

## Volcano Making – Year 4



Our Year 4 pupils have been delving into the world of Art and Design with an explosive project—creating their very own papier mache volcanoes! From layering sticky strips of newspaper to adding vibrant splashes of paint, the classroom has been a hive of imagination and hands-on fun. These budding artists have poured their energy into crafting colourful, textured masterpieces, and we're all eagerly awaiting the moment they erupt with excitement—literally and creatively!



## Autumn Walk – Little Acorns



As part of their exploration of seasonal changes, Little Acorns enjoyed an Autumn walk to observe the wonders of nature. They noticed how leaves changed colour - from green to vibrant shades of red, orange, and yellow and listened carefully to sounds around them, such as rustling leaves and chirping birds. Back in class, they created imaginative "leaf monsters" using collected leaves and craft materials, blending nature with creativity. This activity supported their development of observation, language, and fine motor skills. Pupils also took part in Writing, Mathematics, Art, and Role Play activities, using the Funky Fingers Display to further develop fine motor skills while socialising with friends.



## Enrichment Clubs – Autumn Term

Our Autumn Term enrichment clubs have now begun and will run until Wednesday 26th November and Thursday 27th November. All clubs will be held on Wednesdays and Thursdays each week, and will take place immediately after dismissal until 4:15pm. If you are unsure which group your child is in, please contact the School Office for clarification.

## Black History Month – October 2025

This October, we are proud to celebrate Black History Month across our school community. The theme for this year is “Standing Firm in Power and Pride”, which encourages us to recognise the remarkable contributions of Black individuals in the past and present, while also looking ahead to the achievements of future generations. Throughout the month, pupils will be taking part in a range of activities, including class projects, assemblies, and creative displays that highlight the achievements, culture, and heritage of Black communities.

We hope these experiences will inspire our pupils to value diversity, challenge stereotypes, and embrace equality.

## Flu Vaccinations – Monday 20th October 2025

### NASAL VACCINE



No needles - just quick, painless, effective flu protection (contains gelatine)

OR

### THE INJECTION

We offer a PORK-FREE, GELATINE-FREE injection considered a faith-friendly alternative.



On Monday 20th October, our local Immunisation Team will be visiting us to offer the flu nasal vaccine or the injection to Reception to Year 6 pupils. An email has been sent out with all the information regarding this. Please note your child will only receive the vaccination if you complete the consent form via the link: (<https://nwl.schoolvaccination.uk/flu/2025/hillingdon>).

If you did not receive this email, please let us know, so that we can check that your email address is correct on the system.

## Pinning Ceremony

To end the first term off with a bang, Hewens Primary School will be holding a Pinning Ceremony on Friday 24th October 2025 at 9:15am in the Main Hall, where all the children who have been appointed leadership positions for the period October 2025 to July 2026, will receive their respective badges. Parents, guardians and carers of children who have been appointed leadership positions have **been cordially invited, via letter this week**, to this memorable event. Please RSVP by returning the slip attached to your invitation letter by **Friday 17th October**.

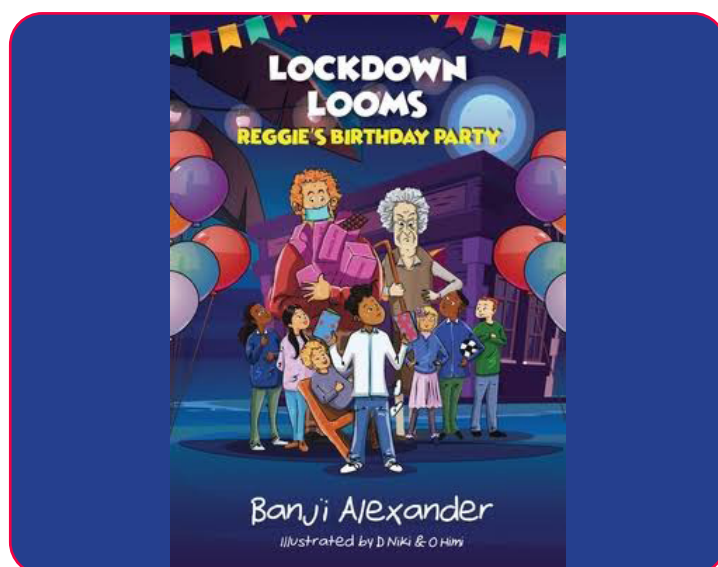
## Half Term

School will be closed from Monday 27th to Friday 31st October 2025 for the Half Term holiday. We will finish at our normal time on Friday 24th October at 3:15pm and school reopens on Monday 3rd November at 8:35am. It is essential that your child arrives on time as lessons will begin promptly.

## Applying for Secondary School September 2026

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 **31st October 2025**. You can apply for your child's secondary school at ([www.hillingdon.gov.uk/secondary](http://www.hillingdon.gov.uk/secondary)). You will have received information with regard to applying for your child starting secondary school via email however if you have any issues, please speak with the school office or the class teacher.

## Banji Alexander's Visit



We are thrilled to announce that Banji Alexander, author of the popular children's book *Lockdown Looms: Reggie's Birthday Party*, will be visiting Hewens Primary School on **Wednesday 12th November!** To celebrate this special occasion Banji will host a school assembly, sharing insights into his writing journey and the inspiration behind his book.

