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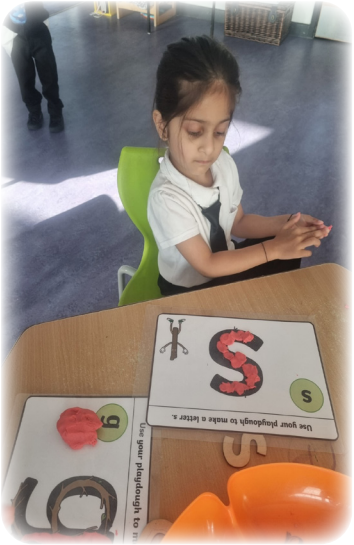
Learning Letters Through Playdough

The nursery pupils enjoyed developing their early mark-making and letter recognition skills using play-dough. They carefully rolled and shaped the play-dough, then used it to trace different letters. This hands-on activity helped the children practise forming letters while strengthening their fine motor skills, hand control, and coordination. The children were encouraged to recognise the letters, follow their shapes, and talk about the sounds they make.



Nursery Show and Tell

On Friday, 25th September our nursery pupils had lots of fun taking part in Show and Tell! Each child had the opportunity to bring in a special toy, object, or item from home and share it with their friends. The pupils enjoyed talking about their chosen items, explaining what they were, why they were special, and answering questions from their teachers. Show and Tell is a wonderful way to build confidence, develop communication and language skills, practise listening, and encourage

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Chess

On Thursday 1st October, our children had the exciting opportunity to experience chess as a real battle! Ms Carruthers introduced our beginners to the strategies behind the game, encouraging them to imagine themselves on a real battlefield, using their tactical skills to protect their kingdom. The children thoroughly enjoyed the experience, developing their concentration, analytical thinking and problem-solving skills. Once again, Brookside has shown that an enriched curriculum extends beyond the classroom, inspiring children to learn through creativity, imagination and play.

Open Days at Brookside Primary School

Please see the attached information about upcoming free parent webinars from the CNWL London Mental Health Support Team in Hillingdon. A range of topics will be covered to help parents and carers support young people's wellbeing. All sessions are free to join, so please take a look at the poster for further information. For more information visit: https://www.cnwl.nhs.uk/

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Forest School Community Survey - Brookside Primary School

Brookside Primary School is exploring the possibility of developing a Forest School and outdoor learning area for our pupils and wider community. As part of our planning, we are seeking feedback from parents, guardians and carers, local residents, and community members to help us understand the potential benefits, opportunities, and priorities for such a project. Your views will also help inform future funding applications. A Forest School could provide valuable opportunities for outdoor learning, wellbeing, environmental awareness, and the development of confidence and life skills through nature-based activities. We would be grateful if you could take a few minutes to complete our short consultation survey and share your thoughts. Every response counts! Brookside Primary School: Forest School Community Consultation – Fill in form

NHS Parent Webinars:

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Enriching Wraparound Care Sessions!

In January 2026, we launched our brand-new Wraparound Care Programme—designed to make after-school hours stress-free for families and enriching for pupils. With a wide range of activities including dance, sports, creative arts, as well as mindfulness and relaxation sessions, children benefit from a safe, structured, and inspiring environment every day.We encourage all parents, guardians, and carers to explore the available sessions and secure a place for their child via iPayimpact. With flexible pick-up times, affordable pricing, and special offers available when booking multiple sessions, our programme is a fantastic way to support both busy families and happy, engaged children. Don't miss out—book now to guarantee your child's place!

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World Food Day - Donations

In celebration of World Food Day which happened on 16th October 2026 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:

Canned Meat	Canned Meat
Tea or Coffee	Powered milk
Tinned Fruits	Noodles or pasta
Canned Fish	Canned Fruit
Tinned Vegetables	Tinned Tomatoes
Baked Beans	Tinned Pudding
Soups	Pasta
Instant Noodles	Pasta Sauces
Rice	Cereals & Oats
Instant Potato Mix	Savoury Crackers
Peanut Butter	Sugar & Honey
Jam	Tea & Coffee
Powdered Milk	Long-Life Milk
Cooking Oil	Sugar & Honey
Baked Beans	Cereal & Oats
Canned Fruit	Toothbrush
Toilet Rolls	Jam
Tinned Tomatoes	Fruit
Deodorant	Long Life Milk
Shower gel or soap	Rice
Juice	Vegetarian options
Razors for Men and Women	

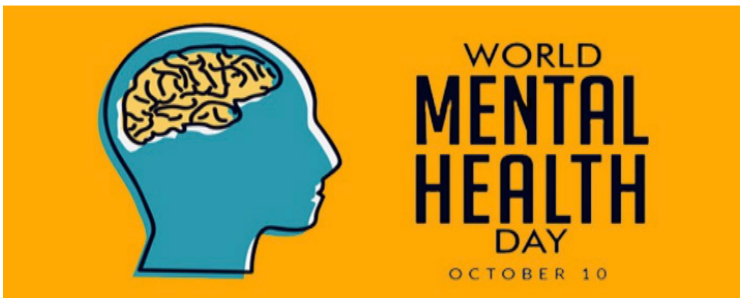
If you would like to donate any of these items, please hand them into the School Office or

Primary School Applications – September 2027 Intake

We would like to inform all parents, guardians, and carers of children born between 1st September 2022 and 31st August 2023 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 speak with the school office or your child's class teacher.

