



A Journey Through Time: KS2 History Workshops



Last week, our pupils took part in a series of exciting and enriching history workshops across Key Stage 2. On Monday 24th November 2025, Year 6 immersed themselves in a World War II workshop, gaining a deeper understanding of life on the Home Front, key events of the war and the impact it had on families and communities. The following day, 25th November 2025, Year 5 explored the fascinating world of the Tudors, engaging in hands-on activities that brought the era's monarchs, discoveries and daily activities to life, while Year 4 travelled even further back in time to investigate Ancient Egypt, learning about pharaohs, pyramids and the remarkable achievements of this ancient civilisation. These workshops provided memorable learning experiences that supported and extended the pupils' classroom studies. The pupils thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to deepen their historical knowledge in such an interactive and engaging way.





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He spoke to the children about his experiences as a Member of Parliament and shared insights into how debates, decisions and new laws are formed. Our pupils asked a range of thoughtful and well-prepared questions, demonstrating their growing understanding of the responsibilities involved in public service. Mr McDonnell commented on how engaged and articulate the pupils were throughout the discussion. It was a truly inspiring experience that helped deepen the pupils appreciation of how their voices matter within a democratic society, and we are grateful to Mr McDonnell for giving his time to support their learning.

Phonics Parent Workshop



Thank you to all the parents, guardians and carers who joined us for the Phonics Parent Workshop on Tuesday 25th November 2025. It was wonderful to see you actively engaging with the sounds and exploring practical ways to support your child's reading development at home. Your involvement is invaluable in helping your children build a strong foundation in literacy, which supports their confidence and learning across all subjects. Copies of the Sound Mat and Fred Games instructions have been left at the front office for parents, guardians and carers who were unable to attend. We encourage you to collect these resources and practise the activities with your children, as regular practise really does make a difference. For additional support, please use the link below to access free resources and videos, offering step-by-step guidance on practising phonics and reading at home. These resources are a great way to reinforce your child's learning in school while making it fun and effective.

[<https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/reading/reading-schemes-oxford-levels/read-write-inc-phonics-guide/>].

John McDonnell (MP) Visits Hewens Primary

On Thursday 27th November 2025, we were delighted to welcome John McDonnell to Hewens Primary School as part of our UK Parliament Week celebrations. Mr McDonnell spent the afternoon with our Year 6 pupils, who have been learning about democracy, government and the role of Parliament in shaping the country.



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WINTER LIGHTS WALK

BARRA HALL PARK
FREEMANS LANE, HAYES UB3 2NH
MEETING AT: THE BANDSTAND
MONDAY 8TH DECEMBER 2025
1800 - 1900HRS
PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN FLASHLIGHT OR LANTERN

After-School Care – Contact Number

For any enquiries or updates regarding the After-School Care between 4:30 pm and 5:30 pm, please call **07950853176**. This number should be used if you need to inform us of changes to collection, late arrivals, or any urgent matters related to the wrap around care.

Alliance Food Bank Collection – Donating Items

Hewens Primary School has a long-standing connection with the Hillingdon Foodbank and, as such, we would like to begin collecting items that can be donated over the Christmas break. All food donations will be organised through our House/Alliance system. The House that collects the most items will receive a total of 350 alliance points. We would greatly appreciate donations of any items from the list below:

- Cereals
- Soups
- Baked Beans
- Tinned Tomatoes
- Canned Meat
- Canned Fish
- Tinned Fruits
- Biscuits
- Sugar
- Pasta
- Tea or Coffee
- Toiletries
- Toilet Roll
- Fruit Juice
- Long Life Milk
- Rice
- Jam/Honey
- Dried Mashed Potatoes
- Tinned Potatoes
- Pudding e.g. rice pudding, custard
- Sauces/Gravy
- Treats e.g. chocolates and crisps
- Tinned Spaghetti
- Noodles
- Cleaning and Laundry Supplies

If you would like to donate any of these items, please send them into school with your child so that they can place them in the correct alliance area. All items should be handed in by **Friday 12th December**. Thank you.

Flu Vaccinations – Monday 8th December

Prevent your child from being seriously ill this winter! Vaccinating is crucial in protecting them and vulnerable friends and family from flu.

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.

Complete this form, even if you do not want the vaccine.

<https://nwl.schoolvaccination.uk/flu/2025/hillingdon>

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:

[\[https://nwl.schoolvaccination.uk/flu/2025/hillingdon\]](https://nwl.schoolvaccination.uk/flu/2025/hillingdon).

