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Dear Parent / Carer

We have made it to the end of a half term. Thank you to staff and children for their hard work over the last 7 weeks, I hope that everyone has a well deserved rest over the half term holiday and will look forward to seeing everyone when we return on **Monday 3rd November**. If you have a child in Y6 please ensure that you have completed your child's application to secondary school (details below). I am sure the next half term will also be busy with Christmas approaching, and in the first week back Mrs Samat has arranged an author visit.

**Parent governors**

I am really pleased to be able to share that we have had 2 parents / carers come forward to stand as governors. I am providing some information about them below. As they are unopposed, there will be no need for an election and they will be formally adopted onto the governing body in December when we next meet.

Nash

My name is Nash and I'm delighted to be joining the governing body as a parent governor. Professionally, my background is in Marketing, Branding and Coaching — I've spent many years helping businesses and individuals build clear, purposeful communication. Alongside that, I became a children's author while home educating my daughter, which opened my eyes even more to how creative and flexible learning can be when children are truly engaged.

Now that my daughter is in school, I'm excited to use both my professional and personal experience to contribute to the wider school community — bringing ideas around creativity, communication, and confidence in learning.

Outside of work, I enjoy personal styling, writing, cooking and creating content — all things that keep me inspired and connected to creativity in everyday life.

I stepped into this role because I believe lasting change happens when we take part. I'm especially passionate about family-led learning and the power of parents, teachers, and governors working together to shape a nurturing environment where every child feels seen, supported, and encouraged to thrive.

Thanks again and I look forward to working alongside you all.

Swapnil

My name is Dr Swapnil Ghotane, and I'm delighted to put myself forward for the Parent Governor role. My child is currently in Reception, and as a family, we've greatly valued the school's caring environment and wonderfully diverse community.

My professional background is in dentistry and health services research, where my work focuses on improving health and wellbeing for children and families. I enjoy collaborating with parents, schools, and community organisations to make a positive difference — and I see this role as a meaningful way to contribute to our local community.

As both a parent and a researcher, I value listening, collaboration, and thoughtful decision-making. I believe every child deserves to feel supported, included, and inspired at school, and I hope to help strengthen that vision within our community.

Outside work, I enjoy spending time with my family, playing badminton, cricket, and table tennis, and learning new languages.

Safeguarding letter

Please find attached a safeguarding letter regarding 'operation Encompass. Our DSL (Designated Safeguarding Lead) staff are Mrs Draper (Assistant Head) and Mrs O (Family Liaison Officer).





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PSA disco

I hope that everyone who attended the disco enjoyed themselves. The children looked great in their costumes and seemed to have fun. Many staff attended, and I would like to say thank you to them for supporting this PSA event, and to the PSA committee for putting it on. If you think that you would like to get involved with the PSA please see contact details at the end of this newsletter.



Steel pan performance



On Thursday 23rd October, we were thrilled to welcome the *Metronome Steel Pan Orchestra* all the way from West London for a lively and inspiring performance. The children were absolutely mesmerised by the joyful rhythms and rich sounds of the steel pans, learning about the instrument's Caribbean roots and the skill involved in playing it. There was singing, dancing, and plenty of clapping along as the hall filled with music and energy!

The visit was a truly fantastic way to end our celebrations for Black History Month, bringing the spirit and culture of the Caribbean to life in a fun and unforgettable way. The children (and staff!) loved every minute and left with big smiles and a new appreciation for this wonderful musical tradition.

Thank you to Ms George who arranged for this steel pan performance



New guinea pigs

Those of you who know Miss Howard (SENDCO) well, may be aware how keen she is to have therapy animals in school. Over the years we have had chickens, fish and guinea pigs in school as well as visiting dogs, lizards, budgies etc. Our resident guinea pigs, Elvis and Parsley, are due to 'retire' soon and so Poppy and Bella have arrived to take their place and carry on their good work. The children love having a creature to stroke and care for, and they help many of our children to become calm.

Parent evening appointments

I hope that you are aware that parent evening appointments will take place during the week of 10th November. This year staff will offer up to 3 days with appointments up to 6pm and may also offer additional days to spread out appointments. We are trying this new offer to support staff wellbeing (without having too late an evening) but also, by offering more days there is greater choice and flexibility for parents / carers and hopefully it will limit delays if appointments run over. Please make sure you make an appointment.



Football competition (from Coach Michal)

What an incredible performance from our Year 2 football team! Over the course of 8 games, the boys showed fantastic skills, determination, and teamwork, winning 7 of those matches and finishing in an impressive 2nd place. I couldn't be prouder of the way they represented the school, both on and off the pitch. Their sportsmanship and commitment were outstanding, and they have truly made us all proud. Well done, boys!





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Behaviour champions

This week's winners are:



- **Reception** – Yellow
- **Year 1** – Apple
- **Year 2** – Olive
- **Year 3** – Red
- **Year 4** – Rose
- **Year 5** – Teal
- **Year 6** – Topaz



Wraparound care bookings (repeated message)

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/>

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



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- 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 2025 – 2026	Curriculum events
<p>Autumn Term 2025 INSET 1st & 2nd Sept 2025 First day of term Wed 3rd Sept 2025 HALF TERM – Mon 27th Oct to Fri 31st Oct Last day of term Fri 19th Dec (2pm finish)</p> <p>Spring Term 2026 INSET Day Mon 5th Jan 2026 First day of term Tues 6th Jan 2026 HALF TERM Mon 16th Feb - Fri 20th Feb Last day of term Fri 27th Mar (2pm finish)</p> <p>Summer Term 2026 First day of term Mon 13th Apr 2026 INSET Friday 22nd May 2026 HALF TERM Mon 25th May - Fri 29th May Last day of term Fri 17th July (2pm finish) INSET Mon 20th July 2026</p>	<p>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!</p> <p>psa@hounslowtownprimary.co.uk</p> <p>hounslowtown.psa@outlook.com</p> <p>Parent teacher consultations Week of 10th November (Nursery closed on Friday 14th November)</p>