

School Newsletter

Friday 14th November 2025

Celebration assembly

In Monday's assembly, Mr Downs spoke to the children about the importance of Armistice Day and how we can show respect for those who gave so much for all of us. This was followed by everyone gathering in the playground on Tuesday to observe a 2 minute silence together.

Well done to all of the pupils below who were chosen by their teachers to receive special certificates in today's Celebration assembly for showing respect in school this week.



Reception Chestnut Class	Cass
Reception Maple Class	Frankie
Year 1 Ash Class	Aaron
Year 1 Redwood Class	Ilyan
Year 2 Birch Class	Sahej
Year 2 Elder Class	Jack
Year 3 Iroko Class	Harley-Shay
Year 3 Willow Class	Harriet
Year 4 Juniper Class	Riley
Year 4 Spruce Class	Elsie
Year 5 Sycamore Class	Ava
Year 5 Walnut Class	Lenny
Year 6 Aspen Class	Lennie
Year 6 Beech Class	Eladie

House points

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

Reception Chestnut Class	Teddy
Reception Maple Class	Elijah
Year 1 Ash Class	Ellie
Year 1 Redwood Class	Lucca
Year 2 Birch Class	Elson
Year 2 Elder Class	Scarlett
Year 3 Iroko Class	Roan
Year 3 Willow Class	Louie
Year 4 Juniper Class	Reuben
Year 4 Spruce Class	Usman
Year 5 Sycamore Class	Aiden
Year 5 Walnut Class	Iverson
Year 6 Aspen Class	Riley
Year 6 Beech Class	Tyler

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

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 2 Birch Class	97%
Year 5 Walnut Class	95%
Year 4 Juniper Class	92%
Year 5 Sycamore Class	92%
Year 6 Aspen Class	92%
Year 3 Willow Class	91%
Reception Maple Class	90%
Year 1 Redwood Class	89%
Year 3 Iroko Class	89%
Year 2 Elder Class	88%
Year 1 Ash Class	87%
Year 6 Beech Class	87%
Reception Chestnut Class	85%
Year 4 Spruce Class	80%

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 be able to wear what they want to school.”

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

Year 4 school trip to Bedford Lakes

Year 4 had a fantastic time on their trip to Bedfont Lakes on Tuesday. The children enjoyed a range of exciting outdoor activities, including pond dipping, a mini-beast hunt and animal handling. They also took part in an engaging session called Disaster Strike, where they discussed which items would be most important for survival. It was a wonderful day full of learning, teamwork, and adventure!

“My most favourite part of the trip was petting animals and the disaster strike as we had to find items,” Sajan.

“I enjoyed pond dipping because I liked looking at the creatures,” Mary.



Year 2 trip to Hertfordshire Zoo

Year 2 had a 'roar-some' time at Hertfordshire Zoo last Friday. They saw lots of incredible animals and were able to discuss what each animal would need to survive in the wild and in captivity.

"I loved learning all about the sun bears," Tiger-Lillie.



"My favourite animal was the snow leopard," Ivy-Rose.

"I loved it when we got to see the golden, giant coy carp fish. I loved how shiny it was!" Archer.

Year 5 Walnut Space Project

Year 5 completed projects on Space, which is a unit in Science they will be learning about this term. We have had some absolutely amazing pieces of work from a space helmet and back pack to designing a space themed website. Well done Year 5 for your enthusiasm and hard work.

"Definitely enjoyed it, my favourite part was making the helmet," Hunter (5 Walnut class).



"It was really fun, my favourite part was sticking all the planets on," Iverson (5 Walnut class).

"Learning new things from the internet was fascinating. The most favourite part was learning about the astronauts." Ava (5 Sycamore class).



Year 3 Pedestrian Training

On Tuesday of this week, Year 3 had instructors in from Hillingdon's Road Safety team to take them for a walk around the village and teach them about how to cross the road safely.

They learnt to **Stop, Look, Listen, Think** before you cross the road.

Forest School

At Forest School this week, the children were bashing Autumn leaves onto fabric, known as Hapa Zome.



Sporting Activities

Last Thursday, the Girls' Football Team played in the District Tournament at Northwood FC. The girls had an excellent afternoon and played some fantastic football finishing 3rd in their group with a record W1 D2 L2.

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



Last Friday, the hockey squad attended the Hillingdon Quick Sticks Festival at Eastcote Hockey Club. The Inspire team finished third in their group with a record W3 D1 L2. The Aspire team enjoyed the evening playing 6 games finishing with a record of W4 L2.

Well done to Thomas, Frank, Lola, Mason, Ava, Amina, Jake, Leon and Lenny.

On Wednesday, the Boys' Football Team played Hillside School. It was a really competitive match, the boys played some fantastic football resulting in a 6 - 3 win.

Well done to Josh, Jake, Riley, Remy, Jake, Phoenix, Harry and Frank.



