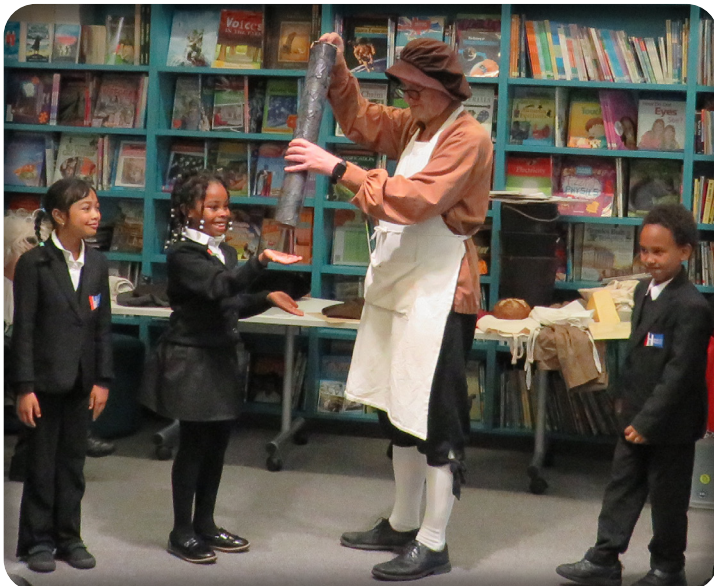


Great Plague and Fire of London Workshop



On Tuesday, 11th November 2025, the Year 2 pupils took part in an exciting and immersive workshop all about the Great Fire of London. As part of their History topic - creatively linked with Art, English, and Science - they explored the dramatic sequence of events beginning with the outbreak of the Black Plague in 1665. Through lively role-play and storytelling, the children stepped into the shoes of key characters from the time, helping them understand how and why the fire started, the challenges faced by the people of London, and the efforts made to stop the flames from spreading. They also learnt how the fire was eventually brought under control. The workshop truly brought history to life and sparked curiosity, imagination, and thoughtful discussion back in the classroom.



Romans Workshop



On Tuesday, 11th November 2025, our Year 3 pupils stepped into the fascinating world of Ancient Rome during an exciting, hands-on workshop. From exploring Roman culture to discovering what daily life was really like, the children immersed themselves in interactive activities that brought history to life. It was a day filled with learning, laughter, and unforgettable experiences - making the Romans more than just a chapter in a book!





Children in Need



On Friday, 14th November 2025, our school proudly joined the nationwide celebration of BBC Children in Need. The children arrived in their colourful and creative outfits, showing fantastic enthusiasm and school spirit. It was wonderful to see so many smiling faces as everyone came together to support this important cause. Parents generously donated to help raise funds, contributing to vital projects that make a real difference to the lives of children across the UK. Through their generosity and the children's participation, we were able to celebrate the day in style while supporting a truly worthwhile cause.



An Inspiring Visit from Banji Alexander



On Wednesday, 12th November 2025, we were thrilled to welcome Banji Alexander - a talented teacher, author, and songwriter - to our school for an unforgettable day of creativity and inspiration. The day began with an engaging assembly for Key Stage 1 and 2, where Banji shared the story behind his book *Lockdown Looms: Reggie's Birthday Party* and spoke passionately about resilience and creativity during challenging times.



Pupils were also treated to an exciting preview of his upcoming book, *Pear Pudding with Plum*, due to be released next year. Adding to the fun, children proudly showcased their funky hats, bringing a splash of colour and personality to the event! The assembly was full of energy as pupils sang along to Banji's song "New King", with some even getting the chance to show off their dance moves. To make the day even more special, pupils who had pre-ordered Banji's book enjoyed a personal book signing session, while others had the opportunity to purchase a copy and meet Banji in person. A huge thank you to Banji Alexander for making the day so memorable, and to all our pupils for their enthusiasm and creativity. What a fantastic way to start Autumn 2!



School Photographs

The individual school photograph proofs have now been received by the School and have been provided to each child to take home this week. Orders will be limited to online ordering only, directly to Fraser Portraits via (<https://orderphotos.co.uk/welcome>), or over the phone at 01202 692433. You will be required to log in with your account details or enter your proof card identification/registration code to be able to make payments. Orders must be placed by **Tuesday 2nd December 2025** in order to receive free delivery back to the School.

