



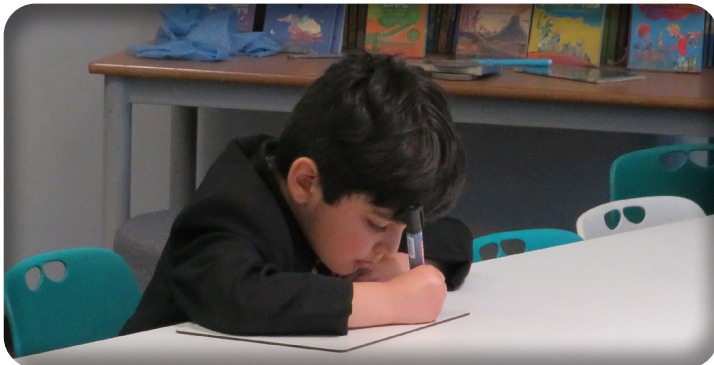
British Science Week

We were delighted to celebrate British Science Week with our pupils this year. The theme, "*Curiosity: What's your Question?*", inspired pupils across the school to think creatively, ask bold questions and explore the world around them with inquisitive minds. Throughout the week, pupils took part in a range of exciting scientific challenges, and we are pleased to share some of the highlights from their learning journey.

Spelling Bee



We began the week with a lively Spelling Bee Competition, where pupils in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 impressed us with their confidence and enthusiasm. They tackled a range of scientific vocabulary, including words such as microscope and biodiversity, showcasing both their curiosity and growing scientific understanding. It was a wonderful way to blend language and science while inspiring pupils to explore new ideas.



Science Challenge Quiz



Another highlight of the week was our exciting Science Challenge. Pupils in Years 3 to 5 worked collaboratively in teams, taking on a series of problem solving activities inspired by real world scientific ideas. The tasks encouraged critical thinking, discussion and creativity, with pupils exploring different possibilities and developing solutions together. Their teamwork and curiosity shone throughout the challenge.



Guest Speaker - Dr Monika Gostic



On Wednesday 11th March 2026, we were very privileged to hear from the award-winning Dr Monika Gostic, a geneticist, functional nutritionist and lifestyle medicine educator. She shared her personal journey and spoke about the impact of her research, inspiring both pupils and staff with her insights into health, wellbeing and the importance of making positive lifestyle choices. The pupils were particularly excited to learn about one of her most recent scientific experiences - cloning a fish. This fascinating example of modern science sparked great curiosity among the pupils and led to many thoughtful questions about genetics and scientific discovery.

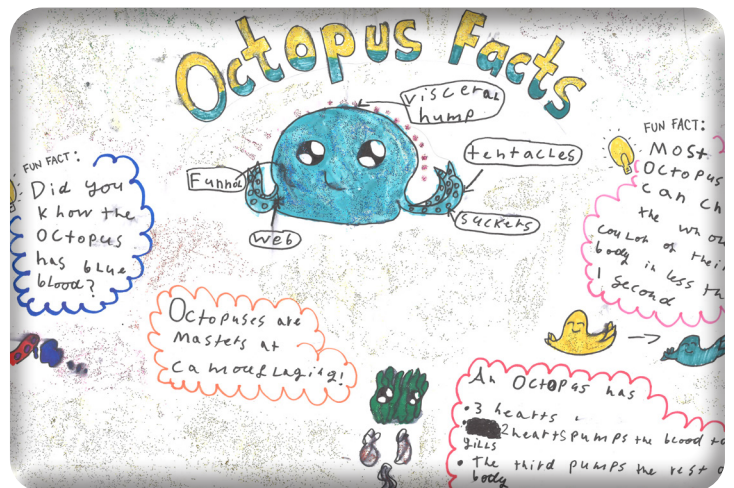
Science Debate



One of the most engaging events of the week was our Year 6 Debate, where pupils explored the thought provoking question: **"Should scientists be allowed to do experiments even when they don't know the consequences?"** Pupils impressed us with their well reasoned arguments, careful research and mature reflections on scientific ethics. It was inspiring to see them consider different viewpoints and engage so thoughtfully with the challenges that scientists face - perfectly capturing the spirit of curiosity and critical thinking at the heart of this year's theme.



