



Jewish Synagogue

On Tuesday 21st and Thursday 23rd January, Year 5 pupils visited a local synagogue as part of their Religious Education studies. They explored Jewish traditions, learned about the Torah scrolls, and discovered the significance of key symbols like the menorah. The Rabbi's insights and a tour of the prayer hall sparked curiosity and thoughtful discussions. Pupils were particularly fascinated by the intricate Hebrew writing and the care taken in handling sacred texts. The visit was an enriching experience, deepening their understanding of Judaism and fostering respect for different faiths and cultures.





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Young Voices at O2

What a spectacular performance of song and dance from the primary school choirs at the O2 Arena on Wednesday, 22nd February 2025. Our pupils who are in the choir were among over 6,000 pupils from the other school across the United Kingdom, taking part in the world's largest school choir concert. The groundwork begun in the Autumn Term leading up to February where the specially selected songs provided a full and varied introduction to all kinds of music for the children. This fantastic evening, which showcased the beautiful harmonious voices of our very talented children, provided to be a truly memorable experience for them. Brilliant work to all who took part!



Creative with Maths!



Our Reception pupils have been having lots of fun exploring maths in a creative way! This week, they used buttons to create beautiful circle designs while practicing their counting skills. By carefully sticking and arranging the buttons, they not only developed their number recognition but also enhanced their fine motor skills. It was wonderful to see their enthusiasm and creativity shine through as they combined art with learning!



NSPCC Number Day - Friday 7th February 2025

We're excited to join NSPCC Number Day on Friday 7th February 2025! This fun event helps pupils engage with numbers while supporting a great cause. Tickets will be sold for £1, with all proceeds going to the NSPCC. Pupils can wear anything number-themed—a sports shirt, a creative outfit, or homemade accessories.

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Stay and Read

All Parents, Guardians and Carers, you are invited to a reading workshop where teachers will model the expectations of reading at home. Parents, Guardians and Carers will be required to sit with their child, read through, and be shown how they can complete the reading records. Teachers will go through a range of comprehension strategies that can be used at home, as well as, additional links for supporting reading at home. Please see below for the dates of each session.

Date and Time	February 2025
Monday 3rd 8:30a.m	Nursery Stay & Read - AM
12:30p.m	Nursery Stay & Read - PM
Tuesday 4th 8:30a.m	Reception Stay & Read
Wednesday 5th 8:30a.m	Year 1 and Year 2 Stay & Read
Thursday 6th 8:30a.m	Year 3 and Year 4 Stay & Read
Monday 10th	Year 5 & Year 6 Stay and Read

My First Love: FREE Maths Event

Big Ideas is holding a primary school Maths event for Valentine's Day and would love for some Hillingdon primary schools to take part. Celebrate Maths with special guest computer scientist Dr Herb Daly. Fun and interactive, this free online workshop is open to upper primary school classes.

<https://www.big-ideas.org/live-projects/my-first-love-maths/>

My First Love Maths Flyer 2025



♥ Celebrate Maths on Valentine's Day ♥
with free online workshops for upper primary classes

Book your class' free place on **14th February** by clicking on the buttons below. My First Love: Maths is exclusively for upper primary school classes across the UK.



10am

2pm

For more information email
maths@big-ideas.org

My First Love: Maths is partnership between
Big Ideas and Royal Air Force Youth & STEM

Children's Mental Health Week - Monday 3rd to Friday 9th February

Place2Be's Children's Mental Health Week 2025 is joining forces with Here4You to explore the importance of self-awareness and expressing emotions. Here4You is supported by The Walt Disney Company, and through the characters of Pixar's Inside Out and Inside Out 2, they have produced resources to encourage children and young people across the UK to discover how getting to know who they are can help them build resilience, grow and develop. Help us explore the theme of Know Yourself, Grow Yourself. Visit our website for top tips and creative activities to enjoy with your children at home.

<https://www.therosedalehewensacademytrust.co.uk/place-2-be-know-yourself-grow-yourself>



GB Athlete Visit - Monday 3rd February 2025

We're thrilled to announce that a top GB athlete (Nercy Pearce) will be visiting our school on Monday, 3rd February 2025! They will lead a sponsored fitness circuit with all pupils, followed by a motivational assembly and Q&A session to inspire children to stay active and pursue their passions. Letters with full details and sponsorship forms were sent out this week. Please ensure your child comes to school in their PE kit on the event day. Sponsorship money and forms should be returned to the class teacher or school office within one week of the event. We look forward to an inspiring day!

Wear Your Scarf Day - Friday 7th February 2025

As part of Children's Mental Health Week, we're excited to announce that on Friday, 7th February, we will be taking part in Wear Your SCARF Day. Join us in celebrating SCARF values that promote children's health and wellbeing by wearing scarves as a symbol of support.

