



Autumn Term

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11th September '26

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Dear Parent / Carer

Hope everyone has survived the first full week back!

I meant to inform you last week of some lovely news – Mrs Sheik (Y2) had a baby boy at the end of July! I understand that all is going well, and am sure that when she is ready we will have a visit.

I am sorry that this newsletter is so long this week, but there is a lot to share!



Permission to walk home unaccompanied

Only children in Y5 and Y6 are able to walk home alone if we have received permission from families. Families are asked to complete forms giving permission and then children are dismissed at the end of the day to go home unaccompanied. Children who do go home alone are able to bring phones into school which must be given to teachers on arrival. These phones will be returned to children at the very end of the day to put in their bags so that they have the means to contact you should they need to.

Next week, year groups will be starting to hold 'meet the teacher' meetings and should you need any clarification regarding arrangements please ask at these meetings.



Y4 Vikings day

On Wednesday 9th September, Year 4 introduced their first topic of Traders and Raiders (Viking and Anglo-Saxons) by enjoying a 'Wow Day'. Children and staff in Year 4 dressed up and enjoyed a jam-packed workshop led by two 'Vikings'! The children learned lots about where the Vikings came from, why they invaded, how they invaded, the impact of their invasion that is still apparent in modern England and so much more! Children were invited to hold real artefacts from the time period and played role-play games to help them to understand what it was like to be a Viking. It was certainly a memorable day and a great way to start their topic!



Artwork fundraising

At the end of the last term we had a resident artist in school, working with children to produce artwork of our school values and our school motto (IELA). During the holiday we had this work mounted in the atrium and school hall. It looks fantastic! Next time you are in school, try to see it.

Although we asked for donations to cover the costs of this work, we received very little and therefore there is a significant shortfall. As a result we will be holding a non-uniform day on **Friday 18th September** specifically to cover the costs of this work. Children are able to

come to school in their own clothes on Friday, but we are asking for £1 to put towards the costs of the artwork. Thank you.

You may be aware that school funding is under strain, and our school is no exception to this. The school will be planning a programme of fundraising activities to try to support us with offering events and activities to enhance the school provision currently in place. We do find that contributions for workshops and trips are not always received resulting in a loss for the school which the general school budget is unable to cover.





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We do understand that everyone is affected by high living costs at the moment. If you are struggling with payments or contributions please do speak with staff. Even if you are able to pay a lesser amount, make some contribution or set up a staggered payment plan for activities it all helps. As an organisation, we are non-profit making so when we ask for payments or contributions it is simply to cover costs. Without sufficient funds we may not always be able to run some extra activities. Thank you.

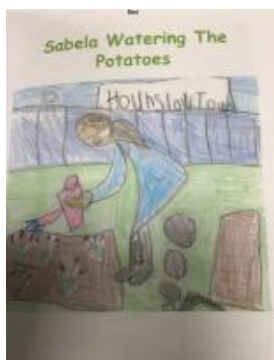
More creativity...

At the end of last year, some children from Reception classes who attended Forest school, were invited to attend a young artists competition. Their beautiful artwork was published in a book.

Sabela drew a picture of her friend watering some potatoes we grew.

The children nurtured the potatoes until ready, then Miss Cambell made chips using our home-grown potatoes!

In the Winter we made some food for the birds using apples and seeds which we hung from the trees. Leyla enjoyed this activity and decided to draw her picture of this. Mrs Cottrill was very proud of all the efforts from the children and their great listening during Forest Schools.



Safeguarding

At Hounslow Town Primary School, we are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of all children in our care. We would like to take this opportunity to remind you that, if you have any concerns about the welfare of a child within our school community, or believe that a child may be at risk of harm, please contact:

Mrs Kim Draper – Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL)

Mrs Ayoola Oyetunde – Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead (DDSL)



Asthma / Anaphylaxis

This week, Mrs Draper arranged for school staff to have asthma and anaphylaxis training. This is now a statutory requirement which has sadly come about following fatalities in schools arising from asthma and allergies. There is new legislation known as Benedict's Law following the death of Benedict Blythe aged 5 from anaphylaxis. As a result, we want to ensure that our procedures are as tight as they possibly can be.



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If your child suffers from allergies or asthma, you must make this known to school and provide the correct medication. Preventer inhalers should be administered regularly at home if your child suffers from asthma, and reliever inhalers should be in school. If your child has a prescribed EpiPen **two** pens should be provided to the school – we know that GPs can sometimes be reluctant to provide additional pens and if you have difficulty please let Mrs Shepherd know and we will liaise with the school nursing service to try to ensure that we have the correct medication in school. Please also take note of expiry dates and ensure medication is replaced / updated when needed.

Ideally, we want to prevent an asthma attack or allergic reaction from ever taking place. For a long while we have said that food cannot be brought into school to be shared and this includes for birthdays. Please do not provide chocolates or cakes etc to be shared as we cannot do this. Similarly, please also do not give sweets or share food etc to children in the playground. Young children especially may not yet know how to manage allergies and this could result in a reaction.

Families using the car park

Please can I remind families that the school car park is not for families to use. There is limited parking for staff already and we cannot accommodate families. Occasionally, if a parent / carer is a blue badge holder, we may agree to give permission for the car park to be used, but this is with prior agreement with the school. If this is considered necessary, we can register the car to be exempt from the school safe zone. Otherwise families should not be trying to use the school car park to drop off or collect. Thank you.

