



Autumn Term

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19th Sept '25

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Dear Parent / Carer

Welcome meetings

Thank you to everyone who attended our Welcome meetings this week, it was great to have such a strong turn out. I hope everyone is settling back into the routine of school and these meetings introduced you to the staff working with your children and gave clarity to routines and expectations. I know some parents were unable to attend meetings which were being run simultaneously – please ask staff for relevant information if you were unable to attend for any reason.



New OFSTED system

From November OFSTED will now be using a new 5-point grading scale across the following areas:



- Safeguarding
- Inclusion
- Curriculum and teaching
- Achievement
- Attendance and behaviour
- Personal development and well-being
- Early Years
- Leadership and governance

Our last OFSTED inspection was in December 2021, and therefore we could have an OFSTED inspection this year. OFSTED will gather the views of parents / carers as part of their evaluation of the school. I have been really pleased with the feedback from the parents survey completed at the end of last year, and will include a summary in next week's newsletter.



Parent governors

We would still like to hear from any parents / carers who would be willing to become a parent governor to the school. You would need to attend governing body meetings throughout the year (3 committee meetings and 3 full governing body meetings) and participate in visits to the school, access training and possibly meet with OFSTED. If you would like to know more about the role please catch me on the gates to speak with or arrange to have an appointment with me. It would be great to fill our vacancies, we have a large number of families who attend the school, and we should be able to fill our vacancies. Please see me if you are interested.

Reception in full-time

Next week Reception children will be at school full-time. I hope they have felt prepared after attending part days, but they are likely to feel tired! Please can you do all that you can to ensure children have the skills for school e.g. if your child is not yet fully toilet trained please work really hard to encourage them. It has been really interesting having children stay for lunch and seeing who can use a knife and fork – please support children with mastering these skills. It can seem easier to do things for children e.g. cut up food, but in the long run all this does is make children dependent for longer and hinder independence.





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If your child will be starting in Reception **next** year, you must apply by 15th January ' 26. You can access online brochures and guides from www.hounslow.gov.uk/primaryadmissions or contact the admissions team on 020 8583 2711 / 2721 or admissions@hounslow.gov.uk

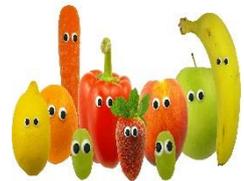


Allergies

It is really important that we are notified about allergies and receive medical proof. Chartwells, who provide our school meals, are able to provide allergy specific meals once this information is received. Please get it to us as soon as possible. I would like to remind families that we aim to be a nut free school and no products with nuts should be brought in. Thank you

Snacks in school

Children are able to bring snacks into school, however, this should be fruit or vegetables and not chocolate and crisps! I often notice children leaving school with a snack, and some families provide fruit, carrot sticks or breadsticks etc. Of course children can have treats from time to time, but if your child is eating chocolate or crisps every day after school this will not support them with developing healthy eating habits.



Harvest – non-uniform day Fri 26th Sept

On Friday 26th September children are able to come into school in their own clothes, but rather than bring money, we are asking for donations to include in our school foodbank and also for local foodbanks. Please send children in with tinned foods, dried foods or toiletries. A poster was distributed earlier in the week with information.

Lending library

Mrs Griggs will be starting the lending library from Thursday 25th September. Please find a letter attached with further information.



Play leader training

On Friday, the whole of 6 Topaz, undertook their play leader training and for the next 6 weeks they will be supporting younger children with a range of games and activities at lunch times. After they have completed their 6 weeks, every child will receive a personalised certificate. Good luck on this exciting adventure!

Before & After School Clubs – Autumn Term 2025 (flyer attached)

Bookings for the Autumn Term clubs are now live. You can book your chosen clubs through ParentPay. Please find the attached letter with a list of all the clubs available for the Autumn Term.



Wraparound care bookings

To book a place for your child in Breakfast Club and Aftercare, 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/>



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Traffic

Although there is a school zone in place to restrict traffic around school during drop off and pick up time, you must still be vigilant, especially with young children. School Road is especially narrow and during the school day the school zone restrictions do not apply, so please ensure you oversee children closely.



Starting secondary school (repeated message)



If your child is due to transfer in September '26 (current Y6 children), you will need to apply by 31st October. A letter went out last year to Y5 families. Secondary schools offer open events when you can visit and I would strongly advise going with your children to help you to make a decision about where to apply.

Online brochures and guides are available from 1st September from www.hounslow.gov.uk/secondaryadmissions or you can contact the secondary admissions team on 020 8583 2711 / 2721 or admissions@hounslow.gov.uk

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

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Headteacher



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Useful dates

Term dates 2025 – 2026	Curriculum events
Autumn Term 2025 INSET 1 st & 2 nd Sept 2025 First day of term Wed 3 rd Sept 2025 HALF TERM – Mon 27 th Oct to Fri 31 st Oct Last day of term Fri 19 th Dec (2pm finish)	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 2026 INSET Day Mon 5 th Jan 2026 First day of term Tues 6 th Jan 2026 HALF TERM Mon 16 th Feb - Fri 20 th Feb Last day of term Fri 27 th Mar (2pm finish)	
Summer Term 2026 First day of term Mon 13 th Apr 2026 INSET Friday 22 nd May 2026 HALF TERM Mon 25 th May - Fri 29 th May Last day of term Fri 17 th July (2pm finish) INSET Mon 20 th July 2026	