



Autumn Term

Newsletter 3

18th September '26

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Dear Parent / Carer



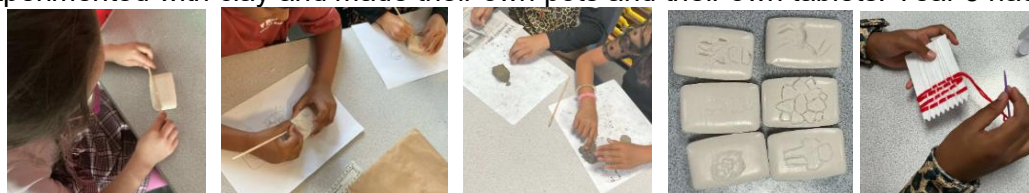
Meet the teacher meetings

I hope that families were able to attend the 'Meet the Teacher' meetings that were held this week, and found them informative. It is very pleasing to see how many families attend these meetings and while it is a chance to meet your child's teacher in person, it is also an opportunity to ensure routines and expectations are shared and pass on new information e.g. regarding allergy management.

If anyone missed these meetings but would like information please ask class teachers.

Y3 Stone Age workshop

Year 3 thoroughly enjoyed their Stone Age workshop on Friday 11th September. The children learnt all about cave paintings and carvings, they used soap and a dowel to carve their own designs. After that, they made their own caves using mud rock and painted them. During the day, the children learnt how Stone age people used to make their own clothes and baskets. We practised weaving using thread and needles. The children experimented with clay and made their own pots and their own tablets. Year 3 had a fantastic day!



Free School Meals

As school lunches are currently provided to all primary aged children free of charge, some families do not think that they need to apply for assistance. However, funding does not only apply to school lunches – if you are eligible and apply, your child may be entitled to further funding for the school and support.

Please use the link / QR code below to check if you are eligible and please speak with Mr Hamza (Inclusion Lead) or Mrs Davies (School Administrator) who can assist.

<https://fsm.lgfl.net/app>



Family lending library – message from Mrs Griggs

I hope you all had a wonderful Summer. The Family Lending Library will reopen on Thursday 24th September, we will be in the hall as usual from 3.20pm onwards. We look forward to seeing you all again.

Hounslow Music Service tuition

Music tuition will begin next week with violin and guitar taking place on Tuesday afternoons and piano lessons being held in the music room on Wednesday afternoons. The music timetables will be sent to the teachers, and the children will be rotated regularly so that they are not missing the same lessons.





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Young Voices

The choir will meet next Friday in school time from 2.20pm - 3pm in the music room. The times will also be changed so that children are not missing the same lesson. Please encourage the children to practise at home! Thanks for your support.

YOUNG VOICES

Rocksteady

Rocksteady music lessons will be in school every Monday morning and the children are rotated every week so they do not miss the same lessons.



Buggies in the bike sheds

I hope that everyone has settled into their new routines for arrival and collection. We have noticed that some families are leaving buggies in the school bike shelters. This is not what these shelters are for – they are for children to leave their bikes and scooters. Some of our shelters are quite small and we simply cannot accommodate buggies and also, any items left in shelters are not covered by insurance (left at owners risk) and we cannot guarantee the security of items. If you do bring your child to school in a buggy (mostly younger children) please make arrangements for the buggy to be taken home afterwards. I am sorry that we cannot accommodate them. Thank you.

Tuition

First Class Learning Study Centre who run Maths & English tuition in the main hall on Mondays and Fridays, are carrying out Free Assessments for Yr1 - Yr11 students. If interested, please call Anita on 07710 399538 or visit firstclasslearning.co.uk/hounslow



Platinum Schools Gamesmark award

We are delighted to announce that we have achieved the School Games PLATINUM Mark Award for the 2025/26 academic year - for the second consecutive year!

This prestigious Government-led award scheme, launched in 2012 and facilitated by the Youth Sport Trust, celebrates schools for their commitment to the development of competition across school and the wider community, and we are incredibly proud to have retained the highest level of recognition for a second year running.