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Week Commencing: *Monday 3rd February*

MENU 1

MONDAY		
Meal Choice 1	Chicken Goujons with Homemade Oven Baked Potato Slices and Beans	Halal
Meal Choice 2	Chicken Goujons with Homemade Oven Baked Potato Slices and Beans	Non Halal
Meal Choice 3	Baked Jacket Potato with Various Fillings	Vegetarian
Meal Choice 4	Gluten free Chicken Goujons with Potatoes and Beans	Gluten/Dairy Free
Dessert Choice	<i>Strawberry Ice Cream and Fresh Strawberries</i>	<i>Fresh Fruit and Yoghurts</i>
TUESDAY		
Meal Choice 1	Spaghetti Bolognese	Halal
Meal Choice 2	Spaghetti Bolognese	Non Halal
Meal Choice 3	Ratatouille Spaghetti	Vegetarian
Meal Choice 4	Bolognese with Gluten free Pasta	Gluten/Dairy Free
Dessert Choice	<i>Jam Sponge</i>	<i>Fresh Fruit and Yoghurts</i>
WEDNESDAY		
Meal Choice 1	Chicken Tikka Masala with Rice	Halal
Meal Choice 2	Chicken Tikka Masala with Rice	Non Halal
Meal Choice 3	Macaroni Cheese	Vegetarian
Meal Choice 4	Lightly Spiced Chicken Breast with Rice	Gluten/Dairy Free
Dessert Choice	<i>Lemon Tart</i>	<i>Fresh Fruit and Yoghurts</i>
THURSDAY		
Meal Choice 1	Roast Turkey with Onion Gravy, Roast Potatoes and Stuffing	Halal
Meal Choice 2	Roast Turkey with Onion Gravy, Roast Potatoes and Stuffing	Non Halal
Meal Choice 3	Cauliflower and Broccoli Cheese Bake	Vegetarian
Meal Choice 4	Turkey Escalope with Potatoes and Gluten free Gravy	Gluten/Dairy Free
Dessert Choice	<i>Strawberry Jelly</i>	<i>Fresh Fruit and Yoghurts</i>
FRIDAY		
Meal Choice 1	Fish Fingers with Oven Baked Potato Wedges	
Meal Choice 2	Tomato Pasta Bake	Vegetarian
Meal Choice 3	Gluten free Fish Fingers with Gluten free Potato Wedges and Beans	Gluten/Dairy Free
Dessert Choice	<i>Fresh Fruit Salad</i>	<i>Fresh Fruit and Yoghurts</i>

SPRING TERM 2025	
Staff Training: (Half day)	Monday 6th January 2025 [Training – morning only] [Parent Consultation – afternoon and early evening]
Staff Training: (Half day)	Tuesday 7th January 2025 [Training – morning only] [Parent Consultation - afternoon and early evening]
Term Begins:	Wednesday 8th January 2025
Half Term:	Monday 17th to Friday 21st February 2025
Term Ends:	Friday 4th April 2025
SUMMER TERM 2025	
Staff Training: (Half day)	Tuesday 22nd April 2025 [Training – morning only] [Parent Consultation – afternoon and early evening]
Staff Training: (Half day)	Wednesday 23rd April 2025 [Training – morning only] [Parent Consultation - afternoon and early evening]
Term Begins:	Thursday 24th April 2025
Bank Holiday:	Monday 5th May 2025 (May Day)
Half Term:	Monday 26th to Friday 30th May 2025
Term Ends:	Friday 18th July 2025
Staff Training:	Monday 21st July 2025
Staff Training:	Tuesday 22nd July 2025

February 2025	
February	
February 1st - 28th	Library Lovers Month
Monday 3rd - Friday 7th	National Storytelling Week
Monday 3rd - Sunday 9th	Children's Mental Health Week
Monday 3rd - Sunday 9th	Know Yourself, Grow Yourself
Monday 3rd - Friday 7th	SATs Week
Monday 3rd	Nercy Pearce Visit
Monday 3rd 8:30a.m	Nursery Stay & Read - AM
12:30p.m	Nursery Stay & Read - PM
Tuesday 4th	Rosa Parks Day
Tuesday 4th 8:30a.m	Reception Stay & Read
Wednesday 5th 8:30a.m	Year 1 and Year 2 Stay & Read
Thursday 6th 8:30a.m	Year 3 and Year 4 Stay & Read
Friday 7th	NSPCC Number Day
Friday 7th	Wear Your SCARF Day
Friday 7th	Charles Dicken's Birthday
Monday 10th - Thursday 13th	Life Base
Monday 10th 8:30a.m	Year 5 and Year 6 Stay & Read
Tuesday 11th	Battle of Britain Bunker Trip - Year 6 Canberra
Thursday 13th	World Radio Day
Friday 14th - Thursday 20th	Random Acts Of Kindness Week
Friday 14th	Valentines Day Celebration - Non Uniform Day
Monday 17th - Friday 21st	Half Term Break
Monday 24th	Fair Trade Fortnite