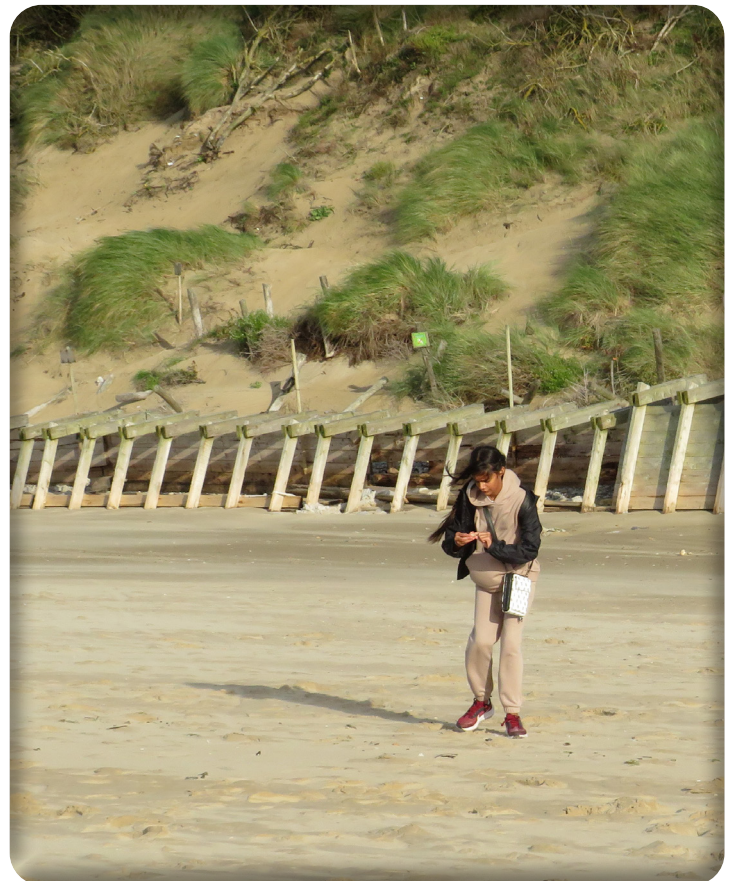


Day Trip to France



On Thursday 26th September, fourteen Year 6 pupils embarked on an exciting day trip to Boulogne-sur-Mer - France. The day began bright and early with a 5:50am departure from school. The pupils explored the rich history and culture of Boulogne, visiting highlights such as The Basilica of Notre-Dame and the Column of the Grande Armée (Napoleon Bonaparte Column). They also enjoyed the bustling atmosphere of Marché aux Poissons, the largest fish market in France, and admired the unique Egyptian display at Square Mariette Pacha. A delicious lunch was served at a local French restaurant, giving the children a true taste of French cuisine. The day concluded with a scenic stop at the beachfront of Calais before the group returned to school at 9:58pm – a long, but rewarding day filled with unforgettable experiences!



Half Term: Monday 28th October to Friday 1st November 2024
 Term Ends: Friday 20th December 2024

SPRING TERM 2025

Staff Training: Monday 6th January 2025
 (Half day) [Training – morning only]
 [Parent Consultation – afternoon and early evening]

Staff Training: Tuesday 7th January 2025
 (Half day) [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: Tuesday 22nd April 2025
 (Half day) [Training – morning only]
 [Parent Consultation – afternoon and early evening]

Staff Training: Wednesday 23rd April 2025
 (Half day) [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

Updating Email Addresses

Please can all parents, guardians and carers ensure that we have an email address on the School system for both parents as we would like to send out further communication via email. You can either email the School account with this information or fill out the contact details form at the School Office. Thank you very much for your cooperation.

Notice to Parents – Safety Reminder

We kindly request all parents, guardians and carers to avoid driving on the sidewalk adjacent to the school and to refrain from performing three-point turns in front of the school gate. These actions create safety hazards for our pupils, staff, and other pedestrians. For the safety of everyone, please use designated parking areas and drive with caution in the vicinity of the school. Let's work together to keep our school environment safe and secure. We thank you in advance for your cooperation in this matter.

Black History Month – October

Black History Month is the annual celebration and commemoration of moments in history, achievements and contributions that Black people have made. First brought to the UK in the 1980s, Black History Month was initially introduced to the country by a member of the Greater London Council, Akyaaba Addai Sebo. Since 1987, Black History Month has been celebrated annually in the UK, to eradicate discrimination and encourage racial equality. At Hewens Primary School, we will be honouring the contributions made to society by people of Black heritage and their communities. On 7th October, we will host a special celebration assembly in the morning to commemorate Black History Month.

Enrichment Clubs – Autumn Term

Our Autumn Term enrichment clubs have now begun and will until Wednesday 27th and Thursday 28th November. All clubs will be held on Wednesdays and Thursdays each week and will run straight after dismissal **until 4:15pm**. If you are unsure about which group your child is in, please contact the School Office or speak with the class teacher.

