

School Newsletter

Friday 9th January 2026

Celebration assembly

Happy New Year and welcome back!

In Tuesday's assembly the children thought about goals that they would like to achieve in 2026. Well done to all of the pupils below who were chosen by their teachers to receive special certificates for working hard to achieve their goals this week.



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|--------------------------|-------------------|
| Reception Chestnut Class | Ezra |
| Reception Maple Class | Cali-Raiyn |
| Year 1 Ash Class | Alex and Elsie |
| Year 1 Redwood Class | Cairo |
| Year 2 Birch Class | Louie |
| Year 2 Elder Class | Aiden |
| Year 3 Iroko Class | Emily |
| Year 3 Willow Class | Bunnie-Blue |
| Year 4 Juniper Class | Louie |
| Year 4 Spruce Class | Charlotte |
| Year 5 Sycamore Class | John |
| Year 5 Walnut Class | Lenny and Stanlie |
| Year 6 Aspen Class | Jack P |
| Year 6 Beech Class | Yanis |

House points

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

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| Reception Chestnut Class | Bonnie-Bleu |
| Reception Maple Class | Bereket |
| Year 1 Ash Class | Bonnie and Ralphy |
| Year 1 Redwood Class | Frankie |
| Year 2 Birch Class | Cezar |
| Year 2 Elder Class | Jamie |
| Year 3 Iroko Class | Isla |
| Year 3 Willow Class | Layla |
| Year 4 Juniper Class | Ronnie |
| Year 4 Spruce Class | Elma |
| Year 5 Sycamore Class | Indi |
| Year 5 Walnut Class | Louie |
| Year 6 Aspen Class | Olivia |
| Year 6 Beech Class | Chaise |

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.

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| Year 6 Beech Class | 98% |
| Year 4 Juniper Class | 95% |
| Year 3 Iroko Class | 92% |
| Year 3 Willow Class | 92% |
| Year 4 Spruce Class | 92% |
| Year 6 Aspen Class | 92% |
| Year 5 Sycamore Class | 90% |
| Year 2 Elder Class | 88% |
| Year 5 Walnut Class | 82% |
| Year 2 Birch Class | 81% |
| Year 1 Ash Class | 80% |
| Reception Maple Class | 76% |
| Year 1 Redwood Class | 74% |
| Reception Chestnut Class | 70% |

Attendance Ladder



Attendance raffle winners for the Autumn Term

Congratulations to the following children for winning the Autumn term's attendance raffle:

- 1st prize – a £100 Smyths Toys gift card won by Elsie (Year 4 Spruce Class).
- 2nd prize - a £70 Smyths Toys gift card won by Sophie (Year 6 Beech Class).
- 3rd prize – a £50 Smyths Toys gift card won by Elsie (Year 1 Ash Class).

At the end of next term, children that achieve the 96% target will be entered into the attendance raffle for the Spring term with a chance of winning some amazing prizes.

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:

"Spiderman is the best superhero."

Spellings

During Monday's Teacher Training Day, teachers spent time looking at our new approach to teaching spellings (Read Write Inc. Spelling). It teaches spelling cumulatively and systematically with deliberate, focused practice, building on the teaching strategies and spelling activities from Read Write Inc. Phonics.

Instead of weekly spelling tests, each week we will send home a handwriting sheet with some words, linked to the spelling rules children are learning in class, for children to practice writing. Each half term, teachers will carry out a mini assessment of the spelling rules taught that half term to identify next steps for teaching.



Emotional literacy



Our children learn essential social and emotional skills through The Happy Confident School's Feelit! Programme. This includes conflict resolution, communication, and empathy, which help them to get along with their peers and develop positive relationships. The programme involves learning about the 12 feelings words below in each year group. This term, children will be discussing how each word makes them feel.

