

## School Newsletter

**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2025**

### Celebration assembly

This week's theme was our school value of **respect**. Well done to the pupils below who were chosen by their teachers to receive certificates in today's Celebration assembly for showing respect to others in school this week.

Reception Chestnut Class	Adam
Reception Maple Class	James
Year 1 Ash Class	Azlaan and Adriel
Year 1 Redwood Class	Yeka
Year 2 Birch Class	Phoebe
Year 2 Elder Class	Peter
Year 3 Iroko Class	Harlee-Shay
Year 3 Willow Class	Annie
Year 4 Juniper Class	Alessia
Year 4 Spruce Class	Millie
Year 5 Sycamore Class	Sycamore Class
Year 5 Walnut Class	Stanlie
Year 6 Aspen Class	Josh
Year 6 Beech Class	Remy

### House points

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

Reception Chestnut Class	Evangeline
Reception Maple Class	Phoebe
Year 1 Ash Class	Ciara and Ralphy
Year 1 Redwood Class	Brandon
Year 2 Birch Class	Louie
Year 2 Elder Class	Zayne
Year 3 Iroko Class	Isla
Year 3 Willow Class	Calamity
Year 4 Juniper Class	Faye
Year 4 Spruce Class	Chase
Year 5 Sycamore Class	Yumi
Year 5 Walnut Class	Ollie and Fifi
Year 6 Aspen Class	Danny
Year 6 Beech Class	Alayna

Well done to the pupils in **Yellow** 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 4 Juniper Class	97%
Year 4 Spruce Class	97%
Year 6 Beech Class	96%
Year 3 Iroko Class	95%
Year 2 Birch Class	93%
Year 3 Willow Class	92%
Year 1 Ash Class	91%
Year 6 Aspen Class	91%
Reception Chestnut Class	90%
Year 2 Elder Class	88%
Year 5 Walnut Class	88%
Year 1 Redwood Class	87%
Year 5 Sycamore Class	83%
Reception Maple Class	81%

### 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:

"Fish and chips are better than bangers and mash."

### Staff news

Sadly, we are saying goodbye to Mrs Hennelly later this term as she has taken a role in a school closer to her home. We would like to thank her for the support she has provided children across both schools and wish her well.

### 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)

### Learning in School

Year 1 Ash Class had a great time in Science this week learning about the different properties and uses of rocks. They went on a rock hunt and then washed the rocks to discover their different colours and properties. They then sorted the rocks according to heavy or light, smooth or rough.



### Forest School

Year 1 Redwood Class had a great time at Forest School on Monday and continued their learning in science by exploring rocks at forest school by looking for smooth rocks to decorate using special pens. The children also collected sticks and carefully wrapped wool around them and made stick towers. This was then followed by hot chocolate, which they loved!



### Year 5 Sycamore class assembly

Year 5 Sycamore class performed an 'out of this world' assembly on Thursday about space. The children travelled through the solar system to discover facts about the planets with the help of some fun aliens!





### Year 5 & 6 Sports Hall Athletics Competition

Last Thursday, a group of Year 5 and 6 children attended the Hillingdon Sports Hall Athletics Competition at Swakeleys School. The team of 19 enjoyed the afternoon taking part in running, jumping and throwing events. In our session we finished fourth, overall we finished 10th out of 19 schools in the Borough.



Well done to Mason, Bowie, Alejandro, Fateh, Ava, Frank, Amina, Yanis, Lenny, Iverson, Leon, Josh, Lola, Fleur, Sophie, Olivia, Scarlett, Alayna and Isabelle.

### Opal Play

The children have been enjoying the improvements to lunch time as part of our OPAL project. Thank you for all your donations so far. We are still on the hunt for dolls and prams-if you're having a tidy up at home, please think of us.



### Nourish Christmas Lunch menu

Nourish have created a special Christmas lunch menu for Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December.

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

### Nourish App Launch



**NOURISH**  
 Harefield Primary School



Nourish has successfully launched a new App to keep parents up-to-date with the latest school menus, theme days and events. They would like to invite parents of Harefield Infant and Junior School to sign up. The App is available to download from the Apple and Google Play Stores.

### Download from [Google Play](#) [Apple Store](#)

Setting up an account is simple. Download the App and use the **School code nUqfRvp1aV** to set up an account. You will only need this code

once. Add a username and create a password and then you can begin using the App.

### Help Creating an Account

[Account Setup](#)

[App Login](#)

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**Please note that you cannot order meals using the App so will still need to log into SchoolGrid for that.**

## Do good December

This month, we're encouraging you to carry out small acts of kindness each day.

December Kindness 2025

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
1 Spread kindness and share the December calendar with others	2 Contact someone you can't be with to see how they are	3 Offer to help someone who is facing difficulties at the moment	4 Support a charity, cause or campaign you really care about	5 Give a gift to someone who is homeless or feeling lonely	6 Leave a positive message for someone else to find	7 Give kind comments to as many people as possible today
8 Do something helpful for a friend or family member	9 Notice when you're hard on yourself or others and be kind instead	10 Listen wholeheartedly to others without judging them	11 Buy an extra item and donate it to a local food bank	12 Be generous. Feed someone with food, love or kindness today	13 See how many different people you can smile at today	14 Share a happy memory or inspiring thought with a loved one
15 Say hello to your neighbour and brighten up their day	16 Look for something positive to say to everyone you speak to	17 Give thanks. List the kind things others have done for you	18 Ask for help and let someone else discover the joy of giving	19 Contact someone who may be alone or feeling isolated	20 Help others by giving away something that you don't need	21 Appreciate kindness and thank people who do things for you
22 Congratulate someone for an achievement that may go unnoticed	23 Choose to give or receive the gift of forgiveness	24 Bring joy to others. Share something which made you laugh	25 Treat everyone with kindness today, including yourself!	26 Get outside. Pick up litter or do something kind for nature	27 Call a relative who is far away to say hello and have a chat	28 Be kind to the planet. Eat less meat and use less energy
29 Turn off digital devices and really listen to people	30 Let someone know how much you appreciate them and why	31 Plan some new acts of kindness to do in 2026				

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## Key dates for your diary

### December

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> December: Year 6 trip to the Battle of Britain.

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> December: Pantomime in school for pupils.

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December: Travel back in time day.

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

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December: Christmas surprise for pupils organised by the PTA.

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December 9am & 2.30pm: Infant Christmas Concert.

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December 9am & 2.30pm: Junior Christmas Concert.

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. Non uniform day (wear Christmas jumpers). 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