At the end of the day, he will hold a book signing session for children who have pre-ordered his book. Copies of *Lockdown Looms: Reggie's Birthday Party* are available to pre-order via (<https://www.ipayimpact.co.uk/IPI/Account/LogOn>) for £10 each. Banji will personally bring and sign the books on the day of his visit. Full details have been emailed to parents, guardians and carers this week. To make the day even more memorable, we invite all children to wear a **funky hat** to school as a fun and creative way to welcome our special guest! If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact the School Office. **Let's make this a day to remember!**

## Support Group for Years 5 and 6

The Mental Health Support Team (MHST) is running a **Creative Worries and Anxiety Group** at Hewens Primary School for pupils in Year 5 and Year 6.

This small, supportive group is designed for children who may be:

- Feeling reluctant or anxious about attending school
- Struggling with new challenges or changes
- Finding it difficult to manage everyday worries

The group will be run by the NHS MHST and will take place over **6 weeks**. Sessions are **creative and play-based** – using activities such as clay, painting, storytelling, games and role-play to help children:

- Understand and challenge their worries
- Build confidence and resilience
- Learn practical tools to manage their worries
- Enjoy expressing themselves in a fun, safe space

If you think your child might benefit, please email the school on [hewensprimary@trhat.org](mailto:hewensprimary@trhat.org) and will contact you further to set this up.



**Eagle Alliance**



**Falcon Alliance**



**Red Kite Alliance**



**Sparrowhawk Alliance**

### Individual School Photographs

The school photographer is scheduled to visit on Monday 3rd November 2025 to take individual photographs of the children. Please be advised that children must wear full school uniform for individual photographs.

**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.

### Hewens Primary School Guided Tours

## Guided Tours at Hewens Primary School

**Book A Spot On Our Website!**

Visit us to see why Hewens Primary School is a perfect first choice...

**Morning**

Tuesday 18th November 2025  
10:00am

**Afternoon**

Thursday 27th November 2025  
4:00pm

We are delighted to invite you to our upcoming guided tours at Hewens Primary School, where you can experience first-hand the vibrant and nurturing environment praised in our recent Ofsted inspection.

Morning Tour: Tuesday 18th November 2025 at 10:00am

Afternoon Tour: Thursday 27th November 2025 at 4:00pm

Visit our website to book your spot! (<https://www.hewensprimary.co.uk/latest-news/guided-tours-2026-admissions>).

### Primary School Admissions 2026

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**.

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](http://www.hillingdon.gov.uk/primary)). You will have received information with regard to applying for your child starting primary school via email however if you have any issues, please speak with the school office or the class teacher.

	<b>Week Commencing: Monday 20th October</b>
<b>MENU 4</b>	

MONDAY		
Meal Choice 1	Spaghetti Bolognese	Halal
Meal Choice 2	Spaghetti Bolognese	Non Halal
Meal Choice 3	Mediterranean Pasta Bake	Vegetarian
Dessert Choice	Raspberry Jelly	Fresh Fruit and Yoghurts
TUESDAY		
Meal Choice 1	Chicken Sausages with Mashed Potatoes and Beans	Halal
Meal Choice 2	Chicken Sausages with Mashed Potatoes and Beans	Non Halal
Meal Choice 3	Vegetarian Sausages with Mashed Potatoes and Onion Gravy	Vegetarian
Dessert Choice	Jam and Coconut Sponge	Fresh Fruit and Yoghurts
WEDNESDAY		
Meal Choice 1	Diced Lamb with Noodles and Vegetable Stir Fry	Halal
Meal Choice 2	Diced Lamb with Noodles and Vegetable Stir Fry	Non Halal
Meal Choice 3	Vegetable Stir Fry with Noodles	Vegetarian
Meal Choice 4	Baked Jacket Potato with Fillings	
Dessert Choice	Vanilla Ice Cream with Peaches	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	
Meal Choice 4	Vegetable Goujons with Roast Potatoes, Stuffing and Onion Gravy	Vegetarian
Dessert Choice	Chocolate Sponge	Fresh Fruit and Yoghurts
FRIDAY		
Meal Choice 1	Fish Fingers with Potato Wedges	
Meal Choice 2	Macaroni Cheese	
Meal Choice 3	Vegetable Fingers with Oven Baked Potato Wedges	Vegetarian
Dessert Choice	Custard Tart	Fresh Fruit and Yoghurts
Please note that all main meals are served with Fresh Vegetables of the Day		

OCTOBER TO NOVEMBER 2025	
<b>OCTOBER - Black History Month</b>	
Monday 20th	Flu Vaccination - Reception to Year 6
Friday 24th	9:15am Pinning Ceremony
Monday 27th to Friday 31st	Half Term
<b>NOVEMBER</b>	
Monday 3rd	Individual School Photographs
Tuesday 4th	Hearing and Vision Screening - Reception
Thursday 6th	8:50am Year 6 SATs Parent Workshop
Monday 10th to Friday 14th	Anti-bullying Week National Recycling Week
Tuesday 11th to Monday 17th	Travelling Books: Book Fair
Tuesday 11th	Remembrance Day Great Plague and Fire of London Workshop - Year 2 Romans Workshop - Year 3
Wednesday 12th	The Author: Banji Alexander's Visit
Thursday 13th	Exam Anxiety Session - Year 6
Friday 14th	Children in Need (Themed Day)
Tuesday 18th	10:00am Guided Tour for Potential Parents
Wednesday 19th	Year 5 Pedestrian Training