| Reception | Y1 | Y2 | Y3 | Y4 | Y5 | Y6 |
|-----------|-------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|---------------|
| Happy | Brave | Ecstatic | Joyful | Motivated | Inspired | Courageous |
| Sad | Shy | Disappointed | Excluded | Ashamed | Hopeless | Helpless |
| Calm | Relaxed | Content | Relieved | Satisfied | Empathetic | Blissful |
| Angry | Annoyed | Frustrated | Furious | Irritated | Anxious | Defiant |
| Excited | Confident | Proud | Surprised | Curious | Delighted | Determined |
| Tired | Down | Guilty | Powerless | Exhausted | Vulnerable | Inadequate |
| Kind | Loved | Grateful | Understood | Generous | Sympathetic | Compassionate |
| Scared | Embarrassed | Confused | Jealous | Shocked | Terrified | Patronised |
| Pleased | Keen | Amazed | Interested | Enthusiastic | Focused | Optimistic |
| Lonely | Bored | Miserable | Discouraged | Insecure | Apathetic | Depressed |
| Safe | Included | Accepted | Secure | Connected | Trusted | Appreciated |
| Worried | Nervous | Impatient | Disgusted | Stressed | Overwhelmed | Envious |

Staff news

Congratulations to Miss Dempsey who is expecting a baby and will be going on maternity leave at the end of next week. We wish her well for the remainder of the pregnancy. Mrs Clarke will be in Reception Chestnut class, with Mrs Robinson, for the rest of the year.

Safeguarding

Our designated safeguarding lead is Mr Downs, the Head of School.

The safeguarding officer at the Infants is Mrs Harrison, and at the Juniors is Mrs Sullivan.

If you have any concerns about the safety or well-being of any of our children, please contact the school office to speak to them. They will offer advice and take appropriate action.



Special Educational Needs



Our SENDCo (special educational needs and disabilities coordinator) is Miss Lumm and her role is to support children with additional needs, and their families. If you would like to talk to Miss Lumm and discuss your child's needs, you can catch her in the morning between 8.45am and 9am in the Junior playground on Mondays and Wednesdays, and the Infant playground on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Alternatively, you can contact the school office to make an appointment.

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

Forest School

This week at forest school, the children enjoyed whittling sticks, despite the freezing weather.



Year 6 Junior Citizen Event

Year 6 Aspen and Beech classes had the opportunity to visit the Junior Citizen event on Thursday, where they learnt about important citizenship messages and life skills from various agencies including the Met. Police, London Fire Brigade and Transport for London.

"I was very excited to hear about the Zip card that allows us to travel for free on buses," Harper.

"I enjoyed learning about the how the Police deal with knife crimes," Phoenix M.

I think it was an interesting trip, in particular the nurses really intrigued me as I like to stay safe regarding drugs and smoking," Frank.



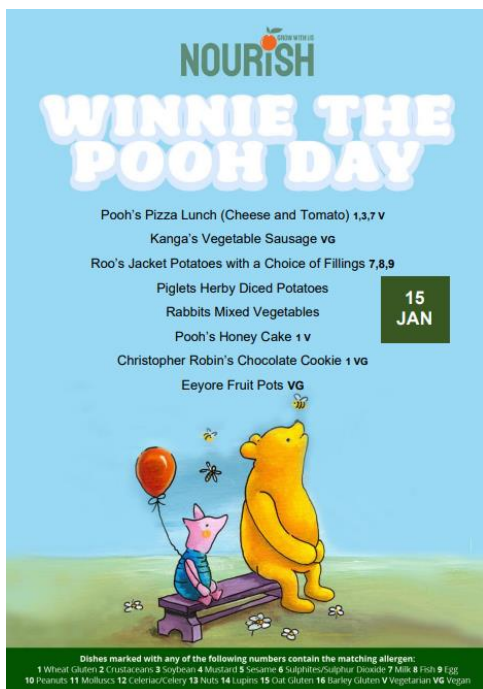
Nourish Themed Lunch menu

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WINNIE THE POOH DAY

Pooh's Pizza Lunch (Cheese and Tomato) 1,3,7 v
 Kanga's Vegetable Sausage vg
 Roo's Jacket Potatoes with a Choice of Fillings 7,8,9
 Piglets Herby Diced Potatoes
 Rabbits Mixed Vegetables
 Pooh's Honey Cake 1 v
 Christopher Robin's Chocolate Cookie 1 vg
 Eeyore Fruit Pots VG

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Dishes marked with any of the following numbers contain the matching allergen:
 1 Wheat 2 Gluten 3 Crustaceans 4 Soybean 5 Mustard 6 Sesame 7 Sulphites/Sulphur Dioxide 8 Milk 9 Fish 10 Eggs
 10 Peanuts 11 Molluscs 12 Celery/Celery 13 Nuts 14 Lupine 15 Out Gluten 16 Isotonic Gluten V Vegetarian VG Vegan

Nourish have created a special themed lunch menu for January.

