

## School Newsletter

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2025

### Celebration assembly

Well done to the pupils below who were chosen by their teachers to receive special certificates in today's Celebration assembly for spreading joy to others in school this week.

|                          |                 |
|--------------------------|-----------------|
| Reception Chestnut Class | Ayana           |
| Reception Maple Class    | George          |
| Year 1 Ash Class         | Bonnie          |
| Year 1 Redwood Class     | Kai             |
| Year 2 Birch Class       | Grace           |
| Year 2 Elder Class       | Aiden           |
| Year 3 Iroko Class       | Roan            |
| Year 3 Willow Class      | Sienna          |
| Year 4 Juniper Class     | Ellie           |
| Year 4 Spruce Class      | Ava             |
| Year 5 Sycamore Class    | George          |
| Year 5 Walnut Class      | Leon and Marcus |
| Year 6 Aspen Class       | Olivia          |
| Year 6 Beech Class       | Michael         |

### House points

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

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|-----------------------|---------|
| Year 1 Ash Class      | Ibrahim |
| Year 1 Redwood Class  | Brandon |
| Year 2 Birch Class    | Robia   |
| Year 2 Elder Class    | Elissa  |
| Year 3 Iroko Class    | Oscar   |
| Year 3 Willow Class   | Nye     |
| Year 4 Juniper Class  | Ben     |
| Year 4 Spruce Class   | Lily    |
| Year 5 Sycamore Class | Henry   |
| Year 5 Walnut Class   | Demi    |
| Year 6 Aspen Class    | Luke    |
| Year 6 Beech Class    | Mason   |

Well done to the pupils in **Yellow** 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 Spruce class, highlighted in green, for achieving that target last week.

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|--------------------------|-----|
| Year 4 Spruce Class      | 98% |
| Year 3 Iroko Class       | 93% |
| Year 4 Juniper Class     | 93% |
| Year 6 Beech Class       | 93% |
| Year 2 Elder Class       | 92% |
| Reception Maple Class    | 91% |
| Reception Chestnut Class | 90% |
| Year 3 Willow Class      | 90% |
| Year 6 Aspen Class       | 89% |
| Year 5 Sycamore Class    | 88% |
| Year 1 Redwood Class     | 86% |
| Year 1 Ash Class         | 83% |
| Year 2 Birch Class       | 83% |
| Year 5 Walnut Class      | 83% |

## 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's more important to try your best than to win."

## 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.



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

### 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



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### Applying for a place in Reception at the Infant school for September 2026

If your child was born between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2021 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2022, you must apply for a school place by Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2026. For full details and to apply online, visit:

[www.hillingdon.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://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 15<sup>th</sup> January 2026. For full details and to apply online, visit:

[www.hillingdon.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://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 31<sup>st</sup> 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](http://www.hillingdon.gov.uk/schooladmissions)  
Closing date for applications is  
31 October 2025



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### Year 6 visit to the Harefield School

Both the Year 6 classes visited the Harefield School on the morning of Monday 13<sup>th</sup> October and had the opportunity to sample a day in the life of a secondary school. The children thoroughly enjoyed taking part in drama, art and science lessons.



"I enjoyed the drama lesson because I liked being active and creative instead of doing writing," Elicia.

"I really liked the art lesson because I got to make a print of my name. I enjoyed the challenge of writing my name backwards to that when it printed it was the right way round," Leon.

"The school is a lively and happy place. Staff form caring, nurturing, professional relationships with pupils, who said how much they enjoy coming to school"  
 Infant school Ofsted Inspection report



### Sporting Activities

On Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> October, some of our Year 3 students attended the Megafest Rugby Festival, an introduction into Tag Rugby. The children had a great morning learning the rules, they played some mini matches ending with a record P3 W3.

Well to Sienna, Nye, Max, Fred, Alexis, Oscar, Spencer, Erin-May & Emily.



Also on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> October, the Boys Football Team played Newnham School. The boys played some great football, however after conceding 2 late goals they eventually lost 3 - 0.

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



This Wednesday the Boys Football B Team attended a cluster at Glebe School. They played 3 matches, drawing to Sacred Heart and losing to both Glebe and Breakspear.

Well done to Charlie, Stanlie, Tommy, Yanis, Fateh, Tyler, Lenny, Jack, Thomas & Mason.

### Forest School

For the last Forest School session of the half term, the children enjoying a lovely treat of roasted marshmallows.