Poster Competition



In our Poster Competition, pupils got creative by designing eye-catching posters, inspired by the theme "Curiosity". The posters were displayed around the school, and it was wonderful to see the artistic and scientific talent of our pupils on full display. Well done to all the pupils who took part, the designs were phenomenal! Check out some of the designs.

ROBOTS

By Jaidan Blawie

More facts

- Everyone wanted to make robots because of comic books like...

LET'S INVESTIGATE!

Can robots think like humans?

- Robots don't actually think like humans.
- Some robots learn from experience.
- Robots use sensors like humans use senses.
- Robots make decisions in milliseconds.

FUN FACTS

- Amazon operates over 750,000 Warehouse Robots.
- Amazon warehouses have about 4 million industrial robots.
- The first robot was named Elmer and was made in 1939.
- George Deval created the first robot ever.

Thought bubbles:

- What are children and young people's visions for a good or 'positive' childhood?
- What are the 'big' issues?
- What are the 'small' issues?
- What are the 'big' issues?
- What are the 'small' issues?

Jellyfish!

- Jellyfish have no brain, heart, bones or eyes.
- They have venomous stings to protect from predators.
- Jellyfish are invertebrates, which means they do not have a backbone like fish or humans do.
- Their bodies are made up of mostly water - about 90-98% making them soft and jiggly.

Theme: Curiosity: What's Your Question?

Scientists have to ask questions on different subjects so they can learn more about the world we live in, and beyond.

For example, if you were an astronomer, or you work in space, what would you ask?

- What makes Saturn's rings?
- What are stars made of?
- How old is earth?
- How many different constellations are there?

or if you worked with plants...

- What makes plants grow faster?
- What is the main source of energy for plants?
- What leads to extinction?
- What was the first animal on earth?

It's good to be inquisitive and it's good to ask questions.

British Science Week: 2026

A POSITIVE FUTURE FOR CHILDHOOD

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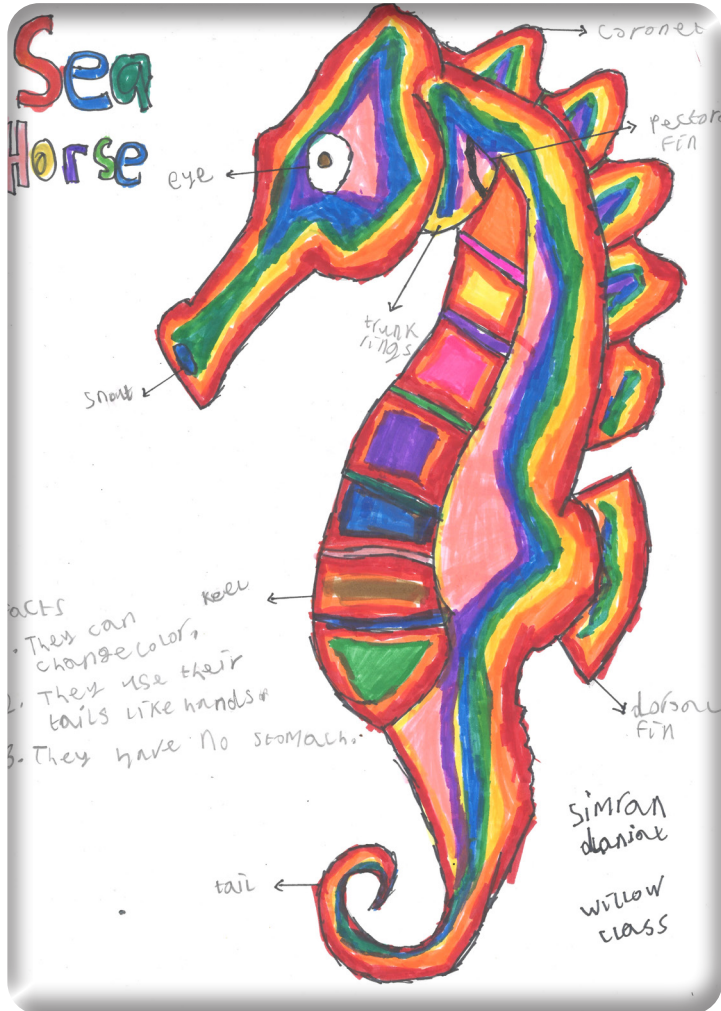
- right now
- 2047
- Don't throw waste in the river
- In the future we might have flying cars
- Will it dirty like this mess? What if the river became a sea? Not hot... X

