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Dear Parent / Carer

Welcome back! I hope everyone has had an enjoyable half term holiday.

**Rock steady music school visit**

We have ended our first week back in style! Today, Millie from **Rocksteady Music School** visited our school to give pupils in **Years 3, 4 and 5** a taste of what it's like to be in a real rock band! Millie wowed everyone with her fantastic performance and gave the children the chance to explore a range of instruments — from guitars and drums to keyboards and microphones. The pupils had a brilliant time discovering their inner rock stars, and even the teachers couldn't resist joining in on the fun! To sign your child up, please scan the QR code on the letter you received today. Thank you to Miss George for arranging this.

**Y2 dress up day**

What a great day we had in Year 2 this week for our first-ever Around the World Day! The children embraced the spirit of adventure by donning delightful outfits representing their own countries or their favourite destinations. With their passports in hand, they set off on a magical journey through the continents—our classrooms transforming into mini-worlds filled with excitement and learning.

As the children navigated from one continent to another, they took part in a range of engaging activities. In the Americas, they crafted vibrant reefs, while in Africa, they painted breathtaking savannah sunsets, capturing the beauty of the landscapes. The curious minds of Year 2 also explored the diverse countries within Asia, Europe, and Australia, learning fascinating facts and discovering new cultures along the way.

It was truly a wonderful day, with both adults and children fully immersed in their learning experiences.

**Author visit**

On Friday 7<sup>th</sup> November, some of the children from KS2 were given the opportunity to meet the author Tomos Roberts. Tomos explored his journey into becoming an author and delivered a motivational talk on how the children can be anything they wish to be. During the workshop, children were able to plan and write their own poetry, focusing on a key area that is important to them. The children found this extremely beneficial and there was lots of laughter and fun throughout!





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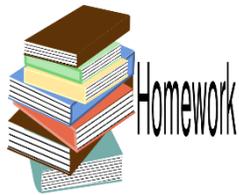
### Anti-bullying week

Next week is anti-bullying week. As you will be aware this is an annual, national event in schools and the theme this year is: **POWER FOR GOOD**. To celebrate our differences and uniqueness, we will be taking part in **ODD SOCKS DAY on Monday 10th November**. Children are asked to wear odd socks with their usual uniform on Monday and donate £1 to support the school. We are looking forward to seeing those odd socks!

### Parents evening

A reminder that we are holding parent teacher consultations next week. I hope that everyone has made an appointment, and as you are aware, we are offering more days although not holding a very late evening this time. I am hoping that this is manageable for families, and it will assist staff who have a long week otherwise.

A reminder that the nursery will be closed on 14<sup>th</sup> November as meetings are held with all key workers making it hard to open the nursery with staff involved in these meetings.



### Homework club

Next week, from Monday - Friday, Miss Weldrick will be offering homework workshops in the ICT Suite after school. You should have already booked in to a parents evening slot with your child's class teacher at some point during the week, so hopefully this will be a convenient time if you would like to learn more about the homework expectations at Hounslow Town Primary. You will also be provided with the opportunity to explore the online

platforms that we use and strategies for supporting your child in completing homework at home. The ICT Suite can be found on the second floor of the school.

### Storytime

A big thank you to all of the parents and children who came to the first Storytime session on Thursday afternoon. Miss Weldrick was so overwhelmed with the amount of families who turned up, and it was so pleasing to see the smiles on the children's faces. We would like to remind you that Storytime will take place each Thursday afterschool (3:30 - 3:50) in the downstairs hall, and that all families are welcome to join. Next week, Mr Hamza will be reading a story to you all. The Lending Library are also set up in the hall at this time, so it would be a great opportunity to sign up with them and begin borrowing books and games that you can use at home.



### Hounslow Junior Book Awards

On Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> November, the Hounslow Library Service will be visiting to deliver a launch assembly for pupils interested in being involved with the Hounslow Junior Book Awards this year. For those who have not heard of this before, the pupils are challenged to read a selection of books before May and comment on these. They will then vote for their top 3 books and a large event will be held where a guest author will announce the winning book and then deliver a workshop with the pupils. This event is for junior children who are interested, so please discuss with your children – it is a great event to be involved with to promote reading.

### Children in need

On Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November, children will be able to come to school in their own clothes (maybe yellow in colour) to mark Children In Need, and we would ask for a £1 donation. We haven't always participated in a fund-raising event for Children In Need as it does fall very close to





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Anti-bullying week when we also ask for donations. However, given that it is a National event to support vulnerable children I hope that families will feel able to support both.



