

School Newsletter

Friday 10th October 2025

Celebration assembly

In Monday's special Black History Month assembly, Miss Lumm spoke about equality. Well done to the following children for being chosen to receive special certificates in today's celebration assembly for treating everyone equally.

Reception Chestnut Class	Maya
Reception Maple Class	Lidia
Year 1 Ash Class	Elsie
Year 1 Redwood Class	Lily-Rose
Year 2 Birch Class	Cezar
Year 2 Elder Class	Elissa
Year 3 Iroko Class	Ray
Year 3 Willow Class	Fred
Year 4 Juniper Class	Amanda
Year 4 Spruce Class	Mahilini
Year 5 Sycamore Class	AJ
Year 5 Walnut Class	Louie
Year 6 Aspen Class	Finn
Year 6 Beech Class	Sophie

House points

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

Year 1 Ash Class	Azian
Year 1 Redwood Class	Frankie
Year 2 Birch Class	Heba
Year 2 Elder Class	Alfred
Year 3 Iroko Class	Oscar
Year 3 Willow Class	Noah
Year 4 Juniper Class	Ben
Year 4 Spruce Class	Elsie
Year 5 Sycamore Class	Indi
Year 5 Walnut Class	Molly
Year 6 Aspen Class	Josh and Danny
Year 6 Beech Class	Mason and Amina

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

"From the Nursery Year onwards, children are taught the importance of being kind and respectful."
 Infant school Ofsted Inspection report

Attendance

We are aiming to achieve an attendance of 96% this year. Well done to 4 Juniper class, highlighted in green, for achieving that target last week.

Year 4 Juniper Class	96%
Year 2 Birch Class	95%
Year 6 Aspen Class	94%
Year 3 Iroko Class	92%
Reception Chestnut Class	90%
Year 2 Elder Class	90%
Year 4 Spruce Class	90%
Year 3 Willow Class	89%
Year 5 Walnut Class	89%
Year 1 Redwood Class	88%
Year 1 Ash Class	86%
Year 5 Sycamore Class	82%
Reception Maple Class	79%
Year 6 Beech Class	72%

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:

'Children should have a day off school on their birthday.'

"Highly trained staff offer well targeted support. As a result, pupils often make rapid improvements in their reading."
 Junior school Ofsted Inspection report

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.



RECEPTION OPEN MORNING

9.30am Wednesday
5th November 2025



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

Starting primary school

September 2026
For Hillingdon residents only

Apply online, apply in time at
[www.hillingdon.gov.uk/
schooladmissions](http://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

“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

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



Year 5 School trip to Legoland

Last Friday, Year 5 classes visited Legoland as part of their learning in Science about forces. They took part in a 'Science of Rollercoasters' workshop and then got to ride some of the rollercoasters to experience forces in action.



"I think Legoland was really fun. There was lots of rides and we built a rollercoaster out of Lego. It was really fun!" Rosa-Lee.

"I LOVED IT! Best school trip ever. I hope we have more trips like this one," Zoe.

"It was Legotastic!" George.

"Legoland was a blast! I enjoyed it so much!" Yumi.

Year 6 Football Fixture

After school on Wednesday, the Boys' Football Team played Coteford School in the District Cup. The boys worked really hard but lapses in concentration led to a 5 - 1 defeat.

Well done to Frank, Remy, Riley, Jack, Finn, Harry, Jake & Josh.

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

Junior school Ofsted Inspection report

Forest School

At Forest School this week, the children formed their own bands and made music from nature.



Nourish Theme Days

Nourish have created a special menu for Black History month.

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.

Celebrating

BLACK MONTH HISTORY

23 October

Trinidadian Chicken Curry
Caribbean Mac Cheese 1,7 v

Rice & Peas
Roast Aubergine and Pepper

Jamaican Ginger Cake 1 vg
Lime Cookies 1 vg
Fruit Pot

NOURISH

Dishes marked with any of the following numbers contain the matching allergen:
1 Wheat Gluten 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

“Teachers are kind and explain everything clearly.”

Year 6 pupil

Key dates for your diary

October

Monday 13th October: Year 6 visit to the Harefield School.

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 6th November: Year 3 Iroko trip to the British Museum.

Friday 7th November: Year 2 trip to Hertfordshire Zoo.

Tuesday 11th November: Year 4 trip to Bedford Lakes.

Monday 17th November: Year 3 Willow trip to the British Museum.

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)	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

"There is a strong sense of community amongst the staff, pupils and parents."
Staff member

PTA News

Harefield Infant and Junior School PTA is a registered charity. Our reference number is 1044958. We have been officially running for over four years now. During this period we have organised free fun events for the children, little gifts for the children, sales, discos, summer fetes, fireworks, paid for the pantomime, leavers discos, and even arranged for Santa to land on the school field in a Helicopter!

