

School Newsletter

Friday 12th September 2025

Celebration assembly

Well done to the following children who were chosen by their teachers to receive certificates in today's celebration assembly staying positive in school this week.

Year 1 Ash Class	Rosey
Year 1 Redwood Class	Hayden
Year 2 Birch Class	Rafe
Year 2 Elder Class	Octavia
Year 3 Iroko Class	Austin
Year 3 Willow Class	Larosa and Dylan
Year 4 Juniper Class	Faye and Misha
Year 4 Spruce Class	Elma
Year 5 Sycamore Class	Rosa-Lee
Year 5 Walnut Class	Nancy and Stanlie
Year 6 Aspen Class	Riley
Year 6 Beech Class	Isabelle

House points

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

Year 1 Ash Class	Adriel
Year 1 Redwood Class	Archie
Year 2 Birch Class	Sabrina
Year 2 Elder Class	Tiger-Lillie
Year 3 Iroko Class	Mason
Year 3 Willow Class	Bunnie-Blue
Year 4 Juniper Class	Riley
Year 4 Spruce Class	Charlotte
Year 5 Sycamore Class	Ava
Year 5 Walnut Class	Leon
Year 6 Aspen Class	Jacob
Year 6 Beech Class	Remy

Well done to the pupils in **Green** house for earning the most house points this week.

"Pupils say how much they enjoy coming to school."
 Infant school Ofsted Inspection report

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 Redwood Class	100%
Year 2 Birch Class	98%
Year 6 Aspen Class	98%
Year 5 Walnut Class	97%
Year 3 Willow Class	96%
Year 4 Juniper Class	96%
Year 6 Beech Class	96%
Year 3 Iroko Class	93%
Year 4 Spruce Class	86%
Year 5 Sycamore Class	86%
Year 1 Ash Class	84%
Year 2 Elder Class	84%

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:

'Dogs are better than cats'

"Pupils are happy and confident and engage well with each other and members of staff."
 Junior school Ofsted Inspection report

Skills Builder

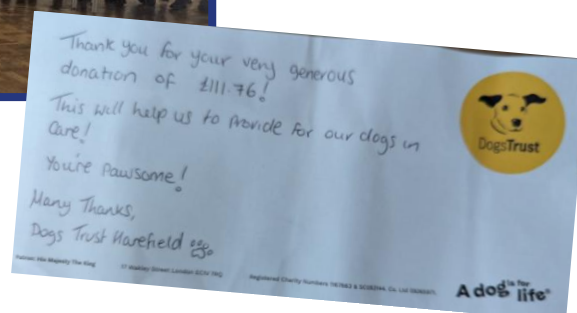
Last week, the children worked in groups during Skillsbuilder sessions. These sessions help children to develop these 8 key life skills.



You can find out more about Skillsbuilder on the following website:

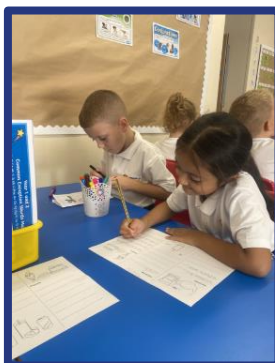
<https://www.skillsbuilder.org/universal-framework>

Year one completed a Skills Builder Project called 'Doing Good', where they learnt to listen, work in a team and solve problems. As a year group, they voted to hold a cake sale and raise money for the Harefield Dogs Trust. They made some delicious chocolate crispy cakes in class and sold them to all the year groups in the school. Year One raised an impressive £111.76. Thank you for all your generous donations.



The year 2 Skillsbuilder project was called 'Community Cafe' and the children designed their cafe, menus and created advertising in their teams.

'I really enjoyed making my own menu for the Café,' Belle (Year 2 Birch).



"The relationships the teachers have with the pupils are outstanding, and as parent as well as a governor exactly what I'd hoped to see."

Parent/School governor

In year 5, they have been focusing on listening, speaking and teamwork, during their skill builders topic of 'Breaking News'.

The children watched a video of an invasion at the school over the summer and made a news report.

"In skills builder we have been learning about a zombie attack at the school and we had to work in a team to make a news report about it," Indie.

"We had lots of fun watching the Zombies invade the school and everyone laughed at the CCTV video," Charlie

"In skills builder we were writing news reports on zombies. My favourite part of it was that we got to be creative and we worked in groups," Zoe.

