

School Newsletter

Friday 26th September 2025

Celebration assembly

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

Reception Chestnut Class	Willow
Reception Maple Class	Margot
Year 1 Ash Class	Ciara and Ralphy
Year 1 Redwood Class	Cairo
Year 2 Birch Class	Louie
Year 2 Elder Class	Ivy-Rose
Year 3 Iroko Class	Isla
Year 3 Willow Class	Elliott
Year 4 Juniper Class	Dua
Year 4 Spruce Class	Harrison
Year 5 Sycamore Class	Henry
Year 5 Walnut Class	Demi
Year 6 Aspen Class	Elicia, Archie and Scarlett
Year 6 Beech Class	Alyssa and Phoenix

House points

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

Year 1 Ash Class	Teddie and Clayton
Year 1 Redwood Class	Zoleasha
Year 2 Birch Class	Michael
Year 2 Elder Class	Henry
Year 3 Iroko Class	Matthew
Year 3 Willow Class	Archie
Year 4 Juniper Class	Faye
Year 4 Spruce Class	Mary
Year 5 Sycamore Class	Flynn
Year 5 Walnut Class	Lacey-Jayne
Year 6 Aspen Class	Finn
Year 6 Beech Class	Amina

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

"School staff form caring, nurturing, professional relationships with pupils."
 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 3 Iroko Class	97%
Year 2 Birch Class	96%
Year 4 Juniper Class	96%
Year 5 Walnut Class	96%
Reception Chestnut Class	95%
Year 3 Willow Class	95%
Year 6 Aspen Class	95%
Year 6 Beech Class	95%
Year 4 Spruce Class	92%
Year 1 Ash Class	91%
Year 5 Sycamore Class	91%
Reception Maple Class	89%
Year 2 Elder Class	87%
Year 1 Redwood Class	82%

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:

'It is better to give than to receive.'

School Council

Congratulations to the following children who were elected by their classmates to represent them on the school council. The school council meets regularly to discuss improvements at the school.

Chestnut Class	Cooper & Maya
Maple Class	Margot and Jaxon
Ash Class	Bonnie & Tom
Redwood Class	Lily-rose & Hayden
Birch Class	Archie & Heba
Elder Class	Marta & Alfred

Iroko Class	Betsy-Rose & Fletcher
Willow Class	Harriet & Brooklyn
Juniper Class	Fernando & Dua
Spruce Class	Sajan & Elma
Sycamore Class	Charlie & Ava
Walnut Class	Hunter & Abigail
Aspen Class	Archie & Dani
Beech Class	Thomas & Amelia

"The school's work to enhance the development of pupils' character is exceptional."
 Junior school Ofsted Inspection report

National Teaching Assistant's Day



Today is National Teaching Assistant's Day and at Harefield we are lucky to have an amazing team of TAs working across both schools. Thank you for the wonderful job you do supporting our children and teachers!

Reception Open Morning

Was your child born between 1 September 2021 and 31 August 2022? Then you will need to apply for a place in Reception (starting September 2026) by Thursday 15 January 2026. Come along to our Reception open morning to find out why our school would be a fantastic place for your child to begin their learning journey.

**HAREFIELD**
INFANT SCHOOL
**RECEPTION
OPEN MORNING**
9.30am Wednesday
5th November 2025

Contact the school office on
01895 462399 to book a place.

"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

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



www.hillingdon.gov.uk/schooladmissions

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:

<https://www.hillingdon.gov.uk/schooladmissions>

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



www.hillingdon.gov.uk/schooladmissions

Forest School

The children really enjoyed their Forest School sessions this week. They played transport the log game and matched colours from nature to a colour wheel.



"The staff have gone above and beyond to support my son."
 Infant School Parent

Year 4 Badminton Festival

On Wednesday, some of our Year 4 pupils were invited to a Badminton Festival at Cranford Community College. They all thoroughly enjoyed the morning taking part in a rotation of badminton related activities.

Well done to Elma, Louie, Ermil, Lily, Spring, Riley, Iris, Ben, Harrison and Charlotte.



Girls' Football

On Wednesday, the Girls' football team attended a cluster at Harlyn School. They played 3 matches, beating both Coteford and Breakspear and losing to Lady Bankes.

Well done to Sophie, Fleur, Susan, Isabelle, Scarlett, Lola, Amina, Olivia and Alayna.



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

Michael Sobell House Hospice Fundraising

On Sunday 12th October, Miss Wilcox will be running a half marathon in aid of the Michael Sobell House Hospice. She will be running alongside others to support her friend, who's Mum spent her final days at the hospice.

If you would like to support Miss Wilcox and friends who will be running the half marathon, please click on the link below.

[Fundraising page](#)

Nourish Theme Days



MR NOURISH'S 7 BIRTHDAY

THURSDAY 02 OCT

Design a birthday card for Mr Nourish. Hand it to the Catering Team. Prizes will be awarded.