Curiosity: What's Your Question?

Question: How DO Meteors Form?

Labels: Meteor, Beam!, Beam!, Beam!, Beam!, Beam!, Beam!

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Science Showcase



A key highlight of British Science Week was our exciting Science Showcase, where pupils proudly presented the investigations they had been working on throughout the week. Our young scientists formed their own questions, tested hypotheses, gathered data and prepared their findings with great care and enthusiasm. During the Showcase, parents, guardians and carers had the opportunity to explore the pupils' work first hand, ask questions and celebrate the scientific thinking taking place across the school. It was a wonderful chance for families to see how curiosity, creativity and hands on exploration shaped the children's learning - and a memorable finale to a week filled with discovery.





Schools' Football Week



School Photographs Orders

The class school photograph proofs ID were distributed via email last week. Orders will be limited to online ordering, directly to Fraser Portraits via (www.orderphotos.co.uk) or over the phone at **01202 692433**. You will be required to log in with your account details or enter your proof card identification to be able to place an order. **Orders must be placed before Monday 30th March in order to receive free delivery back to the School.** Unfortunately, any order received after this date will need to be ordered directly from Fraser Portraits and will incur an additional surcharge of £4 per order. For all orders placed after the deadline date, packs will be sent directly to your home address.

Easter Bonnet Making

On Friday 27th March, Hewens Primary will be hosting an Easter Bonnet Showcase for the pupils. In preparation for this, we would like all pupils to make a bonnet at home using recycled materials. If you have any questions regarding this, please speak with the class teacher. We have also been reliably informed that the Easter Bunny will be hopping in from Germany.

End of Term – Friday 27th March

A reminder to all parents, guardians and carers that Friday 27th March 2026 is the last day of term.

Children will be dismissed at staggered times starting from 11:30am. Please see below for times:

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.

Summer Term Dates – 2025 to 2026

Staff Training: (Half day)	Monday 13th April 2026 [Training – morning only] [Parent Consultation – afternoon and early evening]
Staff Training: (Half day)	Tuesday 14th April 2026 [Training – morning only] [Parent Consultation - afternoon and early evening]
Term Begins:	Wednesday 15th April 2026
Bank Holiday:	Monday 4th May 2026 (May Day)
Half Term:	Monday 25th to Friday 29th May 2026
Term Ends:	Friday 17th July 2026
Staff Training:	Monday 20th July 2026
Staff Training:	Tuesday 21st July 2026

Parent Consultation

Parent consultation meetings will be held over a two-day period on Monday 13th and Tuesday 14th April 2026 and parent consultation time letters will be distributed next week. Please be assured that we have taken into consideration those who have more than one child and have given 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 try to change this for you. If you are unable to accommodate a face-to-face parent consultation meeting, the teachers will make alternative arrangements via telephone conference. **Please ensure you stick to your parent consultation time as multiple meetings will be happening throughout the whole afternoon, with a 10 minute slot for each meeting.**

#DoSomethingThisHoliday – Easter 2026

#DOSOMETHINGTHISHOLIDAY

The Hillingdon Youth Offer Targeted Team is offering a fun-filled programme during the Easter school holiday for the enjoyment and growth of pupils in Years 4 to 6. The Easter Wellbeing programme is designed to inspire creativity, build confidence, explore empathy, and promote well-being. Pupils can take part in Easter Wellbeing Workshops – packed with activities like an offsite trip to Walton Firs Activity Centre, creative arts, sports, cooking, and personal development sessions to develop new skills, teamwork and wellbeing awareness.

