

### Stepping Out Safely!

On Tuesday 15th October, and Wednesday 16th October, pupils in Years 4 and 5 took part in the indoor and outdoor practical pedestrian training sessions delivered by the STARS Team from Hillingdon. The pupils were split into small groups and learnt about road hazards and how to keep themselves safe when walking on the pavements and crossing roads, particularly busy ones. Once they received their initial training, pupils put into practise all they had learned. They were very engaged throughout the session and gained valuable knowledge on how to be responsible pedestrians.



### A Walk Through Hayes and Uxbridge

On Tuesday 22nd, and Thursday 24th October, Year 2 pupils went for a walk around Hayes Town and Uxbridge to learn more about their local area. This was to enhance their understanding of the current Geography topic 'Around our School'. The children were shown the different types of centres and shops, including the leisure centre, corner shops, grocery shops, bakery and library. Pupils visited the local shops and learnt which goods and services they provide. By the end of the day, pupils were able to talk about their area and could name some of the places they have



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## Year 1 Explorers

On Friday 18th October, Year 1 pupils went for a walk around the neighbourhood to learn more about their local area. This was to enhance their understanding of the current Geography topic 'Around our School'. The children were shown the different types of housing in their local area, which included flats, bungalows, semi-detached houses. Pupils visited the local shops and learnt which goods and services they provide.



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## Rugby Festival

On Wednesday 15th October, a group of our pupils were invited to take part in the Hayes Rugby Festival held at Uxbridge Rugby Club. The event aimed to introduce pupils to Tag Rugby in a fun and active way.

Throughout the day, pupils rotated around a series of skill stations designed to help them develop key rugby techniques such as passing, dodging, teamwork, and spatial awareness. The coaches provided expert guidance, ensuring everyone had the chance to build confidence and enjoy the sport. Our pupils showed great enthusiasm, teamwork, and sportsmanship throughout the festival. It was a fantastic opportunity for them to experience a new sport, stay active, and represent our school with pride.



## Raising the Issue of Weight - Free Online Workshop

Are you a parent who wants to feel more confident talking to your child about health, food, and weight in a kind and supportive way? Join us for a free online workshop especially for parents and carers in Hillingdon. This session will help you explore how to have compassionate, practical conversations about health and weight with your child without shame, pressure, or confusion.

On: Wednesday 19 November 2025

Time: Either 10 - 11 am OR 7 - 8 pm

Reserve your spot now:

10am Free Healthy Weight Masterclass - <https://beezee.maximusuk.co.uk/events/healthy-weight-masterclass-hillingdon-1/>

7pm Free Healthy Weight Masterclass - <https://beezee.maximusuk.co.uk/events/healthy-weight-masterclass-hillingdon-2/>

What you'll gain:

- Tools to talk about health and weight with kindness and confidence
- Strategies to support your child's wellbeing without focusing on appearance
- Tips for using positive language and role modelling healthy habits
- Guidance on how to respond when your child brings up weight or body image
- Ideas for making small, sustainable changes as a family
- Support with referrals into local programmes

## #DoSomethingThisHalfTerm (October 2025) - Targeted Team - Holiday Offer

The Hillingdon Youth Offer's Targeted Team is offering a fun-filled programme during this half-term school holiday for the enjoyment and growth of children and young people in Hillingdon. Across the action-packed days, expect activities ranging from exploring new/building on existing skills, indoor adventure activities, coding, creative arts, sports to cooking all aimed at fostering fun, creativity, teamwork skills and improved well-being. This is a fantastic opportunity for our young residents to learn new skills, make friends, and create lasting memories.

Visit our website for more details:

<https://www.therosedalehewensacademytrust.co.uk/dosomethingthishalfterm-october-2025-targeted-team-holiday-offer>



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## World Food Day - Donations

In celebration of World Food Day which happened on 16th October 2025 and Harvest Festival, we will be supporting our local food bank. It is more important than ever for us to be able to donate to the Food Bank given these uncertain times, no matter how big or small the donation. We would appreciate donations of any items from the list below:

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| - Canned Meat                          | - Tea or Coffee            |
| - Powered milk                         | - Tinned Fruits            |
| - Noodles or pasta                     | - Cooking Oil              |
| - Baked Beans                          | - Canned Fruit             |
| - Toilet Rolls                         | - Tinned Tomatoes          |
| - Deodorant                            | - Razors for men and women |
| - Cereals & Oats                       | - Sugar and honey          |
| - Toothbrush                           | - Jam                      |
| - Fruit Juice                          | - Tinned Pudding           |
| - Soups/ Instant Noodles               | - Pasta Sauces             |
| - Peanut butter                        | - Fruit juice              |
| - Long Life Milk                       | - Shower gel or soap       |
| - Rice - Vegetarian options            | - Fruit juice              |
| - Savoury Crackers                     | - Pudding                  |
| - Canned Fish                          |                            |
| - Toothpaste                           |                            |
| - Instant potato mix Tinned Vegetables |                            |

If you would like to donate any of these items, please hand them into the School Office or your child's class teacher by Friday 14th November 2025. We greatly appreciate your support. Thank you in advance.

