

## School Newsletter

**Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2025**

### Celebration assembly

Well done to the pupils below who were chosen by their teachers to receive certificates in today's Celebration assembly for showing courage in school this week.

Reception Chestnut Class	Paige
Reception Maple Class	Louis
Year 1 Ash Class	Clayton and Tom
Year 1 Redwood Class	Jax
Year 2 Birch Class	Sabrina
Year 2 Elder Class	Jamie
Year 3 Iroko Class	Erin
Year 3 Willow Class	George S
Year 4 Juniper Class	Reuben
Year 4 Spruce Class	Sajan
Year 5 Sycamore Class	Lilly
Year 5 Walnut Class	Iverson
Year 6 Aspen Class	Jacob
Year 6 Beech Class	Aoife

### House points

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

Reception Chestnut Class	Sophia
Reception Maple Class	Samson
Year 1 Ash Class	Alex and Bonnie
Year 1 Redwood Class	Nola and Dai
Year 2 Birch Class	Sahej
Year 2 Elder Class	Darius
Year 3 Iroko Class	Isla
Year 3 Willow Class	Elsie
Year 4 Juniper Class	Ellie
Year 4 Spruce Class	Spring
Year 5 Sycamore Class	Aaron
Year 5 Walnut Class	Louie and Sarah
Year 6 Aspen Class	Jacob
Year 6 Beech Class	Alayna

Well done to the pupils in **Yellow** 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 2 Elder Class	97%
Year 4 Spruce Class	96%
Year 6 Aspen Class	95%
Year 3 Willow Class	94%
Year 1 Ash Class	93%
Year 5 Walnut Class	92%
Reception Maple Class	90%
Year 4 Juniper Class	90%
Reception Chestnut Class	89%
Year 2 Birch Class	89%
Year 3 Iroko Class	89%
Year 5 Sycamore Class	89%
Year 6 Beech Class	89%
Year 1 Redwood Class	88%

## 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:

“At Christmas, instead of giving presents, we should give to charity.”

## 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)

### Reception Nativity

Reception Chestnut and Maple classes performed a wonderful Nativity on Wednesday. Maurice the mule enjoyed it so much that he didn't mind sharing his manger with baby Jesus.



### St Mary's Church 'Carols by Candlelight'



The Junior school choir performed during a magical evening of carols, readings, reflection and festive warmth at St Mary's Church on Thursday evening. The event was held in support of Royal Brompton and Harefield Hospitals Charity which raises funds to improve the care at our local hospital.

Please use the link below to make a donation, if you are able to do so:

<https://www.rbhcharity.org/donate/>

### Year 5 and 6 Swimming Gala

On Thursday, we attended the District Swimming Gala at St Helens School. The team of 12 took part in individual, medley relay and freestyle relay races.



Well done to Frank, Jack P, Hunter, George, Leon, Lola, Olivia, Indi, Jack C, Scarlett, Nancy and Abigail.

### Forest School

This week at forest school, the children made clay figures, made hammocks and generally had a brilliant time roasting marshmallows and eating smores by the fire!



## Junior Adventure Group Rise and Shine and Stay and Play session price cut!

We're delighted to share some exciting news with you!

Following the valuable feedback gathered from our recent parent surveys, we are **reducing the prices at Harefield Infant and Junior School by 22%** of our Rise then Shine and **5%** of our Stay & Play services.

- Rise then Shine – WAS £5.50 – NOW £4.50 per session
- Stay and Play – WAS £11.50 – NOW £11.00 per session

This change reflects our continued commitment to supporting school communities with **accessible, high-quality childcare**, and we're thrilled to be able to offer families even better value while maintaining the same great experiences children enjoy every day.

The new pricing will take effect from **8th December**. Any families with existing bookings don't need to take any action — we'll automatically credit the difference to their accounts by **13th December**.

Thank you for your ongoing partnership and for helping us to stay closely connected to the needs of your families. By listening and adapting together, we're ensuring our services make the greatest possible positive impact across your school community.

