

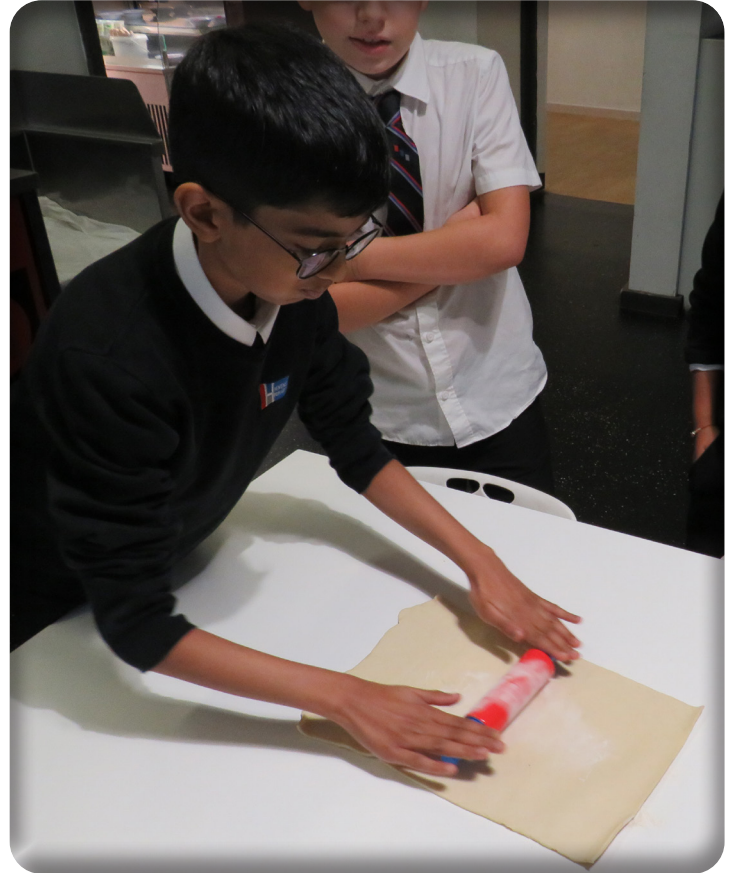
## Year 5 Chefs in Action



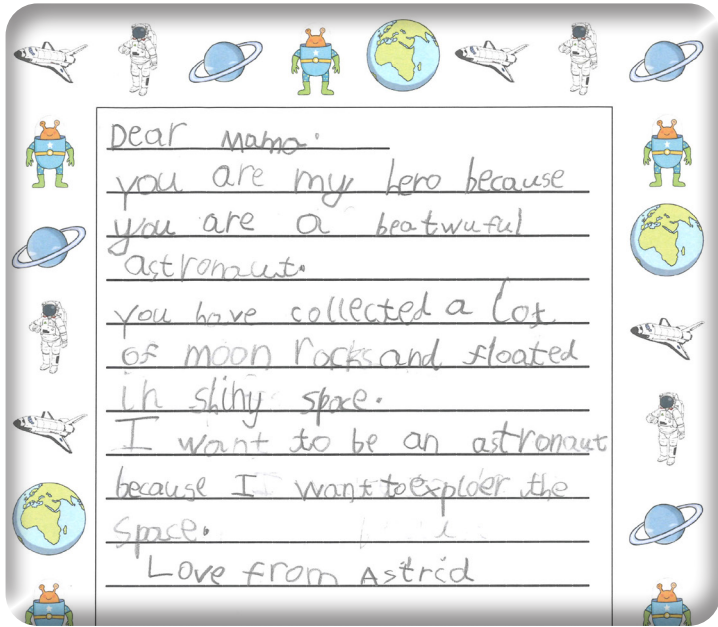
On Tuesday 21st October, our Year 5 pupils put their culinary skills to the test during their "Chefs in Action" session. The children thoroughly enjoyed measuring, mixing, and creating their own delicious apple pies from scratch.

