starts

Half term

Term ends

Monday 5th January 2026

Tuesday 6th January 2026

Monday 16th to Friday 20th February 2026

Friday 27th March 2026 at 1pm

Summer term 2026

Training day (school closed for pupils)

Term starts

Half term

Term ends

Monday 13th April 2026

Tuesday 14th April 2026

Monday 25th to Friday 29th May 2026

Friday 17th July 2026 at 1pm

Community News

#DOSOMETHINGTHISHOLIDAY

#DoSomethingThisHoliday (Winter 2025) *

Looking for an exciting way to keep your children/young people engaged this holiday? The Hillingdon Youth Offer Targeted Team has put together a fun-filled holiday programme. The Winter Wellbeing programme is designed to inspire creativity, build confidence, and promote well-being.

Our young residents can take part in Winter Wellbeing Workshops – packed with activities like creative arts, sports, cooking, and personal development sessions to develop new skills, teamwork and wellbeing awareness. Fun activities for connection, creativity and wellness.

This is a fantastic opportunity for children and young people in Hillingdon to learn, connect, and create unforgettable memories.

School years 7+

- Monday 22nd December 2025, 10am-3pm at Harlington Young People's Centre, Pinkwell Lane, Hayes, UB3 1PB
- Tuesday 23rd December 2025, 10am-3pm at Harlington Young People's Centre, Pinkwell Lane, Hayes, UB3 1PB

School years 4-6

- Wednesday 24th December 2025, 10am-3pm at Harlington Young People's Centre, Pinkwell Lane, Hayes, UB3 1PB

Lunch provided. Just bring a refillable water bottle and wear comfy clothes for active, messy fun.

Need help getting to the location? Minibus pickup is available from central Ruislip location, spaces are limited.

To request a place for your child/young person to our holiday offer please visit <https://rebrand.ly/DSTH/Winter2025>

*We are collaborating with the wider Youth Offer, the Family Hubs, Children's Centres to promote their offer. So, if you have a child aged 0-19, why not book onto one of their sessions that run across the borough.

The following links provide further information about other activities available to children and young people this school holiday and all year round in Hillingdon.

- Hillingdon Youth Offer | www.hillingdon.gov.uk/youth-offer



- **Family Hubs and Children's Centres** | If you have a child aged 0-7, why not book onto one of their sessions that run across the borough. www.hillingdon.gov.uk/article/10475/Services-we-offer-at-our-family-hubs-and-childrens-centres
- **Care and Support Directory**
| <https://careandsupport.hillingdon.gov.uk>
- **Activity programmes for children and young people - Hillingdon Council** | www.hillingdon.gov.uk/children-activities
- **Events and activities in Hillingdon - Discover Hillingdon** | <https://discover.hillingdon.gov.uk/events>
- **SEND local offer - Hillingdon Council** | www.hillingdon.gov.uk/send-local-offer