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Dear Parent / Carer

I hope that you are aware that it is half term, we will look forwards to seeing you back on school on **Monday 2nd November**. If you have a Y6 child, please ensure you have completed your secondary application before the end of the holiday.

Year 2 ZooLab Visit

On Monday, the Year 2 children took part in an exciting ZooLab workshop. They had the opportunity to meet a variety of fascinating animals, including a giant African snail, a snake, a cockroach, and a frog. The children learned all about the animals' habitats, diets, and unique characteristics, discovering lots of interesting facts along the way. The highlight of the session was getting up close to the animals, with many children even having the chance to hold them! It was a fantastic hands-on learning experience that sparked curiosity and excitement. All the Year 2 children (and adults!) thoroughly enjoyed the visit and had a wonderful time learning about the animal world.



PSA disco

Thank you very much to the PSA for arranging the disco on Wednesday this week. It was a lovely event, and I smiled at seeing children rushing from the Pears Road gate in their disco outfits or dressed as vampires and witches to strut their stuff in the main hall. Thank you also to staff who attended and supported – great team effort.



PSA fundraising

We're app-ealing for parents and others to help Hounslow Town PSA fundraise this term. Please install the free easyfundraising app and join as our supporter. Then, just use the app whenever you shop online on your phone. Retailers will give Hounslow Town PSA cashback donations at no extra cost to you - it will make a huge difference, especially as we head towards the end of the year. It only takes a few taps, and every new supporter helps. Get the app here. Thank you!

<https://join.easyfundraising.org.uk/hounslowtownpsa/U9UNS7/pa/0ylmJ0IJ/EPA51/textcopy/>

C8 spelling bee

This week on 21st October, Millie, Sanieel, Muzaffar and Gaurav, from Year 4 visited Isleworth Town Primary School to take part in the C8 Spelling Bee competition. They had the opportunity to compete against pupils from seven other schools across the borough. All four children represented our school wonderfully, remaining calm, composed and confident throughout the competition. Each child had four opportunities to spell a word, and they took their time before responding with great confidence. The words were from Year 5 and 6 spelling list.





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Although Spring Grove School won the competition, our children accepted the outcome graciously and demonstrated excellent sportsmanship.

The competition provided a valuable opportunity for our pupils to participate in an inter-school event, challenge themselves and experience the excitement of competing alongside other schools.

A huge well done to our super spellers! We are incredibly proud of you all for representing our school so brilliantly! 🐉☀️

Speech and Language Workshop

A huge thank you to all our Reception parents who braved the weather to attend our Speech and Language Workshops, delivered by our school-based Therapist, Kavasha Kander. We held five workshops across all our Reception classes, with an amazing total of 69 parents attending! It was wonderful to see so many parents participating in the workshops followed by our enjoyable Stay and Play sessions with your children. All attendees were entered into a lucky draw, and we are delighted to announce that the winner of the Unicorn Fun game and Teddy Bear was from Sunshine Class! Thank you once again for your fantastic support and for taking the time to join us.



Flu immunisations

Thank you to Miss Coyne who arranged the flu immunisations for us, and also to Mrs Willis who has returned to work as a volunteer assisting with certain activities. Unfortunately, the school nurses were unable to complete all vaccinations in the two days that they were here. They are returning on 30th November to catch up with any children who were absent and classes or year groups who were not seen (mostly older children).



School communication

As previously notified, we will be moving to Arbor for school communication. Miss Davies will start to trial sending information through Arbor – you should see very little difference as long as we have the correct email address for you. Please give any feedback, either just to say you have received with no problem or highlight any problems if they arise.



Changes to food vouchers (repeated message)

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.



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- **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](#).

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.

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 – Yellow

Year 1 – Spring

Year 2 - Olive

Year 3 – Red

Year 4 – Berry

Year 5 – Marine

Year 6 – Blue



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 Mrs Davies (School Administrator) who can assist.

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



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23rd October '26**..to inspire, to encourage , to learn, to achieve..****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.

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)	
INSET	Fri 18th Dec	
Spring Term 2027		Flu vaccines
INSET	Mon 4th Jan	
HALF TERM	Mon 15th Feb - Fri 19th Feb	
Last day of term	Thursday 25th Mar (2pm finish)	



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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

20th and 21st October

30th Nov (catch up vaccines)