



Spring Term

Newsletter 21

13th February '26**..to inspire, to encourage , to learn, to achieve..**

Dear Parent / Carer

I hope you are aware the school is on half term next week and will look forward to seeing you all on Monday 23rd February.

**OFSTED visit**

I am sure that you don't need me to tell you that we have had inspectors with us this week. Five inspectors have spent two days in the school reviewing documentation, visiting lessons, speaking with children, staff, governors and the Local Authority. I would like to thank families who completed the survey and spoke directly with inspectors.

You will know from previous information in the newsletter, that there is a new OFSTED framework in place with a new grading system and report format. I always enjoy showing visitors the school and it has been interesting to go through the new process. OFSTED now evaluate schools with a 'secure fit' evaluation, where every criteria has to be met to achieve a grade, while previously it was 'best fit' and you were awarded a grade if you met the majority of criteria. Similarly the report will look different with a 'report card' being provided with evaluation in the following areas:

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

The gradings for areas include:

- Urgent improvement
- Needs attention
- Expected standard
- Strong standard
- Exceptional

These gradings are awarded for every area except safeguarding which is either met or not met. Inspectors will also make recommendations regarding the next steps for us as a school.

The draft report will not be received for 18 working days and once validated I will be able to share with families. It is likely the report will be available to parents after approximately 30 days and then be published on OFSTED's website 5 days later. As soon as I am able to, I will share the report with the school. I would like to thank the wider school community (children, families, staff, and governors) for presenting the school so well, and especially staff for their hard work and dedication – it is a pressure to be inspected and I hope that the half term break rejuvenates everyone! Have a well deserved break – half term is next week (16th – 20th February).

Dental screening

Due to the OFSTED inspection the dental screening programme was not completed. Dentists did visit on Tuesday but were unable to complete all of their tasks as classes were being visited. The screening has been rescheduled to March.





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Sponsored duck walk

We just wanted to say a big thank you to all parents and carers who were able to attend our 'Sponsored Duck Walk' today. The children were all very excited to be fundraising for this amazing opportunity. We look forward to welcoming little ducklings to Early Years later on this term.

At present we do not have the final amount raised from this event, but know that over £1000 was raised from the morning walk! Thank you very much for your generosity.

Free half term workshops

I previously provided a leaflet with information about half term workshops (free!) at Meadowbank in Cranford TW5 9QX. You are advised to register your interest in advance to be able to secure a place. Half term is during the week of 16th February.



Starting nursery (repeated message)

If you have a child born between 1st Sept '22 and 31st Aug '23 you are able to apply for a nursery place for the next academic year. You will be able to collect an admission form from 6th January.

We do find that children who have attended nursery make the transition to Reception much better. They are used to the routines of school, have become familiar with the setting and staff, and have already started to develop basic skills within an educational setting and have got used to separating from you. If you would like any further information please approach Mrs Wood in Early Years, and Senior Leader, or ask office staff for info.

Behaviour champions

Well done to the classes below who have had a great week:

- Reception – Daffodil
- Year 1 – Spring
- Year 2 - Lime
- Year 3 – Cherry
- Year 4 – Rose
- Year 5 – Teal
- Year 6 – Topaz



Keep it up!



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/>



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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 2025 – 2026	Curriculum events
<p>Spring Term 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</p> <p>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>