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### Firefighter Visit – Our Local Heroes!



On Tuesday 25th February 2025, our Reception children had a special visit from the firefighters - and their fire engine! They learnt about the protective helmets, fire-resistant uniforms, hoses, and breathing equipment that firefighters use to stay safe and save lives. The crew also explained how they remain visible, respond to emergencies, and why calling 999 is so important. A huge thank you to our local fire crew for an inspiring and educational visit!



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Coffee Morning – Thank You for Joining Us!



We were delighted to welcome over 70 parents, guardians, and carers to our Coffee Morning on Friday 28th February 2025, from 8:30 to 10:00am. It was a fantastic opportunity to connect, share experiences, and learn more about the support available for families in our community.

This event was made possible with the support of the **Hillingdon Mental Health Support Team**, **The Stronger Families Hub**, **the Hillingdon Schools Nursing Team**, and our **dedicated SEN support staff**. Their presence provided valuable information and guidance on a range of topics, helping to strengthen our network of support for pupils and families. A huge thank you to everyone who attended - we hope you found the morning both enjoyable and informative.



### Fasting at Ramadan

As Ramadan has begun, we would like to make parents, guardians and carers aware that at The Rosedale Hewens Academy Trust, we only allow children in Year 6 to fast, as, in our experience, fasting in year groups below this has a detrimental effect upon a child's overall performance. Children in lower year groups could be supported to fast at home on the weekend if required, allowing families to supervise their health and well-being very closely. If you would like more information about this, please speak with a member of staff in the School Office.

### Join the Great Cable Challenge!



Have you got unwanted wires cluttering up your home and you're not sure what to do with them? Hillingdon Council's Recycling team invites you to participate in the Great Cable Challenge. Let's see how many unwanted old cables we can recycle to reduce waste in our borough! A Pink Cable Recycle Bin has been placed in the Reception Area at **Hewens Primary**. Time to Tidy Up Those Tangled Cables! Recycle your unwanted wires **until Friday 14th March**. Prize: The school that collects the most kilograms of cables will win £100 towards purchasing repair kits from Team Repair. **Let's get recycling and make a difference!**

### Booster and Enrichment Clubs – Spring Term

Booster sessions and Enrichment Clubs will continue for the remainder of the Spring Term. If you are unsure of your child's session arrangements, please speak with the class teacher. Enrichment clubs will be on either Wednesday or Thursday, depending on your chosen club. All clubs will finish at **4:15pm**.

### Battle of Britain Bunker Trip – Year 6

On Thursday 13th March 2025, Oak Class will be visiting The Battle of Britain Bunker in Uxbridge. During the trip, pupils will have the opportunity to explore the historic underground operations room, learn about the pivotal role the bunker played during World War II, and take part in engaging educational activities. This visit will deepen their understanding of wartime history and the significance of the Battle of Britain.

### British Science Week

Friday 7th to Sunday 16th March 2025, will be observed as British Science Week under the theme, 'Change and Adapt'. Across the School, children will be guided to connect Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) to the curriculum subjects and to their backgrounds, lives and interests. In addition, there will be various school competitions, including Spelling Bees, Debates, Poster competitions, and a Challenge Quiz. Lots of awards, Alliance points and certificates to be won!

### Incredible Eggs - Arriving Soon!





**Eagle Alliance**



**Falcon Alliance**



**Red Kite Alliance**



**Sparrowhawk Alliance**

### Fairtrade Fortnight – Year 6 Assembly

On Monday 10th March, the Year 6 children will be hosting an assembly for their peers about Fairtrade.

Fairtrade Fortnight, themed 'Be the Change,' runs from Monday, 3rd March to Sunday, 16th March. As part of their preparations, they have been designing a T-shirt to wear during the assembly, highlighting key points on the topic.

### Easter Bonnet Making

On Thursday 3rd April 2025, Hewens Primary will be hosting an Easter Bonnet Showcase for the pupils. In preparation for this, we would like all children to make a bonnet at home using recycled materials. If you have any questions regarding this, please speak with the class teacher.

### NEW Term Dates – 2025 to 2026

#### AUTUMN TERM 2025

**Staff Training:** **Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2025**  
 (Half day) [Training – morning only]  
 [Parent Consultation – afternoon and early evening]

**Staff Training:** **Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2025**  
 (Half day) [Training – morning only]  
 [Parent Consultation – afternoon and early evening]

**Term Begins:** **Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2025 (All year groups)**  
**Half Term:** **Monday 27<sup>th</sup> to Friday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2025**  
**Term Ends:** **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2025**

#### SPRING TERM 2026

**Staff Training:** **Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2026**  
 (Half day) [Training – morning only]  
 [Parent Consultation – afternoon and early evening]

**Staff Training:** **Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2026**  
 (Half day) [Training – morning only]  
 [Parent Consultation – afternoon and early evening]

**Term Begins:** **Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2026**  
**Half Term:** **Monday 16<sup>th</sup> to Friday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2026**  
**Term Ends:** **Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2026**

#### SUMMER TERM 2026

**Staff Training:** **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2026**  
 (Half day) [Training – morning only]  
 [Parent Consultation – afternoon and early evening]

**Staff Training:** **Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2026**  
 (Half day) [Training – morning only]  
 [Parent Consultation – afternoon and early evening]

**Term Begins:** **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2026**  
**Bank Holiday:** **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2026 (May Day)**  
**Half Term:** **Monday 25<sup>th</sup> to Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May 2026**  
**Term Ends:** **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2026**  
**Staff Training:** **Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2026**  
**Staff Training:** **Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2026**

The 2025 to 2026 term dates are detailed on our website and can be accessed via ([www.hewensprimary.co.uk/term-dates](http://www.hewensprimary.co.uk/term-dates)). Please check these dates, as they will be particularly helpful to parents, guardians or carers planning family holidays and activities.

	<b>Week Commencing: Monday 10th March</b>
<b>MENU 1</b>	

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
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	Patatouille Spaghetti	Vegetarian
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
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
Dessert Choice	Strawberry Jelly	Fresh Fruit and Yoghurts
FRIDAY		
Meal Choice 1	Fish Fingers with Oven Baked Potato Wedges	Vegetarian
Meal Choice 2	Tomato Pasta Bake	
Meal Choice 3	Vegetable Fingers with Oven Baked Potato Wedges	
Dessert Choice	Fresh Fruit Salad	Fresh Fruit and Yoghurts
<i>Please note that all main meals are served with Fresh Vegetables of the Day</i>		

	<b>MARCH TO APRIL 2025</b>
MARCH	
Up until March 14th	The Great Cable Challenge
Up until Sunday 16th	Fairtrade Fortnight
Up until Sunday 16th	British Science Week
Monday 10th	Fairtrade Assembly - Hosted by Year 6
Monday 10th	Reception and Year 1 Spelling Bee
Tuesday 11th	Year 2 and 3 Spelling Bee
Wednesday 12th	Year 4 and 5 Science Challenge
Thursday 13th	Science Poster Competition - Theme: 'Change and Adapt' Battle of Britain Bunker Trip - Oak Class
Friday 14th	Year 6 Debating Competition
Monday 17th to Friday 21st	Assessment Week
Tuesday 18th	Hearing and Vision Screening - Reception
Wednesday 19th and Thursday 20th	Last Days of Enrichment Clubs
Thursday 20th	Junior Citizens Event - Year 6
Friday 21st	Red Nose Day
	World Poetry Day
	World Water Day
Monday 24th to Thursday 3rd April	Incredible Eggs - Ducklings