"The school's values of happiness, compassion, respect and teamwork underpin all activities at the school. Pupils are happy, confident and engage well with each other, staff and visitors"  
 Junior school Ofsted Inspection report

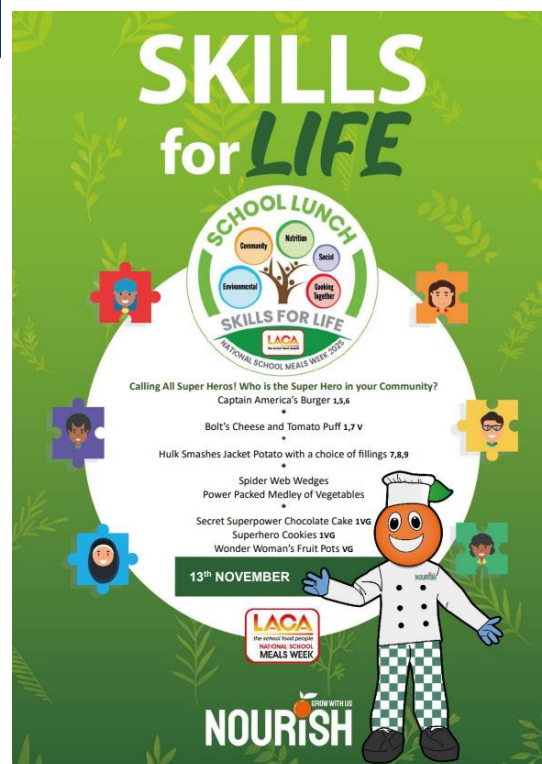
Year 5 Walnut class performed a special assembly on Thursday about the worry tree and how to deal with worries. Well done Walnut class for a great performance.



### Nourish Theme Days

Nourish will be serving a 'Skills for Life' special menu on 13<sup>th</sup> November.

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.



### Diwali

Happy Diwali to all of the Harefield families that celebrated Diwali on Monday.



"I like playing sports, learning an instrument, and going on trips."  
 Year 6 pupil



## JAG (our new breakfast club and after school provider) Newsletter



\*-----**E-shot:** please ensure the content below regarding JAG's Rise then Shine and Stay And Play Clubs is included in your newsletter during the term.-----\*



### Discover a fun-filled daily schedule at Junior Adventures Group Breakfast & After School Clubs – launching Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November!

We're excited to announce that, following discussions to support families with fun, energising out-of-school activities, we've partnered with Junior Adventures Group (JAG) as the school's new Breakfast & After School Club provider.

🔗 [Harefield Infant & Junior Schools Club Page](#)  
🔗 [Register & Book Now!](#)

#### About JAG

Fun, active, and engaging sessions for children aged 4–11 run every school day throughout the academic year, starting **Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2025**. **JAG** is the UK's leading provider of Breakfast and After School Clubs, offering flexible, affordable childcare in a safe and supervised environment.

All staff are **DBS-checked to an enhanced level, first-aid qualified**, and passionate about the activities they deliver.

#### 📺 Rise Then Shine



JAG's Breakfast Clubs, called Rise Then Shine, prepare children's minds and bodies for a great start to the day! A healthy, nutritious breakfast keeps them energised, while fun morning activities encourage focus and positivity — setting them up for success in the classroom.



☎ 0333 577 1533

📍 5a Millars Brook Business Park, Molly Millars Ln, Wokingham RG41 2AD

🌐 [junioradventuresgroup.co.uk](http://junioradventuresgroup.co.uk)

Building *brighter futures* together

Junior Adventures Group (JAG) is registered in England with company number 07551222

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👉 Find out more: **Rise Then Shine**

 **Stay And Play**

JAG's After School Clubs, called Stay And Play, offer children the chance to unwind, connect, and explore their interests after school. From active games and creative crafts to chill-out zones with toys and LEGO, there's something for everyone — all in a friendly, safe environment on-site.



👉 Find out more: **Stay And Play**

 **Come and Try JAG!**

Claim a **free session** using the code below at checkout:

**TRYHAREFIELD**

Offer ends Friday 31st July 2026

If you have any further questions, please contact the friendly JAG team on:

☎ 0333 577 1533

✉ [hello@junioradventuresgroup.co.uk](mailto:hello@junioradventuresgroup.co.uk)



## Key dates for your diary

### October

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> to Friday 31<sup>st</sup> October: Half term break.

### November

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> November: Year 3 Iroko trip to the British Museum.

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> November: Year 2 trip to Hertfordshire Zoo.

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> November: Year 4 trip to Bedfont Lakes.

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> November: Year 3 Willow trip to the British Museum.

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

### December

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

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

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

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

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December: Last day of term for Nursery pupils.

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup> January 2026

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2026

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> to Friday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2026

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2026 at 1pm

### Summer term 2026

Training day (school closed for pupils)

Term starts

Half term

Term ends

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2026

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2026

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> to Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May 2026

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2026 at 1pm

## PTA News

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> November** Family Fireworks.

Christmas Event - More info to follow

<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**



"The pupils are enthusiastic, kind, and eager to learn."  
 Staff member





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## PARENT EVENT

We're planning a new-style parent event for early 2026 and would love your input! Your feedback will help us create a more focused, accessible, and engaging experience, with themed sessions, Q&A opportunities, and practical information on SEND, education, social care, and more. Thank you for taking a few minutes to share your views.

Parent Conference



## #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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://www.hillingdon.gov.uk/send-local-offer)



**HAREFIELD**  
INFANT SCHOOL



**HAREFIELD**  
JUNIOR SCHOOL

**LOTUS EXOTICS**

**GRAND OPENING**

**18TH OCTOBER 2025**

JOIN US FOR A UNIQUE AND EXCITING OPPORTUNITY TO GET UP CLOSE AND PERSONAL WITH SOME OF OUR FASCINATING REPTILES!

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