Practice Papers – Year 6 SATs

We would like to remind parents, guardians and carers, that children in Year 6 will be completing their SATs practice tests during the week commencing Monday 24th November 2025. It is extremely important that they attend school every day to gain the full benefit of this preparation. Please also remember that a good breakfast is essential for children before school, particularly when they are sitting tests. Research has shown that children who eat a healthy breakfast have improved alertness and concentration, better mental performance, an enhanced mood, and stronger memory. We wish all our children every success in their tests!

UK Parliament Week

UK Parliament Week (UKPW) is a celebration of people power. This week is used to educate pupils about the UK Parliament, how it works and how they can make an impact on the issues they care about.

Topic Workshops

Next week, pupils in Years 4, 5 and 6 will take part in interactive topic workshops. The workshops are being held to inspire an interest in the topics they have learnt. Most importantly, the children will garner first-hand experience about the topics through storytelling and drama. Please ensure that your child does not miss out on this engaging learning experience!

Hewens Primary School Guided Tours

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. 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>)



Eagle Alliance



Falcon Alliance



Red Kite Alliance



Sparrowhawk Alliance

Parent Phonics Workshop - Reception and Year 1

On Tuesday 25th November 2025 at 2:30pm, we will be hosting a Phonics workshop for parents, guardians and carers of Reception and Year 1 pupils 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. You will also have the opportunity to ask questions. Looking forward to seeing you all!



Last Days of Enrichment Club - Autumn Term

Please be aware that next week will be the final week of Enrichment Clubs for the Autumn Term. Therefore, the final clubs will be held on Wednesday 26th and Thursday 27th November 2025. Thank you.

Safeguarding our Children

Please can all parents, guardians and carers be mindful of safeguarding and safety during drop off and collection times. It has been observed that some drivers are becoming reckless when driving down Hewens Road and parking directly outside the school gates in the "Keep Clear" section. Please note these precautions and signage are in place to ensure the safety of all pedestrians and neighbours when outside the school courtyard. We ask everyone to continue to show consideration for pedestrians, pupils and neighbours during busy times. Thank you for your support and cooperation with this.

Flu Vaccinations - Monday 8th December 2025

 <p>NASAL VACCINE</p> <p>No needles - just quick, painless, effective flu protection (contains gelatine)</p>	OR	 <p>THE INJECTION</p> <p>We offer a PORK-FREE, GELATINE-FREE injection considered a faith-friendly alternative.</p>
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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>].

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]. 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.

	Week Commencing: Monday 24th November	
MENU 4		
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	Vegetarian
Meal Choice 4	Vegetable Goujons with Roast Potatoes, Stuffing and Onion Gravy	
Dessert Choice	Chocolate Sponge	Fresh Fruit and Yoghurts
FRIDAY		
Meal Choice 1	Fish Fingers with Potato Wedges	Vegetarian
Meal Choice 2	Macaroni Cheese	
Meal Choice 3	Vegetable Fingers with Oven Baked Potato Wedges	
Dessert Choice	Custard Tart	Fresh Fruit and Yoghurts
<i>Please note that all main meals are served with Fresh Vegetables of the Day</i>		

		NOVEMBER TO DECEMBER 2025
NOVEMBER		
Monday 24th to Friday 28th		Practice Papers - SATs (Year 6) UK Parliament Week
Monday 24th		WWII Workshop - Year 6
Tuesday 25th		Tudor Workshop - Year 5 Egyptians Workshop - Year 4
Tuesday 25th	2:30pm	Reception and Year 1 Phonics Parent Workshop
Wednesday 26th and Thursday 27th		Last Days of Enrichment Clubs
Thursday 27th	4:00pm	Guided Tour for Potential Parents
DECEMBER		
Monday 1st to Friday 5th		Assessment Week
Wednesday 3rd	9:15am	Reception - Christmas Carolling Assembly
Thursday 4th	9:15am	Year 1 - Christmas Carolling Assembly
	2:00pm	Year 2 - Christmas Carolling Assembly
Friday 5th	9:15am	Years 5 and 6 - Christmas Carolling Assembly
	2:00pm	Years 3 and 4 - Christmas Carolling Assembly
Monday 8th		Flu Vaccination (2nd visit)