If you'd like to view the updated session times and prices, you can do so here:

<https://www.junioradventuresgroup.co.uk/find-us/>

### 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

### December

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December 9am & 2.30pm: Infant Christmas Concert.  
Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December 9am & 2.30pm: Junior Christmas Concert.  
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

## Term dates and holidays 2026/2027

### Autumn term 2026

Training day (school closed for pupils) Wednesday 2nd September 2026  
Term starts Thursday 3rd September 2026  
Half term Monday 26th to Friday 30th October 2026  
Term ends Thursday 17th December 2026 at 1pm

### Spring term 2027

Training day (school closed for pupils) Monday 4th January 2027  
Term starts Tuesday 5th January 2027  
Half term Monday 15th to Friday 19th February 2027  
Term ends Thursday 25th March 2027 at 1pm

### Summer term 2027

Training day (school closed for pupils) Monday 12th April 2027  
Term starts Tuesday 13th April 2027  
Half term Monday 31st May to Friday 4th June 2027  
Term ends Wednesday 21st July 2027 at 1pm

## Community News

### Bookings Now Open for Hillingdon's Winter HAF Programme

We're delighted to announce that bookings are now open for Hillingdon's Winter 2025/26 Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Programme.

This funded programme is available to school-aged children from Reception to Year 11 who are eligible for benefits-related free school meals. Discretionary places may also be available for vulnerable children who do not meet the Free School Meal criteria.

Children and young people can enjoy:

- Healthy meals every day
- Fun, creative, and physical activities
- Food, cooking, and nutrition activities
- Opportunities to learn new skills and make friends

This winter's activities include:

- Sports sessions
- Creative arts programmes
- Multi-activity camps
- STEM workshops
- SEND-friendly activity camps

...and much more!

Full details, including how to book and provider contact information, can be found at:

[www.hillingdon.gov.uk/haf-programme](http://www.hillingdon.gov.uk/haf-programme)

If you need help or have any questions, you can contact us via:

Email: [hafprogramme@hillingdon.gov.uk](mailto:hafprogramme@hillingdon.gov.uk)

Phone: 01895 277881



**#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](http://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](http://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](http://careandsupport.hillingdon.gov.uk)
- Activity programmes for children and young people - Hillingdon Council | [www.hillingdon.gov.uk/children-activities](http://www.hillingdon.gov.uk/children-activities)
- Events and activities in Hillingdon - Discover Hillingdon | [https://discover.hillingdon.gov.uk/events](http://discover.hillingdon.gov.uk/events)
- SEND local offer - Hillingdon Council | [www.hillingdon.gov.uk/send-local-offer](http://www.hillingdon.gov.uk/send-local-offer)

### Education & SEND Parent Event

We are excited to announce the Education & SEND Parent Event taking place on:  
**Date:** Monday, 26 January 2026



**Time:** 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

**Venue:** Civic Centre, Uxbridge

This event is a fantastic opportunity for parents and carers to:

- Hear from key services including **SEND Advisory Team, Children's Integrated Therapies, SENDIASS, Parent Carer Forum, Local Offer, Family Hubs**, and more.
- Access valuable information and support around SEND and education.

**Spaces are limited and will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis.**

Parents can register using the link below:

[Register Here](#)



**SAVE THE DATE!**

## Education & SEND

**Parent Event 26<sup>th</sup>  
January 2026**

**10.00am - 2.00pm  
Civic Centre Uxbridge**

**Come hear from:**

- SEND Advisory Team
- Children's Integrated Therapies
- SENDIASS
- Parent Carer Forum
- Local Offer
- Family Hubs

And much more...

Registration for the SEND & Education Parent Event



**Register Now:**

[Click Here](#)



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## CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR FUN DAYS

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

**Monday 22<sup>nd</sup>, Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> December & Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> January**



**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.



Scan the QR code for more information,  
call 01444 508008 or email [info@lets-play.org.uk](mailto:info@lets-play.org.uk)

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