## Christmas Grotto & Pinning Ceremony Donations

We are now accepting new toy and new book donations for our upcoming Christmas Santa's Grotto. Please note: all toy donations must be new and in their original packaging. More details will be shared closer to the date, but in the meantime, we'd be so grateful for your contributions. Donations can be handed in via the school office. We are also collecting cake donations for our Pinning Ceremony small cake sale, which will take place at school dismissal in the infant hall. Please bring along some change for any purchases — all proceeds will go towards supporting our school events. Kindly ensure that any toys or books donated are newly packaged, and that any cakes are newly made or packaged, with a list of ingredients included. Please drop any cake donations off at the school office by Thursday, 23rd October 2025. Thank you for your generosity and support — it truly helps make our school community shine!

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## Primary School Applications – September 2026 Intake

We would like to inform all parents, guardians, and carers of children born between 1st September 2021 and 31st August 2022 that the closing date for applications for Primary School places to be received by the London Borough of Hillingdon is 15th January 2026. Further information can be found at: [www.hillingdon.gov.uk/primary](http://www.hillingdon.gov.uk/primary). You will have already received information regarding how to apply for your child to start primary school via email. However, if you experience any issues or require further support, please speak with the school office or your child's class teacher

## Starting secondary school

September 2026

For Hillingdon residents only

Apply online, apply in time at

[www.hillingdon.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.hillingdon.gov.uk/schooladmissions)

Closing date for applications is  
31 October 2025



## Half Term - Monday 27th - Friday 31st October 2025

As we come to the end of Autumn Term 1, we would like to thank all our pupils, parents, guardians, carers and staff for their hard work and commitment throughout this first half of the school year. We wish everyone a safe and enjoyable Half Term Break, filled with rest and family time. Please note that the Half Term Holiday will run from Monday, 27th October to Friday, 31st October 2025.

School will reopen on Monday, 3rd November 2025. We look forward to welcoming everyone back refreshed and ready for the next half of the term!

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Closing date for applications is  
15 January 2026



Applying for Secondary School We would like to inform all parents, guardians and carers of children born between 1st September 2014 and 31st August 2015 that the closing date for applications for Secondary School places to be received by the London Borough of Hillingdon is Friday 31st October 2025. You can apply for your child's secondary school at (<https://www.hillingdon.gov.uk/secondary>).

## Individual Photographs – Monday 3rd November 2025

The School's photographer is scheduled to visit on Monday 21st October 2024 to take individual photographs of the children. Please ensure that your child/children are in full school uniform, which includes black shoes, blazer, and ties (for boys). We are unable to provide your child with missing items of uniform on this occasion. For those who have Physical Education (PE) on this date, please note that this lesson will be cancelled. As such, your child must attend school in full school uniform and appropriate school shoes.



	<b>Week Commencing: Monday 3rd November 2025</b> <b>MENU 1</b>
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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	Strawberry Ice Cream and Fresh Strawberries	Fresh Fruit and Yoghurts
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	Jam Sponge	Fresh Fruit and Yoghurts
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	Lemon Tart	Fresh Fruit and Yoghurts
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	Strawberry Jelly	Fresh Fruit and Yoghurts
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	Fresh Fruit Salad	Fresh Fruit and Yoghurts

	<h2>October - November 2025</h2>
<b>October</b>	<b>Black History Month</b>
Monday 27th - Friday 31st	Half Term Break
<b>November</b>	
Monday 3rd	Individual Photographs
Wednesday 5th	Attendance Coffee Morning with Hillingdon Participation Officer
Saturday 15th - Sunday 23rd	Maths Week
Monday 10th - Friday 14th	Anti-Bullying Week
Tuesday 11th	Remembrance Day
Monday 17th	Rising Stars/SATs Week
Monday 7th - Sunday 23rd	National Road Safety Week

## Attendance Coffee Morning - Wednesday 5th November 2025

We kindly invite all parents, guardians and carers to our Attendance Coffee Morning with our Attendance Officer from Hillingdon Council on Wednesday 5th November 2025 at 9:00a.m - 10:00a.m. This is an amazing opportunity for parents, guardians and carers to understand the importance of school attendance and have an opportunity to ask questions. We look forward to seeing you there.



# ATTENDANCE COFFEE MORNING

WITH OUR ATTENDANCE  
OFFICER FROM HILLINGDON  
COUNCIL

WEDNESDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2025

9:00 A.M - 10:00 A.M

Brookside Primary School  
Infant Hall

### AUTUMN TERM 2025

<b>Staff Training:</b> (Half day)	<b>Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2025</b> [Training – morning only] [Parent Consultation – afternoon and early evening]
<b>Staff Training:</b> (Half day)	<b>Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2025</b> [Training – morning only] [Parent Consultation – afternoon and early evening]
<b>Term Begins:</b>	<b>Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2025 (All year groups)</b>
<b>Half Term:</b>	<b>Monday 27<sup>th</sup> to Friday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2025</b>
<b>Term Ends:</b>	<b>Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2025</b>