



Autumn Term

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16th October '26

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Dear Parent / Carer

PSA disco

I hope you are aware that the PSA are holding a disco on Wednesday 21st Oct, and there are several posters around school displaying details. Please pre-purchase tickets through ParentPay rather than queuing to buy tickets on the door as you will get into the disco quicker.



Poetry Event

On Thursday, 20 pupils from across Years 4 and 5 attended a poetry event at Chatsworth with Miss Weldrick and Mrs Sahani. During the visit, they met poet Steve Tasane, who brought poetry to life with his energy, enthusiasm and range of humorous poems. One of our particular favourites was The Alphabet Rap.

A special mention goes to Isabella from 4 Berry, who was the only child at the event to identify that the poem had a beat of three. She was even able to comment that, 'Some people may think there is a beat of 4 because of the pause.' Well done, Isabella! We are incredibly proud of all the pupils who represented the school so well and look forward to taking more children to exciting book and poetry events in the future.



Reading Stay and Play

We would like to remind families that on Friday 23rd of October, from 3:30pm - 4:30pm, we will be hosting our second 'Reading Stay and Play' session in the main hall. Families are welcome to join us to engage in a range of arts and crafts activities linked to promoting a love of reading. This year, our Year Five Reading Ambassadors will be supporting the event. A big thank you to them!



Language network meeting

On Thursday Mrs Azzouzi, along with other EAL (English as an Additional Language) staff, hosted a language network meeting. It was really well attended with several fathers participating. At the meeting, the importance of reading was explored and practical ideas on supporting children with phonics at home were shared. It was lovely for staff to meet the mum's and dads, exchange ideas and discuss the children's progress. Together we continue to build a strong home-school partnership to support every child's learning and love of reading.





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Young carers tea party

On Tuesday our young carers hosted a tea party for staff, where they prepared food and drinks. I know that staff thoroughly enjoyed the tea party as did the children who had organised and invited staff. We have asked previously to let us know if you consider that your child could be a young carer e.g. takes on responsibility for assisting with looking after a parent / carer or sibling. Please let us know, or just come and ask if you think this could apply to your child as we would love to include them in future events.



Ready, Set, Bake!

Please don't forget that we are asking children who wish to participate in the bake off competition to participate in round 1 next week:

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!



Staff Fundraiser

At Hounslow Town Primary School, we are on a mission to inspire a lifelong love of reading and writing while developing pupil's confidence in speaking and listening through meaningful oracy opportunities. We believe that bringing learning to life creates memorable experiences that help children become enthusiastic readers, writers and communicators.



Like many schools, we face increasing budget pressures, which means we cannot always provide all of the enriching experiences we would like. This year our English curriculum includes some fantastic opportunities for children to immerse themselves in their learning. Year 2 pupils became bug hunters, exploring the school grounds and using their discoveries to inspire their writing. Year 4 pupils immersed themselves in a range of sensory experiences, helping them to better understand and engage with the story of Beowulf. Year 6 pupils sampled sweets that were available in the 1940s and used their experiences to create rich and descriptive pieces of writing.

We are also excited to continue to welcome authors and artists into school, continue our popular Stay and Play sessions with families, and provide even more opportunities for children to engage with books, stories and language in creative ways.

To help fund these experiences, a group of staff members will be taking part in a 5km run next term. Our runners currently include Miss Weldrick, Miss Longworth, Miss Chaudhury, Miss Barber, Mrs Rylance and Mrs Callan, with more staff hoping to join the team. Evidence of their running achievements will be provided.

Any donation, big or small, would go a long way in supporting the school. We thank you for your continued support.

If you would like to make a donation please follow this link: <https://gofund.me/e87c642e8>



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Changes to food vouchers

School holiday supermarket vouchers will no longer be issued from September 2026 onwards. This includes the October half-term holiday and all subsequent school holidays. The vouchers were previously funded through the Government's Household Support Fund, which has now ended.



Food Voucher

Information for parents and carers:

Hounslow Council will no longer provide school holiday supermarket vouchers for children attending Hounslow schools who are eligible for benefits-related Free School Meals.

We understand that this change may be difficult for families. Other support remains available for Hounslow residents, subject to eligibility:

- **Crisis and Resilience Fund**: help with food, utilities and essential costs.
- **Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Programme**: free holiday activities and meals for eligible children.
- **Council Tax Support**: help with Council Tax for residents on a low income.
- **Housing Support Payments**: support for residents struggling to pay rent.
- **Essential Household Items**: help with essential furniture and appliances, including white goods, beds and mattresses.
- **Food Support in Hounslow**: information about emergency food, community fridges, food deliveries and other local support.

Further advice is available through [Hounslow Council's cost-of-living support pages](#).



Road safety around schools flyer

Please see the attached flyer regarding road safety. The flyer highlights the importance of safe and considerate driving around schools and contains key reminders to help keep children and families safe during the school run. This is especially important with the darker evenings approaching.

School communication

A reminder that after half term school communication will be sent from Arbor to the email addresses we have on file. If any of your email contacts have changed, please ensure that you have informed the school. No communication will come from ParentMail by the end of the year.



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!



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.





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Deadline for Reception applications: 15th January 2027

Although the deadline for Reception applications is not until the new year (15th January) it is really important that you get your 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 – Daffodil

Year 1 – Jade

Year 2 - Clover

Year 3 – Ruby

Year 4 – Rose

Year 5 – Teal

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 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.



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Contact emails are:

For Nursery families: nurseryteacher@hounslowtownprimary.co.ukFor Reception families: receptionteacher@hounslowtownprimary.co.ukFor Y1 families: year1teacher@hounslowtownprimary.co.ukFor Y2 families: year2teacher@hounslowtownprimary.co.ukFor Y3 families: year3teacher@hounslowtownprimary.co.ukFor Y4 families: year4teacher@hounslowtownprimary.co.ukFor Y5 families: year5teacher@hounslowtownprimary.co.ukFor Y6 families: year6teacher@hounslowtownprimary.co.ukFor Rainbow families: rainbowteacher@hounslowtownprimary.co.ukFor music: music@hounslowtownprimary.co.ukFor any password enquiries please go to: passwords@hounslowtownprimary.co.ukMiss Laura Khalil
Headteacher**Useful dates**

Term dates 2026 – 2027	Curriculum events
Autumn Term 2026 INSET First day of term HALF TERM Last day of term INSET	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
Spring Term 2027 INSET HALF TERM Last day of term	Flu vaccines 20 th and 21 st October 30 th Nov (catch up vaccines)
Summer Term 2027 First day of term May bank holiday INSET Half term Last day of term INSET	