

## School Newsletter

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2025**

What a great term we've had at Harefield Infant and Junior schools with so much to celebrate. The children have made great progress in their new classes thanks to the hard work of our fantastic teaching staff. There have been lots of events for pupils, parents and staff to enjoy together including Travel Back in Time Day, the Family Fireworks Evening and the recent Christmas Concerts. A big thank you to all of our staff and the school's PTA for making these events such a success.

Have a merry Christmas-see you on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2026!



### Celebration assembly

Well done to the pupils below who were chosen by their teachers to receive certificates in today's Celebration assembly for making good progress in their oracy skills in school this term.

Reception Chestnut Class	Henry
Reception Maple Class	Matei
Year 1 Ash Class	Aaron
Year 1 Redwood Class	Oliver
Year 2 Birch Class	George
Year 2 Elder Class	Ryden
Year 3 Iroko Class	Laila
Year 3 Willow Class	Summer
Year 4 Juniper Class	Lennon and Maddie
Year 4 Spruce Class	Lily
Year 5 Sycamore Class	Ava
Year 5 Walnut Class	Louie and Lenny
Year 6 Aspen Class	Elicia
Year 6 Beech Class	Frank

## 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 Elder Class	97%
Year 3 Iroko Class	95%
Year 4 Spruce Class	94%
Year 1 Ash Class	92%
Year 5 Walnut Class	90%
Year 6 Aspen Class	89%
Year 6 Beech Class	89%
Reception Maple Class	88%
Year 4 Juniper Class	88%
Year 1 Redwood Class	87%
Year 5 Sycamore Class	87%
Reception Chestnut Class	85%
Year 3 Willow Class	84%
Year 2 Birch Class	72%

## Attendance Ladder



As well as attendance, punctuality is very important. If your child is late for school, they miss the important introduction part of the first lesson during which the teacher explains the key learning. Class doors open at 8.45am and close at 9am. Please ensure your child is in class by 9am.

## 100% Attendance

Congratulations to the following pupils who came in to school every day, achieving 100% attendance this term.

Reception Chestnut Class	Alexander, Sophia, Teddy, Eli
Reception Maple Class	James, Lidia, Colby & Louis
Year 1 Ash Class	Bonnie & Elsie
Year 1 Redwood Class	Yasin, Ilyan, Jamie, Lucca, Olivier
Year 2 Birch Class	Sarah
Year 2 Elder Class	Scarlett, Muhammad, Joseph & Alfred
Year 3 Iroko Class	Oscar, Emily, Roan & Spencer
Year 3 Willow Class	Noah, Louie, Albie, Larosa & George
Year 4 Juniper Class	Miles, Christalona, Iris, Zarghona, Kyla, Emir & Ben
Year 4 Spruce Class	Lily & Mahilini
Year 5 Sycamore Class	Yumi, George, Aiden & Ruby
Year 5 Walnut Class	Hunter, Marcus & George
Year 6 Aspen Class	Scarlett, Jake, Elicia, Harry, Alejandro & Luke
Year 6 Beech Class	Lola, Tyler, Yanis & Aoife

### House points

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

Reception Chestnut Class	Alex
Reception Maple Class	Safa
Year 1 Ash Class	Ciara
Year 1 Redwood Class	Jamie
Year 2 Birch Class	Elson
Year 2 Elder Class	Jack
Year 3 Iroko Class	Isla
Year 3 Willow Class	Fred
Year 4 Juniper Class	Joel
Year 4 Spruce Class	Georgie-Mae
Year 5 Sycamore Class	Charlie
Year 5 Walnut Class	Yasmina
Year 6 Aspen Class	Olivia
Year 6 Beech Class	Chaise

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

### Inter-house basketball competition

Each Junior class held an inter house basketball competition this week. Congratulations to the winners below.

Class	Winning house	Winning team
Year 3 Iroko Class	<b>Red</b>	Austin D, Kian M, Erin-May P, Nathan E, George T, Oscar C, Mason & Harlee-Shay E
Year 3 Willow Class	<b>Green</b>	Fred S, Bunnie-Blue S, Oliver-Josh M, Elliott L, Albie P & Calamity F
Year 4 Juniper Class	<b>Yellow</b>	Ronnie S, Miles C, Zarghona M & Misha B
Year 4 Spruce Class	<b>Green</b>	Bowie M, Elma B, Ermil B, Millie S & Harley S
Year 5 Sycamore Class	<b>Blue</b>	Ava A, Lucas B, George G, Ruby L, Jasmine M, Henry S & Aiden W
Year 5 Walnut Class	<b>Green</b>	Lenny B, Iverson D, Leo F, Bella P & Harrison P
Year 6 Aspen Class	<b>Green</b>	Scarlett C, Archie D, Riley H, Jake M, Elicia M, Erin S, Harry T & Alejandro V
Year 6 Beech Class	<b>Blue</b>	Alyssa B, Frank B, Jack C, Lola H, Fleur H, Jamie M, Phoenix P & Thomas Randall

### 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:

"Giving presents is better than receiving them."

