

School Newsletter

Friday 14th March 2025

Celebration assembly



We work with the SkillsBuilder Partnership to help children develop essential skills, such as 'aiming high'.

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

You can find out more about what it means to aim high on the following website:

<https://www.skillsbuilder.org/universal-framework/aiming-high>

Reception Chestnut Class	Kai
Reception Maple Class	Darcie
Year 1 Ash Class	Michael
Year 1 Redwood Class	Cronan
Year 2 Birch Class	Alexis
Year 2 Elder Class	Matthew
Year 3 Iroko Class	Ronnie
Year 3 Willow Class	Georgia-Mae
Year 4 Juniper Class	Aaron
Year 4 Spruce Class	Lennon
Year 5 Sycamore Class	Amelia
Year 5 Walnut Class	Daniel
Year 6 Aspen Class	Aragan
Year 6 Beech Class	Henry

**"School staff form caring, nurturing, professional relationships with pupils."
Infant school Ofsted Inspection report**

House points

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

Reception Chestnut Class	Hayden
Reception Maple Class	Alex
Year 1 Ash Class	Sabrina
Year 1 Redwood Class	Elissa
Year 2 Birch Class	Rose
Year 2 Elder Class	Willow
Year 3 Iroko Class	Iris
Year 3 Willow Class	Mahilini
Year 4 Juniper Class	Ava
Year 4 Spruce Class	Stanlie
Year 5 Sycamore Class	Frank
Year 5 Walnut Class	Josh
Year 6 Aspen Class	Lilly
Year 6 Beech Class	Charlie

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 1 Ash Class	98%
Year 3 Iroko Class	98%
Year 5 Sycamore Class	98%
Year 2 Elder Class	97%
Year 3 Willow Class	97%
Year 6 Aspen Class	94%
Reception Maple Class	93%
Year 1 Redwood Class	93%
Year 2 Birch Class	93%
Year 5 Walnut Class	92%
Year 6 Beech Class	92%
Reception Chestnut Class	89%
Year 4 Juniper Class	85%
Year 4 Spruce Class	82%

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.

“The school’s work to enhance the development of pupils’ character is exceptional.”
Junior school Ofsted Inspection report

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:

'We should have a 3-day weekend.'

Science Week

It is British Science Week this week and we have had lots of exciting science activities taking place.



Each day, during lunchtime, teachers carried out pop up experiments in the playground; the children were excited and wowed by Coca-Cola and watermelon volcanoes, balloons inflating using only bicarbonate of soda and vinegar and other fun investigations.

On Wednesday and Thursday, Sparkie Malarkey visited both schools to lead thoroughly engaging workshops that left children buzzing and inspired to develop as budding scientists. At the end of the day, both schools came together for the exhilarating finale-a wacky rockets display that not only sent plastic bottles whizzing across the playground but sent the children wild in amazement!

Our Science Showcase on Friday was a fantastic way for the children to share with parents and each other the science topics they have been learning about.



"I was really impressed not only as a governor, but as a parent at the nurturing way all teachers had with their classes. Children were engaged, happy and enjoying lessons."
School governor

Year 6 Junior Citizen Event

Year 6 Aspen and Beech classes had the opportunity to visit the Junior Citizen event on Monday, where they learnt about important citizenship messages and life skills from various agencies including the Met. Police, London Fire Brigade and Transport for London.



Year 4 Roman Verulamium Museum school trip

Year 4 Juniper and Spruce classes have been learning about the Romans in History this term. They visited the Roman Verulamium Museum in St. Albans last Friday. The visit included an artefacts learning session, which brought to life the topic by exploring both real and replica objects from the daily life of the Roman town of Verulamium.



“The trip was very interesting. I liked dressing up in Roman clothes,” Leon.

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

Sporting Events

On Wednesday, the Girls' Netball Team attended the District Tournament at Newnham School. They played 4 matches in the Aspire group, finishing with a record of W2 L2.