'Winnie the Pooh Day' on Thursday 15th January.

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

Please remember to book a school lunch for your child, via School Grid, every day that they may need one too. Thank you.

Key dates for your diary

February

Wednesday 11th & Thursday 12th February 3.30-6pm: parent-teacher meetings-further details to follow.

Monday 16th to Friday 20th February: half term.

March

Thursday 5th March: World Book Day-non uniform day (dress as a book character).

Tuesday 24th March 9am & 2.30pm: Infant Spring concert-further details to follow.

Wednesday 25th March 9am & 2.30pm: Junior Spring concert-further details to follow.

Thursday 26th March: last day of term for Nursery pupils.

Friday 27th March: last day of term for Reception to Year 6 pupils-school finishes 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

Term dates and holidays 2026/2027

Autumn term 2026

Training day (school closed for pupils) Wednesday 2nd September 2026

Term starts Thursday 3rd September 2026

Half term Monday 26th to Friday 30th October 2026

Term ends Thursday 17th December 2026 at 1pm

Spring term 2027

Training day (school closed for pupils) Monday 4th January 2027

Term starts Tuesday 5th January 2027

Half term Monday 15th to Friday 19th February 2027

Term ends Thursday 25th March 2027 at 1pm

Summer term 2027

Training day (school closed for pupils) Monday 12th April 2027

Term starts Tuesday 13th April 2027

Half term Monday 31st May to Friday 4th June 2027

Term ends Wednesday 21st July 2027 at 1pm

Community News



Junior Cricket Free Taster Sessions

Harefield CC Colts section is looking for more colts in school years 3 through to 6 to play in there junior sides for next summer.

These sessions will be fun, exciting and active.

Location: **St Clement Danes School, Chorleywood**

Cost: **These sessions are free to new members**

Dates: **Sunday 11th & 18th January**

No previous experience is necessary!

Ages: **7 to 11 (School year 3 to 6)**

Session lead by **Head Of Colts Cricket Stephen Croft**

To register your interest:
Contact **Stephen Croft**
ha.cricket.club@gmail.com
or dm any club account

Time: **5-6 pm**

If your child is older than 11 we have age group sides for u13, u14, u15 & u17 so please contact Stephen on the same email



Women & Girls Cricket

Harefield CC is pleased to announce we will be introducing a women and girls section within the club. Meghali Banerjee will be the new head of womens and girls cricket.

We will be hosting taster sessions for girls cricket.

Location: **St Clement Danes, Chorleywood**

We are looking to establish a side to play friendlies in the summer.

Time: **6-7pm**

No previous experience is necessary

These taster sessions are free

No kit is required.

Girls (age 8 to 12)
Dates:

Women (Age 13 & older)
Dates:

These sessions are for girls and women from age 8 and upwards

23rd January
30th January
27th February

16th January
13th february
13th March

For more details please contact Meghali:
meghalihcc@gmail.com

Education & SEND Parent Event

We are excited to announce the Education & SEND Parent Event taking place on:

Date: Monday, 26 January 2026

Time: 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Venue: Civic Centre, Uxbridge

This event is a fantastic opportunity for parents and carers to:

- Hear from key services including **SEND Advisory Team, Children's Integrated Therapies, SENDIASS, Parent Carer Forum, Local Offer, Family Hubs**, and more.
- Access valuable information and support around SEND and education.

Spaces are limited and will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis.

Parents can register using the link below:

[Register Here](#)



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SAVE THE DATE!

Education & SEND

Parent Event 26th
January 2026

10.00am - 2.00pm
Civic Centre Uxbridge

Don't miss out on this exciting event! Spaces are limited and will be offered on a first-come, first-served basis. Reserve your place today by completing the form below.

Register Now:

[Click Here](#)

Come hear from:

- SEND Advisory Team
- Children's Integrated Therapies
- SENDIASS
- Parent Carer Forum
- Local Offer
- Family Hubs

And much more...

Registration for the SEND & Education Parent Event