NSPCC's Kindness Challenge 2024



This October we are proud to be taking part in the NSPCC's Kindness Challenge 2024!

We will be spreading a little kindness across our school/college community by highlighting the importance of Childline, and encouraging pupils/students to be kind to each other by sharing more, talking more and playing more. Donations to help Childline be there for more children are welcome here: <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/support-us/ways-to-give/donate/>


World Space Week – 4th to 10th October

The theme for World Space Week 2024 is 'Space and Climate Change'. World Space Week is the largest space-themed event on Earth. It is a celebration of space science and technology that will improve conditions for humans on Earth. As a school, we will celebrate World Space Week and explore the connection between space and climate change.

World Mental Health Day

Thursday 10th October is celebrated as World Mental Health Day. On this day, all schools will be raising awareness for this international day.

In Personal, Social, Health and Economic education (PSHE), our major focus will be to raise awareness about good mental health, how to turn negative thoughts into positive ones and how important it is to have a positive attitude.

 OCTOBER 2024	
OCTOBER - Black History Month	
Until Thursday 10th	World Space Week
Monday 7th	Black History Month Assembly
Thursday 10th	World Mental Health Day
Monday 14th to Friday 18th	Practice Papers for Year 6
Wednesday 16th	8:50am Early Essence Training for Nursery Parents, Guardians and Carers
Thursday 17th	8:50am Early Essence Training for Reception Parents, Guardians and Carers
Tuesday 22nd	Individual School Photographs
Monday 28th October to Friday 1st November	Half Term Holidays

Early Essence Training – Parent Workshop

Parents, guardians and carers of children in Nursery and Reception are invited to an Early Essence Training Workshop on **Wednesday 16th October for Nursery Parents and Thursday 17th October for Reception Parents**. All workshops will take place at **8:50am** in the Computer Suite.

Applying for Secondary School September 2025

We would like to inform all parents, guardians and carers of children born between 1st September 2013 and 31st August 2014 that the closing date for applications for Secondary School places to be received by the London Borough of Hillingdon is **Thursday 31st October 2024**. You can apply for your child's secondary school at (www.hillingdon.gov.uk/secondary). You will have received information with regard to applying for your child starting secondary school via email today.

Primary School Admissions 2025

We would like to inform all parents, guardians and carers of children born between 1st September 2020 and 31st August 2021 that the closing date for applications for Primary School places to be received by the London Borough of Hillingdon is **Wednesday 15th January 2025**. To ensure your application arrives on time and in order to give your child the best possible chance of being offered the school of your choice, we would advise that you submit your applications prior to the Christmas holiday period. Further information can be found on (www.hillingdon.gov.uk/primary). You will have received information with regard to applying for your child starting secondary school via email today.

Healthy Packed Lunches

We would like to thank all our families who continue to provide their children with a healthy and nutritious packed lunch. Please be reminded that we are a healthy eating school and that the following items are not permitted in packed lunches:

- Nuts
- Chocolate/chocolate biscuits, sweets or doughnuts
- Large packets of crisps
- Fizzy drinks

Thank you for your continued support.

	Week Commencing: Monday 7th October MENU 2
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MONDAY		
Meal Choice 1	Beef Meatball Pasta Bake	Halal
Meal Choice 2	Beef Meatball Pasta Bake	Non Halal
Meal Choice 3	Vegetable Meatball Pasta Bake	Vegetarian
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
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
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 with Roast Potatoes, Stuffing and Onion Gravy	Vegetarian
Meal Choice 4	Vegetable Goujons with Roast Potatoes, Stuffing and Onion Gravy	
Dessert Choice	Vanilla Cheesecake	Fresh Fruit and Yoghurts
FRIDAY		
Meal Choice 1	Fish Fingers with Oven Baked Potato Wedges	Vegetarian
Meal Choice 2	Vegetable Fingers with Oven Baked Potato Wedges	
Meal Choice 3	Vegetable Tomato Pasta Bake	
Dessert Choice	Apple Pie	Fresh Fruit and Yoghurts
<i>Please note that all main meals are served with Fresh Vegetables of the Day</i>		

Asthma Advisory Notice

The Hillingdon Champions of Asthma Team have requested we advise parents, guardians and carers of children who suffer from asthma to ensure their children take their preventative inhaler regularly every day, even if well. This advisory has been published as this time of year normally proves to be the most troublesome time for asthmatics.

Universal Free School Meals

We are delighted to announce that all pupils from Years 3 – 6 will continue to have access to school lunches free of charge. This will ensure that all pupils will have access to high quality meals on a daily basis.

Physical Education (PE)

Please be advised that pupils should arrive at school in their Physical Education (PE) kits on the day of their PE lesson; they will remain in their PE kits for the whole day and thus are not required to bring in their school uniforms.

Year Groups	Day of the Week for PE
Reception	Tuesday
Year 1	Monday
Year 2	Wednesday
Year 3	Friday
Year 4	Friday
Year 5	Wednesday
Year 6	Thursday