The mouth-watering aroma filled the room as they carefully peeled, chopped, and blended the ingredients to perfection. This exciting activity not only allowed pupils to showcase their creativity but also helped them develop important life skills such as following instructions, working collaboratively, and practising good hygiene and safety in the kitchen.

It was wonderful to see the pride on their faces as they admired their finished pies – and, of course, enjoyed a well-deserved taste!

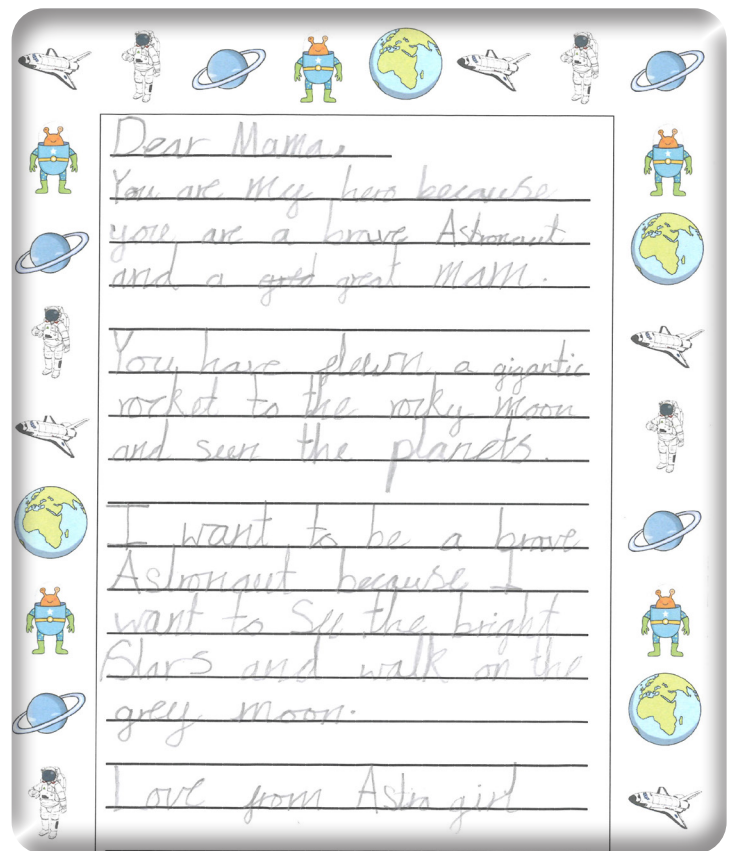
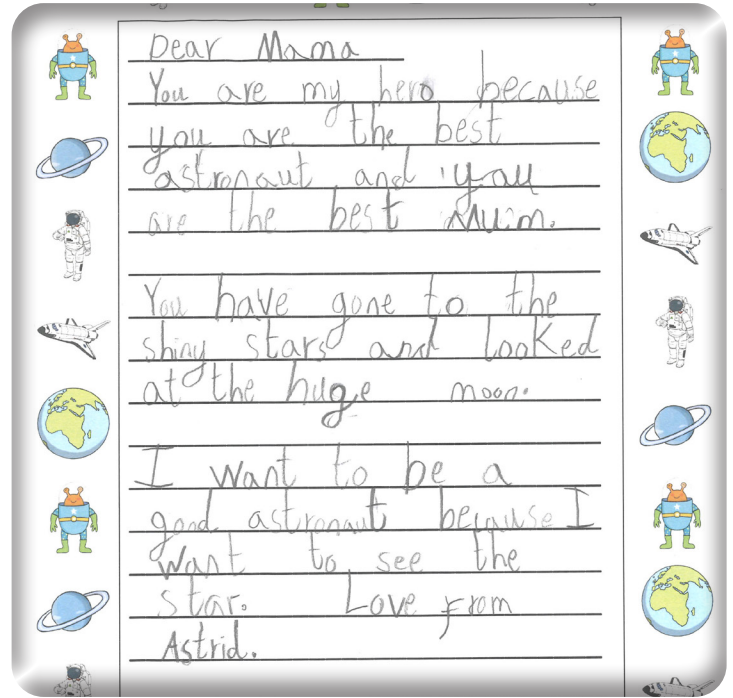
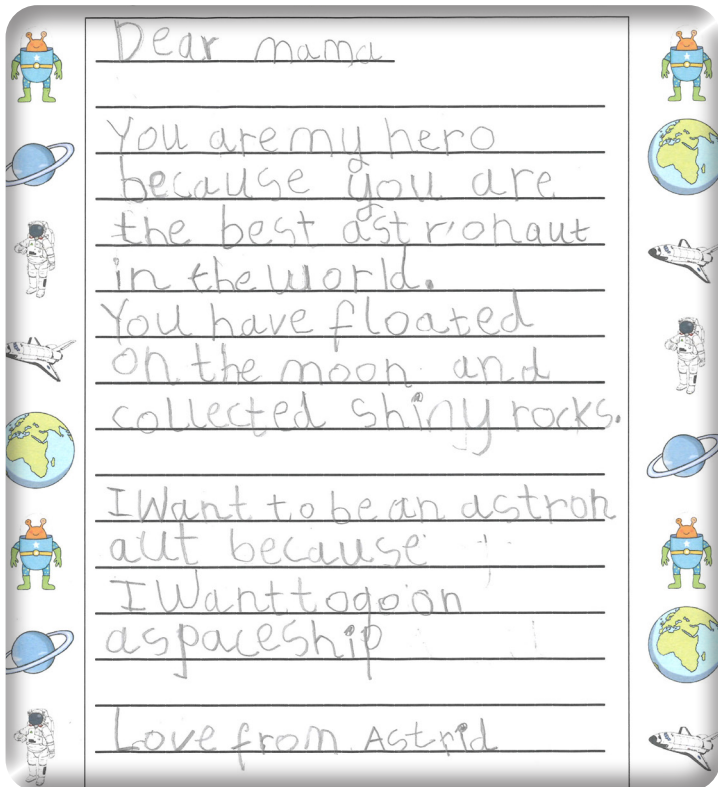