Christmas Jumper Day – Thursday 11th December

On Thursday 11th December, all the children are invited to wear their favourite Christmas jumper to school! We kindly ask for your support in helping us raise as much money as possible for the 'Save the Children' charity, and we greatly appreciate any donations made towards this worthy cause. Looking forward to seeing lots of happy and excited children wearing their favourite Christmas jumpers and supporting a charity that truly makes a difference to those in need.

Spreading Christmas Magic at Hillingdon Hospital

On Thursday 11th December 2025, a selected group of our talented Year 5 and Year 6 pupils will be spreading joy and festive cheer at Hillingdon Hospital. They will perform heartwarming songs and bring the magic of the season to the children's ward, creating smiles and unforgettable moments for those who need it most. **What a wonderful way to share the true spirit of giving this holiday!**

End of Term – Friday 19th December

A reminder to all parents, guardians and carers that **Friday 19th December** is the last day of term. Children will be dismissed at staggered times starting from 11:30am. Please see the timings below:

Year Group	Pick-Up Time
Nursery AM	11:30am
Reception to Year 6	12:00pm

Please note that afternoon Nursery will not be open and there will be no aftercare available on this day. Thank you.



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#DoSomethingThisHoliday - Winter 2025/26

#DOSOMETHINGTHISHOLIDAY

The Hillingdon Youth Offer Targeted Team has put together a fun-filled holiday programme. The Winter Wellbeing programme is designed to inspire creativity, build confidence, and promote well-being. Our young residents can take part in Winter Wellbeing Workshops – packed with activities like creative arts, sports, cooking, and personal development sessions to develop new skills, teamwork and wellbeing awareness. Fun activities for connection, creativity and wellness.

This is a fantastic opportunity for children and young people in Hillingdon to learn, connect, and create unforgettable memories. **Do not miss this enriching experience! Visit the link below to book your session:** (<https://rebrand.ly/DSTH/Winter2025>).

Parent Consultation

Parent consultation meetings will be held over a two-day period on Monday 5th and Tuesday 6th January 2026. Consultation times will be sent out via letter next week.

Please be assured that we have taken into consideration families with more than one child and have allocated timeslots on the same afternoon a similar time to accommodate these families on their assigned day.

If this is not the case, please contact us via email and we will do our best to adjust your appointments. change this for you. If you are unable to attend a face-to-face parent consultation meeting, teachers will make alternative arrangements via a telephone conference.

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.

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.

	Week Commencing: <i>Monday 8th December</i>
MENU 2	

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	<i>Strawberry Mousse with Fresh Strawberries</i>	<i>Fresh Fruit and Yoghurts</i>
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	<i>Chocolate Sponge</i>	<i>Fresh Fruit and Yoghurts</i>
WEDNESDAY		
Meal Choice 1	Baked Jacket Potato with Fillings <i>[sliced chicken, salad, coleslaw, tuna]</i>	
Meal Choice 2	Sweet Potato with Fillings <i>[sliced chicken, salad, coleslaw, tuna]</i>	Vegetarian
Dessert Choice	<i>Fruit Tarts</i>	<i>Fresh Fruit and Yoghurts</i>
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	<i>Vanilla Cheesecake</i>	<i>Fresh Fruit and Yoghurts</i>
FRIDAY		
Meal Choice 1	Fish Fingers with Oven Baked Potato Wedges	
Meal Choice 2	Vegetable Fingers with Oven Baked Potato Wedges	Vegetarian
Meal Choice 3	Vegetable Tomato Pasta Bake	
Dessert Choice	<i>Apple Pie</i>	<i>Fresh Fruit and Yoghurts</i>
<i>Please note that all main meals are served with Fresh Vegetables of the Day</i>		

 DECEMBER 2025 TO JANUARY 2026		
DECEMBER		
Monday 8th		Flu Vaccination (2nd visit)
Thursday 11th		Christmas Jumper Day (Themed Day)
Thursday 11th	1:30pm	Christmas Caroling at Hillingdon Hospital
Friday 12th		Food Bank Collection Deadline
Wednesday 17th		Christmas Dinner
Friday 19th		Christmas Class Parties
		End of Term - Early Dismissal
JANUARY		
Monday 5th and Tuesday 6th	1:00 to 5:00pm	Parent Consultation
Wednesday 7th		Term Begins
Monday 12th		Junior Citizens Event - Year 6
Monday 19th to Friday 23rd		Practice Papers - Phonics (Year 1) and SATs (Year 6)
Monday 19th		Hearing & Vision Screening - Reception
Wednesday 21st		Reception Pedestrian Training
		Year 1 Pedestrian Training
Monday 26th to Friday 30th		Life Base Education Workshops
Wednesday 28th		Dragons' Den Workshop Event