The Tiger Who Came to Year 1



On Monday, year 1 children had breakfast in class and a very special visitor surprised them. What an exciting start to the day. The tiger gifted each class with a book to read-The Tiger Who Came to Tea, which year 1 will be covering in English this half term.



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

Chair of Governors

Forest School

The children really enjoyed being back at Forest School this week and made nature sticks by wrapping coloured wool around sticks.



Starting primary school

September 2026
For Hillingdon residents only

Apply online, apply in time at
www.hillingdon.gov.uk/schooladmissions
Closing date for applications is
15 January 2026

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

Applying for a place in Year 7 at Secondary school for September 2026

If your child is currently in year 6, you must apply for a Secondary school place by Friday 31st October 2025. For full details and to apply online, visit:

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Starting secondary school

September 2026

For Hillingdon residents only

Apply online, apply in time at
www.hillingdon.gov.uk/schooladmissions
Closing date for applications is
31 October 2025



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

Key dates for your diary

October

Friday 3rd October: Year 5 School trip to Legoland Windsor.

Thursday 16th October 9am: Y5 Walnut assembly for parents in the Junior hall

Tuesday 21st October: Children's individual and sibling photos in Junior School hall.

Wednesday 22nd October: Children's individual and sibling photos in the Infant School hall.

Wednesday 22nd & Thursday 23rd October 3.30-6pm: parent-teacher meetings-further details to follow.

Monday 27th to Friday 31st October: Half term break.

November

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

December

Friday 5th December: Travel back in time day-further details to follow.

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

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

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

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

Friday 19th December: Last day of term for Reception to Year 6 pupils-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

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

Community News



Pumpkin's Wildlife Hospital is calling on all budding local artists to design a colourful and heart-warming Christmas card to be printed and sold on behalf of the Charity to raise vital funds.

This competition is a chance for children aged 5-11 years to use their creative skills to bring Christmas cheer to others and help Pumpkin's to continue their vital work in saving British Wildlife.

Our judges will be choosing 5 different winning designs, to be professionally printed and packaged and offered for sale in the local area. Each winner will also receive a Pumpkin's goody bag as a thank-you and a pack of cards.

Competition guidelines

- Design a bright and colourful A4 hand drawing/painting/sketch of something Christmasy/animal inspired.
- Use felt tips, crayons, chalks, paints, pencils, or inks.
- Do not embellish with glitter or anything stuck on e.g. cotton wool.
- Any important drawings or wording needs to be kept at least 1cm away from the edges.
- Return your designs to us, along with your name, age, address, and parents' email address (children need their parent's permission to enter).
- Don't fold your A4 design, please post it to us in an A4 envelope to the following address: *Christmas Card Comp, Pumpkin's Wildlife Hospital, Stockers Farm, Stockers Farm Road, Rickmansworth, Herts. WD3 1NZ.*
- **PLEASE BRING YOUR CHRISTMAS CARDS INTO SCHOOL ON TUESDAY 16th SEPTEMBER AND WE WILL DROP OFF AT PUMPKINS WILDLIFFE HOSPITAL, or take direct to Pumpkins Wildlife Hospital no later than Wednesday 17th September 2025.**

The child's name will be printed on the back of the winning design, along with our Charity name and any sponsors.

If you have any questions, please contact us by email:

receptionpwhrc@gmail.com

BATTLE OF BRITAIN 85

Saturday 6 to Saturday 27 September 2025

Join us for events commemorating the 85th anniversary of the Battle of Britain

Saturday 6 September
Speaker Series: Paul Beaver – 'RJ Mitchell: Father of the Spitfire'

Monday 15 September
Wreath Laying Ceremony
Battle of Britain Experience Tours

Friday 12 September
Museum Late and Battle of Britain 85 Exhibition Opening

Saturday 20 and Sunday 21 September
In Their Own Words: The Battle of Britain as told by the Many & the Few – Dillip Amin (Saturday)

Saturday 13 and Sunday 14 September
Battle of Britain Experience Tours
Family Activities and Tours, including Pipsqueaks
Freshwater Theatre Interactive Performance (Saturday)

Open House London: Generator House
1940s Tea Dance (Sunday)

Speaker Series: Jim Nicolson (Saturday)
Open House London: Generator House
Family Film Screening: Grandpa's Great Escape (U) (Sunday)

Thursday 25 September
RAF Northolt Ensemble of the Central Band to commemorate the Battle of Britain

Saturday 27 September
Battle of Britain 85 Special Secrets Uncovered Tour

Find out more and book your tickets at battleofbritainbunker.co.uk

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