**Music Lessons – message from our new music lead**

Hello! My name is Louise Cowley and I will be teaching music to all the children at Hounslow Town Primary School this year and am really looking forward to getting to know everyone.

I began as a class teacher in Years 5 and 6 and then moved to Years 1 and 2. The music room in my school had a drum kit, and I started practising the drums again- thought it looked fun to be a music teacher so I applied for a position and got the job! I then studied for a music diploma part time at Goldsmiths University and have been teaching music at different schools in London since 2009. I really enjoy seeing children express their creativity and having fun!

This term, Key Stage 2 will be learning about beat and rhythm, music notation and different music genres and dances from the 20th century as well as learning a variety of songs including songs for Black History month. Key Stage 1 will be learning about the different musical elements, clapping the pulse, playing percussion instruments, moving to music, singing different songs and learning simple music notation. Reception and Rainbow will be learning nursery rhymes and counting songs, moving to music, playing listening games, dancing and playing percussion instruments.

I look forward to meeting you and getting to know your children!
Miss Cowley- Music Teacher

Hounslow Music Service Tuition

Guitar, piano and violin tuition at Hounslow Town Primary will recommence the week of September 21st. For children who would like to continue with lessons, please make sure you have handed in your form to either the office or to me by Tuesday, 14th September to secure a place. Forms were handed out last term but if anyone needs one, please come to me or ask your teacher as all teachers have been emailed the booking form.





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10 lessons are offered per term at the cost of £75 and payment can be made on Parent Pay. Please could you give the music teacher half a term's notice, if you wish to stop lessons.

This is a fantastic opportunity to learn an instrument at a very reasonable price and a lot of fun too! I look forward to receiving your forms...!

**PE Kit Reminder**

Further to the reminder last week about children wearing the correct school uniform I am attaching a letter from Coach Michal regarding PE kits. Please ensure clothing of the appropriate colours is worn for PE. Please ensure your child comes to school in their full PE kit on their designated PE days. Wearing the correct kit is essential for safety, comfort, and full

participation in physical activities. This applies to children in Y1 – Y6 and Early Years staff will advise accordingly for their year groups as the year progresses.

Disability Games Workshop

This Friday, 5 Indigo and 5 Teal classes were incredibly lucky to attend a disability games workshop organised by Coach Michal. The children experienced what it would be like to take part in seated Boccia, where they could only use the top part of their bodies to roll the ball towards the jack, seated volleyball, and new age curling, which saw the children change position by shuffling, sliding and crawling across the floor to reach the ball or stone. They also played these sports for a short while in silence, to give them an awareness of what it would feel like if they could not hear their teammates.



It was a wonderful way to teach the children about the importance of seeing beyond disability and the importance of inclusion for all. It gave them a clear understanding of the challenges and obstacles people have to overcome to take part in sport.

Every Friday morning for the rest of this term, the remaining KS2 classes will be attending the workshop with Coach Michal.

**Playleader training**

This Friday, the whole of 6 Sapphire undertook their play leader training and for the next 6 weeks they will be supporting younger children with a range of games and activities at lunch times. After they have completed their 6 weeks, every child will receive a personalised certificate. Good luck on this exciting adventure!

Before & After School Clubs – Autumn Term 2026 (flyer attached)

Bookings for the Autumn Term clubs are now live. You can book your chosen clubs through ParentPay. Please find the attached letter with a list of all the clubs available for the Autumn Term.

**Wraparound Care Bookings – YEAR 1 TO YEAR 6 ONLY (flyer attached)**

Bookings for Breakfast Club and Aftercare with Skillz4Life in the Autumn Term are now live. To book a place for your child 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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Mrs Coyne has arranged for flu vaccinations to be offered on 20th and 21st October with catch up vaccines on 30th November. We will provide information nearer to the time and request permission.

**Online workshops**

I am including two flyers with information about online workshops for families. These workshops are offered by CAMHS (Children and Adolescent Mental Health Services). The courses are on:

- Supporting your child with fears and worries
- Supporting your child with behaviour that challenges

Secondary School Open Evenings

It is that time of year when secondary Schools are offering open evenings. I would really encourage families applying for secondary schools for their children to visit as it can greatly affect your perception of a school and whether it is the right one for your child. I am attaching a flyer from Lampton School and no doubt others will follow.

**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 2026 – 2027	Curriculum events
Autumn Term 2026 INSET Wed 2nd Sept	PSA / Other



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First day of term HALF TERM Last day of term INSET	Thurs 3rd Sept 2026 Mon 26th Oct - Fri 30th Oct Thurs 17th Dec (2pm finish) Fri 18th Dec	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
Spring Term 2027 INSET HALF TERM Last day of term	Mon 4th Jan Mon 15th Feb - Fri 19th Feb Thursday 25th Mar (2pm finish)	
Summer Term 2027 First day of term May bank holiday INSET Half term Last day of term INSET	Mon 12th April Mon 3rd May Fri 28th May Mon 31st May - Fri 4th June Wed 21st July (2pm finish) Thurs 22nd July	Flu vaccines 20 th and 21 st October 30 th Nov (catch up vaccines)