### Outdoor Play And Learning

As we look to further enhance our play provision, we are asking for donations of scooters and bicycles, in a useable condition, suitable for children aged between 4 and 7 years old. If you have any that you are able to donate, please drop them off at the Infant school office.



### 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)

### Key dates for your diary

#### Spring term 2026

Training day (school closed for pupils)	Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> January 2026
Term starts	Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> January 2026
Half term	Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> to Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> February 2026
Term ends	Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March 2026 at 1pm

#### Summer term 2026

Training day (school closed for pupils)	Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> April 2026
Term starts	Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> April 2026
Half term	Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> to Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> May 2026
Term ends	Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> July 2026 at 1pm



## PTA News



Thank you so much to Essex Reindeer for bringing the beautiful reindeers to our school on Friday. The children loved feeding them and learning about them. From Nursery to Year 6, their faces were beaming and the teachers too! Thank you to our amazing Santa who brought Rudolph and his Elves to our celebration assembly and gave £10,000 to the school on behalf of the PTA for lighting and staging equipment, which has been raised through the year! We also gave each class £50 to buy classroom supplies!

Thank you to all the volunteers who supported our Christmas Grotto and all the families who attended and generously donated. It was a great day!

Following the success of this year's Santa Secret Service event, we are pleased to share that **£1,008** has been donated to the Harefield PTA towards new staging equipment for the school.

The event was a fantastic community occasion, made possible with the support and outreach of the PTA, and we are very grateful to everyone involved. This contribution will help support school performances and drama activities, benefiting pupils across the school.

Thank you to all who attended and supported the event—your generosity truly makes a difference. With thanks and best wishes, Santa Secret Service Trustees



It's the end of another year of fundraising and we are sooooo grateful for all your support and to everyone who helps! If anyone wants to get involved in the New Year please message me via the Infant and Junior School Office. We have loads of fun events up our sleeve, which we know the children will love! Merry Christmas, HIJS PTA.

## Community News

### Harefield Children's Centre Courses

**Ready to go** - Transition support prepare with your child for school. This will start on 28 January, please pop into the children's centre to book a place. This will help prepare your child by thinking about independence skills which includes toilet training, expressing their needs, etc.

**Post natal group** - Starting 12 January, please pop in or call to book a place. Have you or do you know someone who has a baby 0 to 4 months old, we have a group running at the children's centre. A chance to meet other parents and find out about child development including, tummy time, weaning, sleep routines and funding options to return to work.

**Language for life** - starts on 25 February. This will support you to help child develop their language skills including vocabulary and links to the speech and language therapy team if further support is required.

**GROW** - Getting back into work, an opportunity to write a CV and interview preparations. This will start at Coteford children's centre on 27 January for 3 weeks. Please call any centre to book a place.

SENDIASS will be at Harefield Children's centre on 19 January, Coteford children's centre on 11 February.

# HOLIDAY CAMP

## JOY SPORTS ACADEMY





FREE HOT  
 VEGETARIAN  
 MEALS

**AGES**  
**4-16**

**WINTER HOLIDAYS**  
**Dates: 22,23,29,30 DEC**

**PAID**
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9am - 1pm = £25  
 9am - 5pm = £37

**FSM**
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9am - 1pm = FREE  
 9am - 5pm = FREE

## Multi Sports Camp



### Places Available For Children

The Joy Sports Academy team will host a fun-packed program to provide a safe, friendly and secure environment where a variety of activities are offered. The Holiday camp promotes healthy lifestyles and positive social interactions.

REGISTER ONLINE USING QR CODE OVER PAGE

Remember, these places are open for all the year groups & other local schools. Once you complete the form, your children's placement will be secure. You can make the payment online.

NOTE: Fees don't apply to the benefit related FSM children. All the activities and food are completely FREE for ALL 4 DAYS (9am – 5pm). Parents need to provide EVIDENCE.















