

School Newsletter

Friday 13th June 2025

Celebration assembly

Monday's assembly was about how to cope with change. Well done to the following children for being chosen to receive special certificates in today's celebration assembly for managing to remaining positive when things change.

Reception Chestnut Class	Kai
Reception Maple Class	Hala
Year 1 Ash Class	Elson
Year 1 Redwood Class	Tiger-Lillie
Year 2 Birch Class	Kelsey
Year 2 Elder Class	Erin-May
Year 3 Iroko Class	Joel
Year 3 Willow Class	Spring
Year 4 Juniper Class	John
Year 4 Spruce Class	Stanlie
Year 5 Sycamore Class	Carly
Year 5 Walnut Class	Daniel
Year 6 Aspen Class	Ella
Year 6 Beech Class	Ruby

House points

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

Reception Chestnut Class	Olessya and Hayden
Reception Maple Class	Adriel
Year 1 Ash Class	Grace
Year 1 Redwood Class	Zayne
Year 2 Birch Class	Louie
Year 2 Elder Class	Roan
Year 3 Iroko Class	Maddie
Year 3 Willow Class	Manraj
Year 4 Juniper Class	Ashley
Year 4 Spruce Class	Marcus
Year 5 Sycamore Class	Pearl
Year 5 Walnut Class	Subin and Jack
Year 6 Aspen Class	Sam P
Year 6 Beech Class	Sienna

Well done to the pupils in **Red** 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. Unfortunately, none of the classes achieved that this week.

Year 5 Walnut Class	95%
Year 1 Redwood Class	94%
Year 5 Sycamore Class	94%
Year 6 Aspen Class	94%
Year 2 Elder Class	93%
Year 1 Ash Class	92%
Year 2 Birch Class	92%
Year 4 Juniper Class	92%
Reception Chestnut Class	90%
Year 3 Willow Class	89%
Year 4 Spruce Class	89%
Year 6 Beech Class	89%
Year 3 Iroko Class	88%
Reception Maple 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.

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.

'Summer is better than winter.'

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

Junior school Ofsted Inspection report

Speech competition winners

During the first week back after May half term, we held a speech competition at the Junior school. The winners from each class delivered their speeches with great confidence during a special assembly.



Well done to the winners who were Henry, Stephanie, Pearl, Jack, Christalona, Sajan, Abigale and Ava.

Year 3 Willow class assembly

Year 3 Willow class performed a brilliant assembly on Thursday about the Anglo Saxons and the Vikings.



"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

Years 5 & 6 Boys' Cricket Festival

On Wednesday, our Boys' Cricket Team attended the Borough Tournament at Uxbridge Cricket Club.

Well done to Carter, Archie, Tommy, Mason, Remy, Ollie, Fateh, Frankie, George and Aran.



Forest School

The children have been making animals out of clay at Forest School this week.



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

Reading Buddies

This week, children in Reception have been buddying up with some of our Year 6s to have a story read to them. This has been a lovely moment for both sets of children to enjoy as some of the younger children make some memories with our oldest children. The Reception children sat beautifully and listened to the different stories that the Year 6s read to them.

"I really enjoyed reading to the younger children - it was lovely to see them follow along with you as you read to them and be able to discuss what was happening in the story." (Stephanie-Year 6 Aspen class)



Special lunch menu on Friday 20th June



Our catering company, Nourish, have updated their menu for Friday 20th June.

Please log into your **SchoolGrid** account and re-book a lunch for your child on that day.

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

Chair of Governors

Out of School Achievements



Millie Shellum in Year 6 Aspen class has achieved her black belt grading this week in Choi Kwang Do, which she started in 2021. In order to achieve her black belt, she spent 2 hours demonstrating various skills that she had learned from all of her previous belts. Through dedication, perseverance and courage, Millie has achieved this fantastic feat and something that is well-deserved - congratulations, Millie! You are an absolute inspiration!

“It was a difficult belt to get because the people I had to do my movements against were quite feisty. We had to 9 patterns of movements along with a shield attack. I’m really happy that I achieved my first black belt.” (Millie Shellum)

Mobile phones

Please note that only pupils in years 5 and 6 are allowed to bring a mobile phone to school. This is because they are the only year groups that are allowed to travel to and from school by themselves, and therefore may need to use their mobile phones for safety and communication during their journey. Pupils in years 5 and 6 that do bring a phone to school, must hand them in to their class teacher as soon as they arrive. Their class teacher will return the mobile phone at home time.

“The teachers are really kind and explain everything clearly.”
Year 6 pupil

Key dates for your diary

June

Wednesday 18th June: Parent oracy open morning.
Tuesday 24th June: Year 5 Taster Day at the Harefield School.
Wednesday 25th June: Year 5 Matilda theatre trip.
Thursday 26th June: Year 6 Starlight Express theatre trip.
Saturday 28th June: Summer fete from 11.30am to 3.30pm.