Well done to Poppy, Matilda, Ronnie, Lilly, Molly, Sienna & Aiva.



On Thursday, some of our Year 3/4 pupils were invited to a Netball Festival at Newnham School. They all thoroughly enjoyed the afternoon taking part in a rotation of netball related activities.

Well done to Iris, Ellie, Riley, Mahilini, Ava & Spring

Forrest School

The children had great fun making bird feeders and pond dipping at Forest School this week.



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



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JUNIOR SCHOOL

Red Nose Day

Red Nose Day is on Friday 21st March and it will be a non uniform day-children can come in to school dressed in red and wearing their red noses. We suggest a donation of £1 which you can make online via ParentPay using the following links:



Harefield Infant:

<https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=18311>

Harefield Junior:

<https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=18312>

We will also have a joke competition with prizes for the best joke in each class. Children who would like to take part in the competition should prepare a joke to tell their class that morning.

Patrick's Day



Happy St Patrick's Day to all of the Harefield families that will be celebrating on Sunday.

Key dates for your diary

March

Friday 21st March: Red Nose Day.

Thursday 27th March at 9am: Year 4 Spruce class assembly for parents in the hall.

Friday 28th March: Year 1 school trip to Headstone Manor Museum.

April

Tuesday 1st April: Infant Spring Concert at 9am and 2.30pm in the Infant School hall.

Wednesday 2nd April: Junior Spring Concert at 9am and 2.30pm in the Junior School hall.

Thursday 3rd April: Last day of Spring term for Nursery pupils.

Thursday 3rd April: Year 3 Theatre trip to see Mrs Doubtfire.

Friday 4th April: Easter bonnet parade

Friday 4th April: Last day of Spring term for Reception to Year 6 pupils-non uniform day.

School finishes at 1pm.

Monday 7th to Monday 21st April: Easter holidays.

Tuesday 22nd April: Teacher training day.

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

"I love science because it's interesting and we do lots of investigations."
Year 6 pupil

PTA News

Friday 28th March: Mother's Day Shop



The PTA will be opening a Mother's Day shop in school on Friday 28th March. The children will be brought to the shop during school hours to buy a small 'Mother's Day/grandmother/ carer' gift. Year 1 children will be visiting the Mother's Day shop on Thursday 27th. The gifts will be approximately £1-£2 each so please send your child/children in with some change in an envelope clearly marked with their name and class.

Community news



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

Week 1: Monday 7th April - Friday 11th April
Week 2: Monday 14th April - Thursday 17th April



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

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Ages 8-12

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THE OLD VINYL FACTORY FESTIVAL	VINYL RECORD FAIR ✦ ✦	STREET FOOD
Saturday 15th March 11.30am – 5pm Record Walk and Material Walk, Hayes, UB3 1DP		LIVE MUSIC
      		

[The Old Vinyl Factory Festival Tickets, Sat, Mar 15, 2025 at 11:30 AM | Eventbrite](#)

In collaboration with Hillingdon Council and the iconic Hanwell Hootie Music Festival, this Old Vinyl Factory Festival celebrates the rich cultural heritage of Hayes and West London.

Taking place from 11.30am to 5pm on Saturday 15th March, the festival is free to attend, with no ticket necessary, however please register to the event on the above link to receive updates and final information including the music programme, food line up and other news.

This FREE TO ATTEND event includes:

- A range of Live Music performances from local Hayes artists including young and emerging talent, established artists and community groups - curated by the legendary Hanwell Hootie Music Festival.
- A line-up of the best local food and drinks vendors curated by T&T Markets, the West London based Street Food Market Operator.
- A Vinyl Record Fair, offering opportunities to browse, purchase and take home from a range of vendors, curated by local organisation Groove Seekers.

You can read this year's first edition of Raring2go magazine by clicking on the link below.

[Raring2go! Hillingdon](#)