### Parent coffee mornings

Miss Weldrick and Mr Hamza will be introducing coffee mornings to encourage parents / carers to come into school, mingle and discuss key topics. There will be a short presentation from staff and resources set up around the room for parents to browse. The topics we will be beginning with are:

- SEND support
- Reading for pleasure strategies
- E-safety

The first coffee morning will be offered next week on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November and will be on SEN. If you would like to attend, please wait in the playground after drop off near the double doors and, once children are safely in the school, Mr Hamza will collect parents. The coffee morning will last approximately 30mins to 9.45am. Please come along, it is a great way to get to know others and get some advice – if there are particular topics you would like the school to offer input on please let us know

### Staffing update

Some of the more observant amongst you will have noticed Mrs Williamson's expanding waistline.... So it will not come as a surprise for you to hear that she is pregnant! Mrs Williamson will start her maternity leave in March and we have already secured Mrs Hill, who has worked at the school previously to cover 1 Sage. Mrs Hill will visit to become familiar with the class and to liaise with Mrs Williamson before she takes her leave.



We have had a couple of new teaching assistants start with us – Miss Hunte and Ms Mohan, and I am sure the community will make them feel welcome.



### Community police links

We have been developing our links with community police and have had officers visit recently. We have asked if they can try to be a presence around school at drop off and collection times so that families feel reassured, and have an opportunity to get to know officers attached to our ward. We will ask officers to come in and speak with pupils on a range of topics and please approach officers if there are community issues you want to raise with them.

### Inconsiderate parking

I have been contacted again by local residents who are frustrated by inconsiderate parking from some families dropping children off at school or collecting. It is not acceptable for families to block driveways and disappear (even for a short while) to take children to school, preventing residents from leaving their properties to get themselves to work. We are a very large school community with the majority of families living nearby – please try to avoid bringing a car, but if you have to drive you do need to be considerate to our neighbours. I want our school to have good relationships within the local community and this (and rudeness at being asked to move!) does not help.





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### Remembrance day

Y5 will be offering a Remembrance Day assembly on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> November. A range of poppy related items (wristbands, poppies, clips etc) are available from the school office.

### Christmas events

It won't be long until Christmas events are upon us! Reception nativity shows will happen during the week of 8<sup>th</sup> December (a letter will come out shortly with class performance dates) and Chartwells will offer a Christmas lunch on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December. You will receive information nearer to the time about both of these events, but also other performances and Christmas parties.



### Behaviour champions

This week's winners are:



- **Reception** – Buttercup
- **Year 1** – Sage
- **Year 2** - Mint
- **Year 3** – Cherry
- **Year 4** – Rose
- **Year 5** – Teal
- **Year 6** – Sky



### 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 Reception (repeated message)

If your child will be starting in Reception **next** year, you must apply by 15<sup>th</sup> January ' 26.

You can access online brochures and guides from

[www.hounslow.gov.uk/primaryadmissions](http://www.hounslow.gov.uk/primaryadmissions) or contact the admissions team on 020 8583 2711 / 2721 or [admissions@hounslow.gov.uk](mailto: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](mailto:nurseryteacher@hounslowtownprimary.co.uk)

For Reception families: [receptionteacher@hounslowtownprimary.co.uk](mailto:receptionteacher@hounslowtownprimary.co.uk)



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- For Y1 families: [year1teacher@hounslowtownprimary.co.uk](mailto:year1teacher@hounslowtownprimary.co.uk)
- For Y2 families: [year2teacher@hounslowtownprimary.co.uk](mailto:year2teacher@hounslowtownprimary.co.uk)
- For Y3 families: [year3teacher@hounslowtownprimary.co.uk](mailto:year3teacher@hounslowtownprimary.co.uk)
- For Y4 families: [year4teacher@hounslowtownprimary.co.uk](mailto:year4teacher@hounslowtownprimary.co.uk)
- For Y5 families: [year5teacher@hounslowtownprimary.co.uk](mailto:year5teacher@hounslowtownprimary.co.uk)
- For Y6 families: [year6teacher@hounslowtownprimary.co.uk](mailto:year6teacher@hounslowtownprimary.co.uk)
- For Rainbow families: [rainbowteacher@hounslowtownprimary.co.uk](mailto:rainbowteacher@hounslowtownprimary.co.uk)
- For music: [music@hounslowtownprimary.co.uk](mailto:music@hounslowtownprimary.co.uk)
- For any password enquiries please go to: [passwords@hounslowtownprimary.co.uk](mailto:passwords@hounslowtownprimary.co.uk)

Miss Laura Khalil  
Headteacher

### Useful dates

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