Burger in a Bun 1,5,6
 Vegetable Burger in a Bun 1,5 VG
 Jacket Potatoes with a choice of Fillings 7,8,9
 Herby Diced Potato
 Sweetcorn
 Coleslaw 9
 Birthday Cake 1 VG
 Mr Nourish Party Rings 1 VG
 Fruit Pot VG

NOURISH GROW WITH US

Dishes marked with any of the following numbers contain the matching allergen:
 1 Wheat 2 Crustaceans 3 Soybean 4 Mustard 5 Sesame 6 Sulphites/Sulphur Dioxide 7 Milk 8 Fish 9 Egg
 10 Peanuts 11 Molluscs 12 Celeriac/Celery 13 Nuts 14 Lupins 15 Oat Gluten 16 Barley Gluten V Vegetarian VG Vegan

Mr Nourish is having a very special day on Thursday 2nd October. It's his birthday and Nourish have created a special themed menu for him!

If you would like your child to have a school lunch on that day, please log into your School Grid account to order one for your child.

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

Optimistic October

This October, let's try to stay positive with these small daily actions.

Optimistic October 2025

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
		1 Write down three things you can look forward to this month	2 Find something to be optimistic about (even if it's a difficult time)	3 Take a small step towards a goal that really matters to you	4 Start your day with the most important thing on your to-do list	5 Be a realistic optimist. See life as it is, but focus on what's good
6 Remind yourself that things can change for the better	7 Look for the good in people around you today	8 Make some progress on a project or task you have been avoiding	9 Share an important goal with someone you trust	10 Take time to reflect on what you have accomplished recently	11 Avoid blaming yourself or others. Find a helpful way forward	12 Look out for positive news and reasons to be cheerful today
13 Ask for help to overcome an obstacle you are facing	14 Do something constructive to improve a difficult situation	15 Thank yourself for achieving the things you often take for granted	16 Put down your to-do list and do something fun or uplifting	17 Take a small step towards a positive change you want to see in society	18 Set hopeful but realistic goals for the days ahead	19 Identify one of your positive qualities that will be helpful in the future
20 Find joy in tackling a task you've put off for some time	21 Let go of the expectations of others and focus on what matters to you	22 Share a hopeful quote, picture or video with a friend or colleague	23 Recognise that you have a choice about what to prioritise	24 Write down three specific things that have gone well recently	25 You can't do everything! What are your three priorities right now?	26 Find a new perspective on a problem you face
 27 Be kind to yourself today. Remember, progress takes time	28 Ask yourself, will this still matter a year from now?	29 Plan a fun or exciting activity to look forward to	30 Identify three things that give you hope for the future	31 Set a goal that brings a sense of purpose for the coming month		

ACTION FOR HAPPINESS

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Key dates for your diary

October

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

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.

Thursday 23rd October: 9am: Y5 Walnut assembly for parents in the Junior hall

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

November

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

"All the teachers listen to you if you have any problems."
 Year 6 pupil

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)	Monday 5 th January 2026
Term starts	Tuesday 6 th January 2026
Half term	Monday 16 th to Friday 20 th February 2026
Term ends	Friday 27 th March 2026 at 1pm

Summer term 2026

Training day (school closed for pupils)	Monday 13 th April 2026
Term starts	Tuesday 14 th April 2026
Half term	Monday 25 th to Friday 29 th May 2026
Term ends	Friday 17 th July 2026 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

Community News

Family Support Volunteers Needed



Are you a parent or grandparent ?
Do you have half a day a week to spare?

Find out more. Join us for hot drinks & biscuits at one of these events:

DROP-IN & MEET THE TEAM

Fri 26th September: 10 am - 12 noon

Tues 30th September: 12 noon - 2 pm

Venue: Home-Start Hillingdon, 306 Long Lane, UB10 9PE

Or apply for our next course now:

Next training course starts: 24th October 2025

6 Sessions (over 6 weeks) Fridays 9:45am - 2:30pm (term time only)

Our volunteers tell us that our exceptional training, ongoing support, and thorough safety plans enable them to feel safe and empowered to enable change for struggling families and in themselves.

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Hillingdon

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CHILD CARE VOUCHERS ACCEPTED

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OCTOBER HALF TERM 2025

What's on?

Different activity theme each day, please check website for your specific camps activities



REVOLTING
R•B•T•I•C•S



EERIE
ENGINEERING



MYSTERY
MINECRAFT



Spooky
FILM MAKING



TERRIFYING
TECH FUN

NEW Take Home Inventions







27th - 31st October LIMITED SPACES

WHAT TO EXPECT:

At Next Thing Education, our goal is to ignite curiosity, fuel creativity, and empower young minds for the future!

This October, children will explore micro-robots, video game design, LEGO WeDo2, animation, augmented reality, 3D pens, movie making, VR, Minecraft Marvel, and even launch their own science rockets — with a Spooky Dress-Up Friday to finish the week!

★★★★★

"My son LOVED camp — he came home buzzing, with the things he made!"

Kate Sarjeant - Google Review

★★★★★

"My son had a wonderful time and was begging to go again."

Gill Coleman - Google Review

★★★★★

"Staff who truly care about children and will ensure that they enjoy the camp."

Irina Shmatova - Google Review

LIMITED SPACES, BOOK YOUR CHILD'S PLACE TODAY!
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