We have been able to raise amazing sums of money thanks to our brilliant volunteers, the generosity of the parents and families of children at the school, teachers, local businesses and the wider community and we are so grateful for all your help and support.

We are run entirely by volunteers so any help is highly appreciated. If any parent is able to help in any other way, that would also be amazing, maybe you work for a company that can donate prizes for our raffles, or a company who has a budget for charitable donations or want to run a stall at one of our events. Please get in touch with either the Infant or Junior school office, we would love to hear from you!

We have a few events planned over the next few months...

Friday 24th October – Halloween Disco.

Friday 7th November Family Fireworks.

Christmas Event - More info to follow

Lots of fun and games for everyone!

To ensure everyone can attend we are holding three discos!



Nursery and Reception Disco, 1.45pm – 2.30pm

- Fun, games, dancing, drinks and snacks!
- We are asking for a voluntary donation of £1 per child to be paid through ParentPay.
- Collection will be from their normal classrooms at normal end of school day time.
- **Nursery and Reception children may come to school dressed in their Halloween costumes.**

Year 1, 2 and 3 Disco, 3.30pm – 4.30pm

- £3.50 per child to be paid through ParentPay. This will include a drink of squash and a snack.
- There will also be sweets for sale if the children would like to bring a small amount of money.
- Year 1, 2 and 3 teachers will take the children going to the disco to the Junior school hall.
- Collection will be from Hazel, Iroko and Willow classrooms from the Junior school playground.
- If your child is not attending the disco, please collect them from their normal classroom at normal end of school day time.
- **Year 1, 2 and 3 children should wear school uniform as normal and bring their Halloween costumes in a named bag to change into at the end of the school day.**

Year 4, 5 and 6 Disco, 5.00pm – 6.00pm

- £3.50 per child to be paid through ParentPay. This will include a drink of squash and a snack.
- There will also be sweets for sale if the children would like to bring a small amount of money.
- Collection will be from Hazel, Iroko and Willow classrooms from the Junior school playground.

If your child is registered with the school for the Pupil Premium Grant the disco is free of charge. However, to book your child's place you **MUST** email the school office with their name and class at office@harefieldinfant.com or office@harefieldjunior.com.

Helpers

Any parents/carers who would like to help at any of the discos are more than welcome! Fancy dress is optional! Please give your name and phone number to the school office for them to pass on to the PTA. Thank you.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/family-fireworks-tickets-1765737150349?aff=oddtcreator>

Please click on the above link to purchase tickets for the PTA Family Fireworks Event

A poster for a family fireworks event. The background is a dark night sky filled with colorful fireworks in shades of red, orange, and white. The text is overlaid on the image in yellow and white boxes.

Harefield Infant and Junior Schools Present

Family Fireworks

At The River Garden

Friday 7th November 2025

Gates open 5pm, Fireworks 7.30pm

Marshmallow Toasting, Stalls, Food and Drinks
Award Winning Fireworks Display Company

Tickets £10 adults, £6 Child (3-16), Under 3 free £25 family (2 adults 2 children)
Ticket price includes booking fee
Limited number of Tickets on the door

Tickets available online at [eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com)

Book now to avoid disappointment! All ticket sales to Harefield Infant and Junior Schools Charity ref 9144954

#DOSOMETHINGTHISHALFTERM

#DoSomethingThisHalfTerm

The Hillingdon Youth Offer's Targeted Team is offering a fun-filled programme during this half-term school holiday for the enjoyment and growth of children and young people in Hillingdon. Across the action-packed days, expect activities ranging from exploring new/building on existing skills, indoor adventure activities, coding, creative arts, sports to cooking all aimed at fostering fun, creativity, teamwork skills and improved well-being. This is a fantastic opportunity for our young residents to learn new skills, make friends, and create lasting memories.

School years 4-6

- Wednesday 29th October 2025, 10am-3pm at Harlington Young People's Centre, Pinkwell Lane, Hayes, UB3 1PB (with sports and wellbeing delivered by BM Youth)
- Thursday 30th October 2025, 10am-3pm at Harlington Young People's Centre, Pinkwell Lane, Hayes, UB3 1PB (with coding delivered by JAM Coding)

Lunch will be provided. Please ensure your child brings a re-fillable water bottle and wears weather/activity appropriate clothes that they can move and get messy in.

To request a place for your child/young person to our holiday offer please visit <https://rebrand.ly/DSTHT/Oct2025>

*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
- 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
- Care and Support Directory | <https://careandsupport.hillingdon.gov.uk>
- Activity programmes for children and young people - Hillingdon Council | www.hillingdon.gov.uk/children-activities
- Events and activities in Hillingdon - Discover Hillingdon | <https://discover.hillingdon.gov.uk/events>
- SEND local offer - Hillingdon Council | www.hillingdon.gov.uk/send-local-offer