Authors in the Making



This half term, our Year 1 pupils have been exploring the inspiring story 'Astro Girl' as a theme for their fiction writing. Stepping into the shoes of the main character, they wrote heartfelt letters to her mum, expressing why she is their hero and sharing their dreams of becoming astronauts—just like her!

Their writing journey beautifully tied into their History topic, where they've been learning all about 'The First Moon Landing'. Through this cross-curricular approach, pupils have been inspired by real-life space exploration while developing their creativity and writing skills.



Enrichment Clubs - Autumn Term

Our Autumn Term enrichment clubs will run until Wednesday 26th November and Thursday 27th November 2025. All clubs are held on Wednesdays and Thursdays each week, and 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.

## Half Term

Please note that the School will be closed from Monday 27th to Friday 31st October 2025 for the Half Term holiday. We will reopen on Monday 3rd November, with the school day starting at the usual time of 8:35am. It is essential that your child arrives punctually, as lessons will begin promptly.

### #DoSomethingThisHalfTerm (October 2025)

**#DOSOMETHINGTHISHALFTERM**

Hillingdon's Youth Targeted Team is offering a half-term fun-filled programme for pupils in Years 4 to 6 on Wednesday 29th and Thursday 30th October 2025. 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>)

### 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.

### 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.

### Hearing and Vision Screening

On Tuesday 4th November 2025, the School Nursing Team will be visiting the school to carry out hearing and vision screening for the children in Reception.

### Year 6 SATs Parent Workshop

All parents, guardians and carers are invited to attend a Year 6 SATs workshop on Thursday 6th November at 8:50am in the Hall. During the workshop, we will share strategies and ideas that could be used at home to support your child's learning. It will be an informative workshop and it is highly recommended that you attend. It will also give you opportunities to ask any questions regarding the Year 6 curriculum and assessments. We are looking forward to seeing you all.

