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Dear Parent / Carer

Language network meeting



On 8th October, we were delighted to welcome many parents / carers of our EAL learners to our termly Language Network meeting. It was a wonderful opportunity to share ideas and strategies to help families support their children's learning at home. A big thank you to all who attended — your engagement and commitment speak volumes about the care and dedication you have as parents. Thank you also to the EAL team who offer this event.

Attendance



Are you doing your bit to ensure children have good attendance? It may seem obvious, but good attendance affects children's progress and attainment – children do best when they attend school regularly. Of course, children may need to be absent from school if they are unwell (although can come to school with a mild cough / cold / sore throat etc and we can administer authorised medication), but there are occasions when children could be in school if families managed things differently e.g. appointments, term time holidays and family events.

Miss Coyne (attendance officer) monitors all absence and works hard to maintain attendance to at least 96%, but preferably higher! The display near the double doors leading to the playground, captures class attendance and ideally, every class needs to make it to the yellow or green pot! With the winter months approaching please do all you can to ensure children attend school every day possible.

Miss Coyne has been liaising for children to have the flu vaccine, and this is due to take place on Thursday 16th October.

Safeguarding statement

At Hounslow Town Primary School we are committed to safeguarding the children in our care.



We would like to take this opportunity to remind you that should you have any concerns regarding the welfare of your own or any other children in our school community please do not hesitate to contact Mrs K Draper - AHT and Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL), or Mrs A Oyetunde - Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead (DDSL). Thank you.



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PSA disco

Hve you got your ticket yet?! The PSA will be putting on an Autumn disco on Thurs 23rd Oct. Timings are 4 – 4.45pm for children in Y1 – 3, and 5.15 – 6.15pm for children in Y4 – Y6. Tickets cost £3 and can be paid for on ParentPay. We are going to use the Pears Road gate for children to enter as it is the wider entrance.



We have had a couple of new parents / carers join the PSA (thank you!), but I am sure that there are others of you out there who might be able to offer assistance... please speak with Mrs Khan (in Y4), Mrs Cotteral (in Nursery) or Hannah Duff (parent) if you would like to join. Several other staff members are active in the PSA, and any member of staff should be able to guide you to the right person if you would like more information, or like to join.



Menu

Chartwells have updated their menu (attached) and this new menu will come into effect after half term (3rd November). Please remember that all primary age children are able to have a free school meal regardless of circumstances – this is great!! Take up this offer, it saves you the time and expense of preparing a packed lunch, ensures children are offered a hot meal (meat, halal, vegetarian and salad options available every day) and introduces your child to new foods making them more adventurous eaters.

I often tell new families that I join children for a school lunch nearly every day, and consider the meals to be of a very good quality. We are lucky to have a production kitchen so meals are prepared on site. There is a great team of staff from Chartwells who work with us and want to offer the best options possible to children.

If you have younger children in school, please help them to learn how to hold a tray and use a knife, fork and spoon – it really helps them to be independent at lunch.

Monitor children’s ICT

Please try your very best to monitor children’s ICT usage and make sure that games they are accessing are suitable and that they are using ICT appropriately. Show interest in what children are doing and ask them what they are involved with – have the conversation about keeping safe online.



We have recently followed up concerns with children playing Block City Wars (rated 12+) and using roblox inappropriately. While I don’t want families to be alarmed unnecessarily, as ICT is a great tool, children accessing inappropriate games which are not age appropriate could make them vulnerable to online predators or become involved with cyber bullying.



Swimming Pay-as-you-go

As part of the Year 4 curriculum each class goes swimming once a week for 6 weeks. The children do really well and thoroughly enjoy their time in the pool, learning an important life skill at the same time. To encourage **all** children to swim Lampton Leisure are offering a pay-as-you-go pricing system which allows you to take the children whenever you want to, giving you the flexibility to chose. The link below gives details of this offer and how you can book a tour of the pool

<https://www.lamptonleisure.co.uk/join-us/pay-as-you-go/>



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Behaviour champions

If your child's class are this week's behaviour champions please mention to them that you know and are proud of them. Well done to all the winners!

This week's winners are:

Reception – Buttercup

Year 1 – Sage

Year 2 – Lime

Year 3 – Magenta

Year 4 – Poppy

Year 5 – Indigo

Year 6 – Sapphire

Parent teacher consultations

I am giving advanced notice that we will be offering parent teacher consultation appointments during the week of 10th November. This term we will offer three evenings to 6pm and nearer the time the days for different classes will be confirmed.

Parent Teacher Meeting



I would like nursery families to be aware that the nursery will be **closed to children on Friday 14th November** as meetings are held during the day with children's key workers.



October Half Term Multi-Sport Camps – Now Live! (repeated message)

Skillz4Life Sports Coaching will be running **Multi-Sport Camps** during the October half term. **You can book a place by clicking the link below.** A flyer with full details is attached.

 [Book Now | Skillz4Life Sports Coaching](#)

Parent governors (repeated message)

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.



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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Starting secondary school and Reception (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

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

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



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Useful dates

| Term dates 2025 – 2026 | Curriculum events |
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| 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 | |
| | Parent teacher consultations Week of 10 th November (Nursery closed on Friday 14 th November) |