July

Friday 4th July: Year 1 school trip to Odds Farm Park.
Tuesday 8th July: Travel around the world day.
Wednesday 9th July: Year 4 Lion King theatre trip.
Friday 11th July: Year 2 school trip to Southend-on-Sea.
Friday 11th July: End of year reports sent home to parents.
Friday 11th July: Year 6 disco from 6pm to 8pm.
Tuesday 15th July at 1.30pm: Year 6 production.
Wednesday 16th July at 9am: Year 2 production.
Wednesday 16th July at 7pm: Year 6 production.
Thursday 17th July: Last day of term for Nursery.
Thursday 17th July at 9am: Year 2 leavers' presentation.
Thursday 17th July: Year 6 end of year party AM.
Thursday 17th July: Year 2 end of year party PM.
Friday 18th July at 9am: Year 6 leavers' presentation.
Friday 18th July: Last day of term for Reception to Year 6 pupils. School finishes at 1pm

"The schools' work on oracy is having an impact on pupil's learning and the quality of teaching. Some of the lessons observed using this approach were exemplary."
Education advisor

PTA News

We are always so grateful and overwhelmed by the support we receive each year, and every penny raised will go towards new lighting and staging equipment for the school hall.

We are still looking for stall holders and also if you are able to contribute a raffle prize that would be amazing! Currently our top prize is £150 cash Second Prize £100 cash and third prize £50 cash generously donated to the PTA by Hearnden Smith and Daughters Funeral Directors in the High Street! We also have loads of other great prizes tbc! The tickets will be going out soon!

If you would like to run a stall, please either contact the school office or email the PTA on harefieldijspta@gmail.com

Bottle collection for the Tombola : Friday 20th June

Last year we had an amazing response and we are so grateful! Children can bring in any bottle, doesn't have to be alcohol, could be soft drinks or toiletries; all donations will be gratefully received. Bottles can be dropped off outside the classrooms in the Infant and Junior playgrounds.

Cake Stall donations: Friday 27th June

Please bring into school any cakes for our cake stall on this date. Again, like last year, we had a fantastic response and are so grateful. Any cake donations homemade or shop bought would be amazing! Cakes can be dropped off outside classes in the Infant and Junior playgrounds.

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



Harefield Infant and Junior Schools
Summer Fete
Saturday 28th June
11.30 - 3.30 pm
Free Entry - Everyone Welcome

BBQ Food and Drinks
Live music from James Ryan and Nicky Fisher
Games and attractions
Bouncy Castles and Rides
Local business stalls
Icecreams
Soak the teachers
and Much, Much More!!!

£150 cash Top Raffle prize, £100 2nd Prize, £50 3rd prize donated by Hearnden -Smith and Daughters
More raffle prizes TBC

Raising money for Lighting and Staging equipment for the Hall

Registered Charity no: 1044958

The poster features a blue sky background with a smiling sun, colorful balloons, and illustrations of a food stall, a bouncy castle, a tent, a guitar, and a carousel at the bottom.

Community News

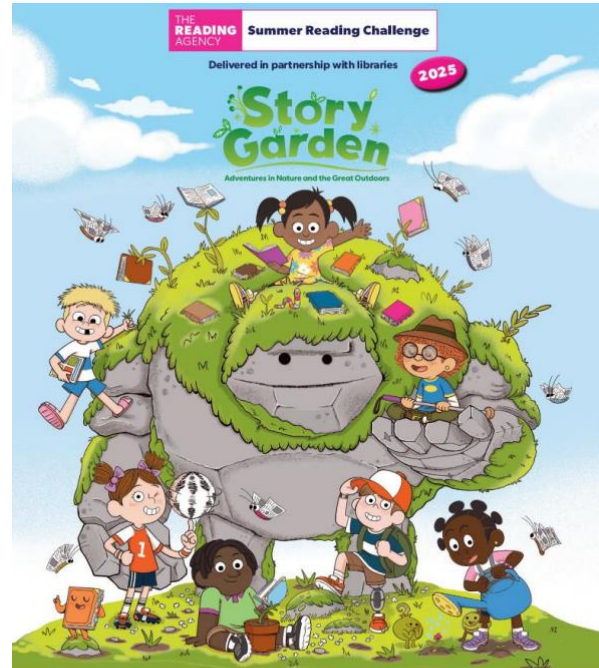
Summer Reading Challenge 2025 - Story Garden

The exciting new theme for the Summer Reading Challenge 2025 is Story Garden - Adventures in Nature and the Great Outdoors. It's all about inspiring children to tap into a world of imagination through reading, exploring the magical connection between storytelling and nature. Award-winning illustrator Dapo Adeola brings the theme to life, creating an enchanting world where children can find magical creatures, plants and flowers to inspire their next reading adventure.

The Summer Reading Challenge encourages children to keep reading over the summer. Recent research shows that children's enjoyment and engagement in reading is in decline, despite research showing that *reading for pleasure is the single biggest indicator of a child's future success*.

Children aged 4 to 11yrs can join for free in all Hillingdon Libraries from Saturday 5 July. They will receive a Sticker Booklet and Stickers to track their reading journey. Children who complete four visits will receive a Medal* and Certificate and if they complete by the closing date of Saturday 13 September, they will be entered into a prize draw with the chance to win some fabulous prizes!

We've got a fantastic virtual author launch event with Mo O'Hara especially for schools on Friday 4 July (poster below) plus some great free events running this Summer, visit your local library to find out more.



Join for free at any Hillingdon Library from
Saturday 5 July



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