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Dear Parent / Carer

Trunk Theatre Visit to Year 1

On Tuesday, Year 1 were transported back in time to 2nd September 1666, and the start of the Great Fire of London. The events leading up to the great fire and subsequent events were brought to life for the children through drama, games, and song. The children learnt so much while having a fantastic time. At the end of the performance children were invited to rebuild London through working together and creating a shared piece of artwork.



Bake Off – Round 2: The Semi-Finals

Round 2 of our school Bake Off saw our talented semi-finalists Poppy, Laura, Freddie, Daniella and Sofia, take on the challenge of baking a delicious lemon drizzle cake. The pupils demonstrated impressive focus and determination, carefully weighing, mixing and boiling their ingredients with great care. Dressed in their aprons, they studied their recipes closely and worked methodically throughout the process.

Before long, the fresh scent of lemon was wafting through the corridors, creating a real sense of excitement across the school. Our judges, Ms Khalil and Ms Draper, had the immensely difficult task of tasting and scoring the culinary creations. The standard was exceptionally high, with scores incredibly close and cakes that were worthy of a place in a professional cake shop window.

A huge well done to all our semi-finalists for producing such outstanding bakes. Congratulations to Freddie, who was declared the winner and will now go on to represent our school at Lift Kingsley, where he will create his showstopper cake in the final. We wish him the very best of luck!



Social media ban

You may have seen recent news reports about proposed restrictions on social media use for children under the age of 16. While further details are still being considered, the discussion highlights the importance of keeping children safe online and helping them develop healthy digital habits from an early age.



The proposed measures are not yet in place, and governments are currently consulting on how any new rules would be introduced and enforced. Over the coming months, further guidance and legislation are



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expected to be developed, with a focus on strengthening age-verification processes, increasing protections for young users, and working with social media companies to improve online safety standards.

At school, we continue to teach pupils about online safety, kindness, and responsible use of technology. We encourage parents and carers to talk regularly with their children about their online experiences and to make use of parental controls and age-appropriate settings to support safe use of digital devices at home.

Safeguarding info (linked to the above)

At Hounslow Town, we are committed to ensuring our pupils are safe, happy, and supported, both inside the classroom and online.

As part of our ongoing safeguarding efforts, we want to make you aware of an emerging online safety concern highlighted by UK law enforcement, known as "**The Com**" (short for Community). While this network primarily impacts older youths, children of primary school age are increasingly encountering these groups through popular online games, chat apps, and video-sharing platforms.

What is "The Com"?

"The Com" refers to interconnected online groups where users interact via gaming platforms (like Roblox, Minecraft, or Discord) and messaging apps. In these groups, individuals often use manipulation, peer pressure, or "dares" to trick children into sharing personal information, performing harmful tasks, or sending inappropriate photos. There are also sub groups to watch out for such as 764 (or another collection of 3 numbers). These groups keep evolving.

Because many primary school children are naturally trusting, they can easily mistake these individuals for online "friends".

Signs to Look For at Home

Children involved in or targeted by these groups often display subtle changes in behaviour. Please look out for:

- **Sudden Secrecy:** Angling screens away, quickly closing apps when you walk into the room, or being highly protective of their device.
- **Emotional Changes:** Becoming unusually anxious, irritable, or distressed, especially after spending time online.
- **New Vocabulary:** Using unfamiliar online slang, or talking about online "challenges," "dares," or "tasks" they have been set.
- **Unusual Device Habits:** Demanding to use devices late at night, in complete isolation, or trying to use hidden/alternative devices.

Simple Steps to Protect Your Child

Prevention is the most powerful tool for primary-aged children. You can protect your child by taking these actions:

1. **Review App Age Limits:** Many social media platforms and advanced chat apps have age restrictions of 13+ or 16+. Ensure your child is only accessing platforms suitable for their developmental age.
2. **Keep Technology in Shared Spaces:** Encourage device use in the living room or kitchen rather than behind closed bedroom doors.
3. **Check Privacy Settings:** Ensure game accounts are set to "Private," chat functions with strangers are turned off, and location-sharing is disabled.
4. **Talk Early and Often:** Reassure your child that they can tell you *anything* that makes them feel confused, worried, or uncomfortable online, and that they will not get into trouble for doing so.

If you ever have concerns that your child is being targeted, coerced, or upset by anyone online, please do not hesitate to contact our school's safeguarding team. We are here to support you and your family.

Thank you for your continued partnership in keeping our children safe.





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Tuition

First Class Learning Study Centre who run Maths & English tuition in the main hall on Mondays and Fridays, are carrying out Free Assessments for Yr1 - Yr11 students. If interested, please call Anita on 07710 399538 or visit firstclasslearning.co.uk/hounslow

Hot weather

I believe that next week is likely to be hot and we will have sports events during this week. Please ensure that children come to school prepared for the weather – if hot please ensure that they are wearing summer school uniform, apply sunscreen at home and have water bottles in school.

Children are still expected to wear the appropriate uniform and any additional items e.g. head coverings should be school colours ideally.

Volunteering opportunity

HOME START
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Places are limited – apply today:
volunteer@homestart-rkh.org.uk
 07884 536161

REGISTERED CHARITY NO: 1108975.



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Asda School Uniform Discount Sale

We have been advised that Asda are offering 20% of all school uniforms bought in store or online. This offer finishes on Sunday 21st June (see attached flyer)



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/>

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
Summer Term 2026		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
First day of term	Mon 13 th Apr 2026	
INSET	Friday 22nd May 2026	
HALF TERM	Mon 25 th May - Fri 29 th May	



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Last day of term Fri 17th July **(2pm finish)**

INSET

Mon 20th July 2026

Term dates 2026 – 2027

Autumn Term 2026

INSET

Wed 2nd Sept

First day of term

Thurs 3rd Sept 2026

HALF TERM

Mon 26th Oct - Fri 30th Oct

Last day of term

Thurs 17th Dec **(2pm finish)**

INSET

Fri 18th Dec

Spring Term 2027

INSET

Mon 4th Jan

HALF TERM

Mon 15th Feb - Fri 19th Feb

Last day of term

Thursday 25th Mar **(2pm finish)**

Summer Term 2027

First day of term

Mon 12th April

May bank holiday

Mon 3rd May

INSET

Fri 28th May

Half term

Mon 31st May - Fri 4th June

Last day of term

Wed 21st July **(2pm finish)**

INSET

Thurs 22nd July

please contact the committee on either of the emails below. Thank you!

psa@hounslowtownprimary.co.uk

hounslowtown.psa@outlook.com