## School Council Month

The month of November will be celebrated as School Council Month. At Hewens Primary School, we will be promoting pupils' voice through our newly established School Council and Pupil Leadership Teams for 2025 to 2026 from Reception to Year 6. All pupils appointed a role attended the Pinning Ceremony, where they proudly received their leadership badges and official mandates for the school year. The Leadership opportunities that were available through our Pupil Leadership and School Council this year are:

- Head Boy and Girl
- Deputy Head Boys and Girls
- Alliance Captains
- Class Prefects
- Librarians
- Peer Mentor
- School Council / Pupil Voice
- Fruit Ambassadors

During our School Council meetings, we will decide on Spring and Summer term activities relating to health, safety, safeguarding and well-being. School Council meetings will be held every 4 weeks on a Friday afternoon and it is expected that they will include the views of the other pupils in their classes and feedback regarding decisions taken.

### 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!

### Flu Vaccinations – Monday 8th December 2025

#### NASAL VACCINE

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



#### THE INJECTION

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



OR

On Monday 8th December, our local Immunisation Team will be revisiting us to offer the injection to those that didn't receive it on Monday 20th October 2025. If you would still like your child to receive the flu nasal vaccine or the injection, please complete the consent form via the link:

(<https://nwl.schoolvaccination.uk/flu/2025/hillingdon>). Please note this is only available for Reception to Year 6 pupils. An email has been sent out with all the information regarding this.



Eagle Alliance



Falcon Alliance



Red Kite Alliance



Sparrowhawk Alliance

### 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...

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| <div style="background-color: #e91e63; color: white; padding: 5px; border-radius: 10px; display: inline-block;"> <p><b>Morning</b></p> <p>Tuesday 18th November 2025<br/>10:00am</p> </div> | <div style="background-color: #e91e63; color: white; padding: 5px; border-radius: 10px; display: inline-block;"> <p><b>Afternoon</b></p> <p>Thursday 27th November 2025<br/>4:00pm</p> </div> |
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**“Respect underpins the positive relationships found throughout this happy school”**

- Ofsted 2025

[www.hewensprimary.co.uk](http://www.hewensprimary.co.uk)

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.

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|               | <b>Week Commencing: Monday 3rd November</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  | <i>Strawberry Ice Cream and Fresh Strawberries</i> / <i>Fresh Fruit and Yoghurts</i> |            |
| TUESDAY   |  |            |
| Meal Choice 1   | Spaghetti Bolognese  | Halal      |
| Meal Choice 2   | Spaghetti Bolognese  | Non Halal  |
| Meal Choice 3   | Ratatouille Spaghetti  | Vegetarian |
| Dessert Choice  | <i>Jam Sponge</i> / <i>Fresh Fruit and Yoghurts</i>                                  |            |
| 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  | <i>Lemon Tart</i> / <i>Fresh Fruit and Yoghurts</i>                                  |            |
| 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  | <i>Strawberry Jelly</i> / <i>Fresh Fruit and Yoghurts</i>                            |            |
| FRIDAY  |  |            |
| Meal Choice 1   | Fish Fingers with Oven Baked Potato Wedges   |            |
| Meal Choice 2   | Tomato Pasta Bake  | Vegetarian |
| Meal Choice 3   | Vegetable Fingers with Oven Baked Potato Wedges                                      |            |
| Dessert Choice  | <i>Fresh Fruit Salad</i> / <i>Fresh Fruit and Yoghurts</i>                           |            |
| Please note that all main meals are served with Fresh Vegetables of the Day |  |            |

|                              | <b>OCTOBER TO NOVEMBER 2025</b>                   |
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| OCTOBER                      |   |
| Monday 27th to Friday 31st   | Half Term   |
| NOVEMBER                     |   |
| Monday 3rd                   | Individual School Photographs                     |
| Tuesday 4th                  | Hearing and Vision Screening - Reception          |
| Thursday 6th                 | 8:50am<br>Year 6 SATs Parent Workshop             |
| Monday 10th to Friday 14th   | Anti-bullying Week<br>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)                     |
| Monday 17th to Friday 21st   | Practice Papers - Phonics and SATs                |
|                              | Road Safety Week                                  |
| Monday 17th to Thursday 20th | Year 6 Bikeability Course                         |
| Tuesday 18th                 | 10:00am<br>Guided Tour for Potential Parents      |