This achievement reflects the outstanding dedication and effort shown by our entire school community. From our enthusiastic pupils who participate wholeheartedly, to our dedicated staff who work tirelessly to deliver a broad and inclusive PE and sports programme, this award is a celebration of our sustained commitment to school sport.

Achieving Platinum status two years in a row is not just a badge of recognition, but proof that the energy, commitment, and teamwork behind our approach to physical education and sport are here to stay. We look forward to continuing to build on this success in the years to come.

Behaviour champions

We have started up our behaviour champions initiative this week to promote good behaviour across the school. Children are awarded class tokens for demonstrating our school values e.g. being kind, helpful, respectful, tolerant, understanding etc. Coach Michal then checks the number of tokens received and informs year groups – winning classes receive a reward as an incentive and recognition of their conduct.





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Winners this week:

Reception – Sunshine

Year 1 – Emerald

Year 2 - Green

Year 3 – Red

Year 4 – Coral

Year 5 – Indigo

Year 6 – Aqua

Keep up the good work!



Before & After School Clubs – Autumn Term 2026 (flyer attached)

Just a reminder that bookings for the Autumn Term clubs have been open since last week, and we still have spaces available in some of our clubs. Please check the attached letter for the full list of clubs on offer, and book your place directly through ParentPay.

Wraparound Care Bookings – YEAR 1 TO YEAR 6 ONLY (flyer attached)

Bookings for Breakfast Club and Aftercare with Skillz4Life in the Autumn Term are now live. To book a place for your child please click on the link below to book a place. When booking for the first time, you will need to create a new account. Once your account is set up, you can conveniently book your Breakfast Club and Aftercare sessions.



<https://skillz4life-sports-coaching.classforkids.io/>

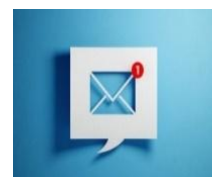


Secondary School Open Evenings

As mentioned last week, secondary schools will be holding open evening for families considering which secondary school to send their children to. Attached are leaflets for Gunnersbury Secondary School, Rivers Academy and Twickenham Secondary School.

Good partnerships (repeated message)

To assist with good partnerships and make communication easier, we have the following email contacts for families to use. Please let staff know of things that are going well or alert them to any difficulty that you think we can help with. Please can I remind families they should not approach other parents / carers about any difficulties between children as this only results in making the matter worse. Please raise any worries with the school and we will liaise with others if necessary. If another parent / carer approaches you, please do not respond but ask them to contact the school.



Contact emails are:

For Nursery families: nurseryteacher@hounslowtownprimary.co.uk
For Reception families: receptionteacher@hounslowtownprimary.co.uk
For Y1 families: year1teacher@hounslowtownprimary.co.uk
For Y2 families: year2teacher@hounslowtownprimary.co.uk
For Y3 families: year3teacher@hounslowtownprimary.co.uk
For Y4 families: year4teacher@hounslowtownprimary.co.uk
For Y5 families: year5teacher@hounslowtownprimary.co.uk
For Y6 families: year6teacher@hounslowtownprimary.co.uk



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Headteacher

Useful dates

Term dates 2026 – 2027		Curriculum events
Autumn Term 2026		PSA / Other I hope you know we would like parents / carers to come forward to participate on the PSA. If you think you would be willing to get involved please contact the committee on either of the emails below. Thank you! psa@hounslowtownprimary.co.uk hounslowtown.psa@outlook.com
INSET	Wed 2nd Sept	
First day of term	Thurs 3rd Sept 2026	
HALF TERM	Mon 26th Oct - Fri 30th Oct	
Last day of term	Thurs 17th Dec (2pm finish)	Flu vaccines 20 th and 21 st October 30 th Nov (catch up vaccines)
INSET	Fri 18th Dec	
Spring Term 2027		
INSET	Mon 4th Jan	
HALF TERM	Mon 15th Feb - Fri 19th Feb	
Last day of term	Thursday 25th Mar (2pm finish)	
Summer Term 2027		
First day of term	Mon 12th April	
May bank holiday	Mon 3rd May	
INSET	Fri 28th May	
Half term	Mon 31st May - Fri 4th June	
Last day of term	Wed 21st July (2pm finish)	
INSET	Thurs 22nd July	