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Dear Parent / Carer



Black history month

October is the month when schools across the country mark Black History month. This year the theme is honouring communities, and Mrs Cucus gave children an individual or an event to research for this theme. Children accessed a live assembly on Wednesday about Black History, and I would also like to mention Miss Khan who has a knack of encountering celebrities and asking them to send a message to Hounslow Town... this time she has encountered Anthony Joshua (boxer) who sent a message to our school – it is on our website.

<https://www.hounslowtownprimary.co.uk/page/?title=Celebrity+Messages&pid=260#anthony-joshua>

Year 5 Science Museum Trip

Year 5 had a fantastic day at the Science Museum, with around 140 children attending and making the most of every moment. It was certainly a day full of walking, with many of us reaching an impressive 15,000 steps by the end of the visit! The children were already feeling hungry by 9.30am, but their excitement never faded. Highlights included the fascinating Space Exhibition, where planets appeared to float magically in the air, and the thrilling Rocket Show, which was great fun, highly engaging and just a little scary each time the presenter launched a rocket fuelled by helium or hydrogen. Mrs Khan was incredibly proud of the excellent behaviour, enthusiasm and curiosity shown by the entire year group throughout the day. She would also like to thank all the staff and parent volunteers whose support helped make the trip such a memorable and successful experience for everyone. We are already looking forward to our next trip in December, when Year 5 will be heading to the pantomime for another exciting day out together.



School car park

We have had several parents / carers trying to access the school car park to drop off or collect children and it is resulting in the entrance / exit being blocked and becoming unsafe. No parents / carers should be using the school car park unless they are a blue badge holder, and either they or their child have a physical disability. If your child has SEN but is physically able, we cannot give permission for you to use the car park.



**Blue Badge
Holders
Only**

I have asked staff in Rainbow to make this clear to families whose children are in Rainbow classes as we can no longer continue with multiple families trying to gain access – it affects the official school mini-bus transport as well as taxis for certain children. If you are a blue badge holder and have a genuine need to access the car park please make us aware and we will try to accommodate, but as I am sure you can tell, space is very limited. Thank you.



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Do you have what it takes to impress our judges and become Hounslow Town's next star baker? The Bake Off is back and we cannot wait to see the amazing creations from our talented bakers in Years 4, 5 and 6! Following the competition launch, pupils will have the opportunity to showcase their baking skills.

Taking part is about much more than baking cakes. Children develop valuable life skills such as planning, organisation, perseverance and following instructions. Baking also brings learning to life as pupils measure, weigh and calculate ingredients, all whilst using their imagination to create something truly original.

Round One: Cupcake Challenge - Thursday 22nd October

Dust off your mixing bowls, unleash your creativity and start practising your favourite recipes. Whether you are an experienced baker or trying something new, we encourage everyone to take part. Every great baker starts with a single cake!

Reading ambassadors

Last week, many of our Year 5 pupils took part in interviews with Ms Weldrick and Miss Visu to become Reading Ambassadors. The children spoke confidently about how they would inspire a love of reading across the school, encourage their peers to pick up new books and promote reading for pleasure across the school. Ms Weldrick and Miss Visu were blown away by the enthusiasm, creativity and commitment shown by all of the candidates.



We are delighted to introduce our new Reading Ambassadors for this year: **Siddhi, Laiba, Ayaana, Nishi, Hanshitha, Medha, Misha, Ronela, Sarim, Akshada, Hanna, Velanki, Mahira, Aarushi, Aria, Diamant and Muska!** Watch this space for exciting reading events, refreshed reading displays and new opportunities to celebrate reading across the school as our Reading Ambassadors begin their important roles.

**Bulgarian folk dancing**

Inspire Hounslow is funding Bulgarian folklore dance classes for children aged between 8 – 14yrs. The classes are free of charge and take place at Bolder Academy School on Saturdays 11am -12noon. The aim is to introduce Bulgarian folk dancing to children from different cultural backgrounds.

For further information or to register go to Bgheritage.co.uk or call / message 0752 8075450 or 075 45069636.

Free parent workshops

Can you believe half term is approaching (week of 26th – 30th October). I am attaching some flyers with free workshops for parents with their children. The link to enrol is:

<https://forms.gle/nDCKqfXXJG7y6rhr8> if you need any assistance with completing the forms please speak with Mrs O.

Skillz4Life Half-Term Camp Bookings Now Open!

Bookings are now live for our upcoming half-term camp! To book a place, please click on the link below.

<https://www.skillz4life-sportscoaching.co.uk/book-now>

Join us for a fun-filled week of activities, including our Dress-Up Halloween Party on Friday 30th October!





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Deadline for secondary applications: 31st October (repeated message)

I hope that families with children moving to secondary school next year are aware that the deadline for applications is approaching. You must make your application by 31st October to secure your child a place. Parents / carers can contact the School Admissions Team on 020 8583 2711/2721 (9am-5pm Mon to Thurs, 9am-4.45pm Fri) or email admissions@hounslow.gov.uk for any further information.

Deadline for Reception applications: 15th January

Although the deadline for Reception applications is not until the new year (15th January) it is really important that you get form in, so please don't leave it to the last minute. Forms can be accessed from the council website. As with secondary admissions, if you have any queries, please contact the School Admissions Team on 8583 2711/2721 or via email admissions@hounslow.gov.uk

Behaviour champions

Winners this week:

Reception – Primrose

Year 1 – Apple

Year 2 – Olive

Year 3 – Cherry

Year 4 – Berry

Year 5 – Indigo

Year 6 – Sky



Keep up the good work!



Free School Meals (repeated message)

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 with Mr Hamza (Inclusion Lead) or Miss Davies (School Administrator) who can assist.

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

Wraparound Care Bookings – YEAR 1 TO YEAR 6 ONLY (repeated message)

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/>



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



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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
For Rainbow families: rainbowteacher@hounslowtownprimary.co.uk
For music: music@hounslowtownprimary.co.uk
For any password enquiries please go to: passwords@hounslowtownprimary.co.uk

Miss Laura Khalil
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	