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Dear Parent / Carer

**Heat...**

What a week! I would like to say a heartfelt thank you to staff and children for managing so well this week. DFE guidance was for schools to remain open fulltime as much as possible and to prioritise vulnerable children by offering a provision. I am very proud that we managed to do this – several families (especially working families) expressed their gratitude and I have passed on thanks to staff.

As a relatively newly build school we do have air handling units, have air purifiers and some parts of the school have air conditioning (not all classrooms unfortunately). Of course, we have still been very hot in school but we have managed by:

- Working with blinds down and lights off (additional fans in school)
- Indoor lunchtimes during the hottest part of the day
- Cold option for lunches
- Replicating community cool zones (i.e. classes having timetabled sessions in cooler parts of the school)
- Promotion of regular hydration, cool clothing, sunhats and sun cream
- Input with children about how to manage themselves in very hot weather

It has not been easy and I know some families took the decision to keep their children off school. For this week only absence due to extreme circumstances has been recorded as a confirmed absence. While I do understand concern from families, especially for children with medical needs possibly affected by the heat, it is likely that episodes of extreme heat are likely to increase in the future and we will need to adapt.

I am hoping next week is not so intense, especially as some of Y6 are on their school journey trip. It will be my intention to keep the school open as much as we are able to and maintain a provision.

Music concerts

While we did cancel some planned events, we were able to continue with others. Pupils from every year group showcased their talents this week during our music concerts. From Year 1 to Year 6, both staff and parents thoroughly enjoyed the wonderful array of songs and instruments on display. Highlights included a sneak preview of the Year 6 production songs, which created great excitement, as well as impressive recorder performances from our Year 4 pupils. The concerts celebrated the confidence, creativity, and hard work of our children, making it a truly memorable experience for everyone involved.





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Private Instrument Tuition Concert

Our talented and gifted musicians took to the stage this week for a special private music tuition concert. Pupils who have been learning piano, guitar, and violin had the opportunity to showcase their skills and share the progress they have made with their families. The concert was a wonderful celebration of their dedication and hard work, and it was fantastic to see their growing confidence shining through in each performance. ! If you have a pupil in Key Stage 2 and you want to know more information about our private lesson, please email music@hounslowtownprimary.co.uk Well done to all involved.



Important changes to supermarket school meal vouchers

We are writing to inform you about changes to the support available for families with children eligible for Free School Meals during school holidays.

Previously, families received supermarket vouchers funded through the Government's Household Support Fund. This funding has now ended, which means that school holiday supermarket vouchers will no longer be issued from September 2026.

Please read carefully to help you understand what this change means for your family and the support available to you.

If your child attends a Hounslow school and is eligible for benefits-related Free School Meals Hounslow Council will continue to provide support over the Summer Holiday 2026. You will receive a voucher in July 2026 as normal. This will be the final voucher issued. No further school holiday vouchers will be provided after this.

Other support available for Hounslow residents

We understand that this change may be difficult for families. Although the blanket provision of vouchers is ending, there is still a range of support available:

Crisis and Resilience Fund (CRF) Support for vulnerable residents, including help with food, utilities and essential costs

Holiday Activities and Food Programme (HAF) Free holiday activities and meals for eligible children

Council Tax Support (CTS) Help for residents on a low income with their Council Tax

Housing Support Payments (via CRF) Support for residents struggling to pay rent (subject to eligibility)

Essential Household Items (via CRF) Help with essential furniture and appliances, including white goods, beds and mattresses

Food Support in Hounslow Access to emergency food, community fridges, food deliveries and more

If you are struggling with the cost of living, advice and support continues to be available through Hounslow Council and our partner organisations.



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Summer holiday multi-sports camps

Bookings have now opened for the summer holidays multi-sports camps with Skillz4life. Please see the attached flyer for all of the details of the camps and how you are able to book a place for your child.



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

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Useful dates

Term dates 2025 – 2026	Curriculum events
Summer Term 2026 First day of term Mon 13 th Apr 2026 INSET Friday 22nd May 2026 HALF TERM Mon 25 th May - Fri 29 th May Last day of term Fri 17 th July (2pm finish) INSET Mon 20th July 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 please contact the committee on either of the emails below. Thank you! psa@hounslowtownprimary.co.uk hounslowtown.psa@outlook.com
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	