Primary School Applications – September 2027 Intake

Year 6 Parents, Guardians and Carers: If your child was born between 1st September 2015 and 31st August 2016, you must apply for their secondary school place for September 2027. The deadline for on-time applications is Saturday 31st October 2026, so please make sure your application is completed and submitted by this date. Hillingdon Council recommends applying on time to give your child the best possible opportunity of being offered a preferred school place. Further information, guidance and the application form can be found on the Hillingdon Council school admissions website at: https://pre.hillingdon.gov.uk/schooladmissions/starting-secondary-school/3



Week Commencing: *Monday 5th October 2026*

MENU 2

MONDAY		
Meal Choice 1	Beef Meatball Pasta Bake	**Halal**
Meal Choice 2	Beef Meatball Pasta Bake	**Non Halal**
Meal Choice 3	Vegetable Pasta Bake	**Vegetarian**
Meal Choice 4	Meatballs with Gluten free Pasta	**Gluten/Dairy Free**
Dessert Choice	*Strawberry Mousse with Fresh Strawberries*	*Fresh Fruit and Yoghurts*
TUESDAY		
Meal Choice 1	Lamb Koftas with Rice and a Yogurt and Cucumber Dip	**Halal**
Meal Choice 2	Lamb Koftas with Rice and a Yogurt and Cucumber Dip	**Non Halal**
Meal Choice 3	Creamy Pasta Bake	**Vegetarian**
Meal Choice 4	Lamb Patty with Rice	**Gluten/Dairy Free**
Dessert Choice	*Chocolate Sponge*	*Fresh Fruit and Yoghurts*
WEDNESDAY		
Meal Choice 1	Baked Jacket Potato with Fillings *(sliced chicken, salad, coleslaw, tuna)*	
Meal Choice 2	Sweet Potato with Fillings *(sliced chicken, salad, coleslaw, tuna)*	**Vegetarian**
Meal Choice 3	Baked Jacket Potato with Salad and Beans	**Gluten/Dairy Free**
Dessert Choice	*Fruit Tarts*	*Fresh Fruit and Yoghurts*
THURSDAY		
Meal Choice 1	Roast Chicken with Roast Potatoes, Stuffing and Onion Gravy	**Halal**
Meal Choice 2	Roast Chicken with Roast Potatoes, Stuffing and Onion Gravy	**Non Halal**
Meal Choice 3	Vegetable Tart	**Vegetarian**
Meal Choice 4	Roast Chicken with Roast Potatoes and Gluten free Gravy	**Gluten/Dairy Free**
Dessert Choice	*Vanilla Cheesecake*	*Fresh Fruit and Yoghurts*
FRIDAY		
Meal Choice 1	Fish Fingers or Battered Chicken with Oven Baked Potato Wedges	**Halal**
Meal Choice 2	Fish Fingers or Battered Chicken with Oven Baked Potato Wedges	**Non Halal**
Meal Choice 3	Vegetable and Cheese Pasta Bake	**Vegetarian**
Meal Choice 4	Gluten free Fish Fingers with Gluten free Potato Wedges and Beans	**Gluten/Dairy Free**
Dessert Choice	*Apple Pie*	*Fresh Fruit and Yoghurts*

Please note that all main meals are served with Fresh Vegetables of the Day

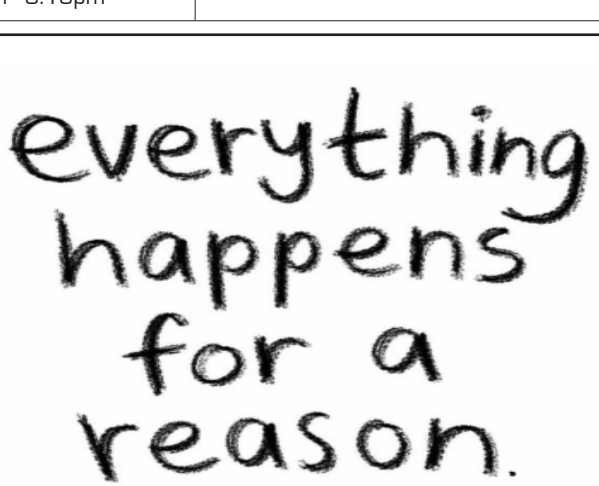
Terms and Holidays

AUTUMN TERM 2026

Staff Training: (Half day)	**Wednesday 2nd September 2026** [Training – morning only] [Parent Consultation – afternoon and early evening]
Staff Training: (Half day)	**Thursday 3rd September 2026** [Training – morning only] [Parent Consultation – afternoon and early evening]
Term Begins:	**Friday 4th September 2026** (All year groups)
Half Term:	**Monday 26th to Friday 30th October 2026**
Term Ends:	**Friday 18th December 2026**

SPRING TERM 2027

Staff Training: (Half day)	**Monday 4th January 2027** [Training – morning only] [Parent Consultation – afternoon and early evening]
Staff Training: (Half day)	**Tuesday 5th January 2027** [Training – morning only] [Parent Consultation - afternoon and early evening]
Term Begins:	**Wednesday 6th January 2027**
Half Term:	**Monday 15th to Friday 19th February 2027**
Term Ends:	**Thursday 25th March 2027**

October 2026

October - Black History Month	
Saturday 4th - Sunday 10th	World Space Day
Monday 5th	World Teachers' Day
Monday 5th 10:30 am	Nursery London (AM) Stay and Read
Monday 5th 2:30 pm	Nursery London (PM) Stay and Read
Tuesday 6th	Reception Stay and Play
Tuesday 6th	KS1 and KS2 Panathalon
Wednesday 7th 9:00am	KS1 Phonics Workshop
Thursday 9th	Hello Yellow - Non-Uniform Day
Monday 12th	Reception Autumn Trail
Monday 12th	KS2 Assessment
Monday 14th - 20th	Recycling Week
Thursday 15th	Practical Pedestrian Training
Thursday 15th	Uxbridge High Street - Year 2
Friday 16th	World Food Day
Friday 16th	Practical Pedestrian Training - Year 4
Friday 23rd 2:00pm - 3:15pm	Pinning Ceremony