Key dates for your diary

November

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

Monday 1st December: Year 6 trip to the Battle of Britain.

Thursday 4th December: Pantomime in school for pupils.

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

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

Friday 12th December: Christmas surprise for pupils organised by the PTA.

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. Non uniform day (wear Christmas jumpers). School finishes at 1pm.

Spring term 2026

Training day (school closed for pupils) Monday 5th January 2026

Term starts Tuesday 6th January 2026

Half term Monday 16th to Friday 20th February 2026

Term ends Friday 27th March 2026 at 1pm

Summer term 2026

Training day (school closed for pupils) Monday 13th April 2026

Term starts Tuesday 14th April 2026

Half term Monday 25th to Friday 29th May 2026

Term ends Friday 17th July 2026 at 1pm

PTA News

Our amazing PTA have smashed it yet again organising and running two fantastic events recently.

Firstly, the Halloween disco, which was a huge success, raising £608! The children looked fantastic in their outfits and had a great time! Secondly, the outstanding fireworks display at the River Garden. This event raised over £3,200. The children had so much fun and made some wonderful memories. A massive thank you to our fabulous team of parents (PTA) and to all the volunteers, all attendees, the Scouts for the fire pits, the stallholders, the ksmic of London for the parking and most importantly Jubilee Fireworks who put on the most incredible display! They were outstanding!



Community News

Family Hubs and Children's Centres

SEND Sleep Workshop

Do you have a child who is under 5?
Does your child struggle with settling to sleep
or staying asleep?

Join our supportive workshop designed to:

- ❖ Develop your understanding of sleep.
- ❖ Support you to create the best sleep routine and environment for your child.
- ❖ Share ideas and experiences with other families.

Workshops are available both online and in person.

To book your place, please call:

South Ruislip Children's Centre - 01895 558860

Yeading Children's Centre – 01895 260360

Uxbridge Family Hub- 01895 250258



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What Do I Do Now?

A Workshop for Parents of Children Under 5

Has your child recently had an initial or final Autism assessment at the Child Development Centre?

Join our supportive workshop designed to help you take the next steps.

- ❖ Get practical tips and strategies for parenting a child with Social Communication needs and/or Autism.
- ❖ Discover local services available to you and your family.
- ❖ Connect with others and feel supported on your journey.

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Saturday 13th December

12pm - 5pm

Oak Wood School

Sutton Court Road, Uxbridge, UB10 9HT



To book & read the event guidance either scan the QR Code or go to:

www.sendfs.co.uk/santas-grotto-christmas-market-2025

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Santa's Grotto & Christmas Market 2025

This year's SEND Family Support's Santa's Grotto & Christmas Market will be held at Oak Wood School, Sutton Court Road, Uxbridge, UB10 9HT
We are looking forward to seeing as many SEND Families as possible again and we know Santa has missed you all too!

Entrance to the Christmas Market Only is free but there will be **charges for using the Bouncy Castles and other attractions/stalls**.
You can purchase Bouncy Castle Access Passes in advance or on the day and collected from the sign-in table.



Entrance to **Santa's Grotto** is £7 per child/young adult, in return each child/young adult will receive a £5 Gift Card from SEND Family Support and a selection box donated from SEND Family Support.

As always, we at SEND Family Support appreciate and understand that some SEND children/young adults can't cope with the noise and excitement of a Christmas Market so there is an **option to book a visit to Santa's Grotto ONLY**.

Inside the Christmas Market - there will be Christmas Castles and the Christmas Snow Globe managed by The Big Bounce Theory - Christmas Music Performances by Nicky Fisher Entertainment - SENDFS Prize Draw - SENDFS Lucky Dip - Glitter Tattoos - Sensory Play - Arts & Crafts - Christmas Market Stalls.

SEND Information and Support from SEND Family Support - Annakennedyonline - P3 Navigator Yiewsley - Hillingdon Families' Information Service - Hillingdon Family Hubs & Children's Centres - All Things Inclusion and Autism - and more still to confirm.

Outside the Christmas Market - You will also be able to purchase Cakes and Cookies from Tany's Bakes, as well as Hot Food from Spicy Fusion and beverages from the SENDFS Kiosk too.



Scan the Green QR Code: for both the
Santa's Grotto & the Bouncy Castles
Access Passes :
www.sendfs.co.uk/grotto-access-passes



Or Scan the Blue QR Code: for a visit to
Santa's Grotto ONLY :
www.sendfs.co.uk/santas-grotto-only



When you have booked you will receive an automated email confirming your booking and providing payment methods for the Santa's Grotto & the Bouncy Castles Access Passes. If you do not see this email please check your spam or junk email folders.

Please try to book in advance so that Santa can update his nice list. You don't have to pay when you book but the grotto booking is important.
By making your payment your child/young persons gift will be reserved for them.



Any questions please email us on events@sendfs.co.uk or call 07752 169849
only families that have signed up for SEND Family Support can book, so if you would like to sign up please go to :
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