This is a fantastic opportunity for our young residents to learn new skills, make friends, and create unforgettable memories. Lunch will be provided on the day. Please ensure your child brings a re-fillable water bottle and wear weather/activity appropriate clothes that they can move and get messy in. To request a place for your child, please visit: (<https://rebrand.ly/DSTH/Easter2026>)

Supporting Rainbow Ward at Hillingdon Hospital

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At Hillingdon Hospital

Help Us Bring
Joy to Young Patients
with a Brand New
Gaming Trolley!

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Rainbow Ward at Hillingdon Hospital cares for children undergoing oncology treatment, day surgery, medical procedures, allergy challenges and regular blood infusions, and many of these young patients spend long, difficult hours on the ward without any entertainment to bring comfort or distraction. To help brighten their days, we're are hoping to help raise £1,000 to £1,200 for a mobile gaming and entertainment trolley, and with your help and support - alongside fundraising from our wonderful schools and colleges - we hope to reach this goal.

Holiday Requests During Term Time

Children's absence during term time will only be approved in exceptional circumstances. Any planned term time leave of absence, must be requested in writing to the Headteacher prior to any travel arrangements being made. In such circumstances, please contact the School Office and request a Leave of Absence Form, which must be completed and returned to the School Office prior to the absence. **Evidence is required to support the request.** You will be notified if your request is approved as soon as possible. If the absence is not approved but taken, it will be recorded as unauthorised. Please be aware that unauthorised absences could result in the issuing of a fixed penalty fine and/or prosecution by the Local Authority. If you have any questions or require any further information about this procedure, please contact the School Office. Thank you.

Thrive Website Now Live!

Thriving together

Welcome to Thrive Hillingdon, the emotional wellbeing and mental health service for children and young people in Hillingdon.

How Thrive can help you

Let us know how we can help you by choosing a box below, so that we can give you the best support possible...

- Anxiety
- Depression
- Eating Disorders
- Self-Care
- Helpful Organisations
- Parent Information

NHS www.thrivehillington.co.uk

A new online mental wellbeing resource, Thrive Hillingdon, has recently been launched and is now available for families, young people, and professionals across the borough. The website brings together clear information, self help tools, signposting, and a wide range of emotional well being resources in one easy to access place. Its aim is to help children, young people, and their families understand what support is available locally and how to access it when needed. We hope this will be a useful resource for our school community.

You can visit the site here:

(<https://www.therosedalehewensacademytrust.co.uk/new-thrive-website-supporting-childrens-mental-wellbeing>)



Eagle Alliance



Falcon Alliance



Red Kite Alliance



Sparrowhawk Alliance

How You Can Make a Difference

Whether it's 50p, £2, £10 or £20, every single donation brings us closer to placing this trolley into the hands of the children who need it most. Visit our website for more information and to access the GoFundMe page. We kindly ask you to donate, only if you can, share it with others, and support in any way possible to help bring joy, comfort and a much needed spark of happiness to the children of Rainbow Ward. Small acts of kindness become huge moments of happiness – and together, we can make this happen! (<https://www.therosedalehewensacademytrust.co.uk/supporting-rainbow-ward-help-us-bring-joy-to-young-patients>)

School Drop Off & Pick Up Safety

IMPORTANT INFORMATION
SCHOOL TRAVEL AND ROAD SAFETY

VISIT OUR WEBISTE AND DOWNLOAD THE SCHOOL TRAVEL AND ROAD SAFETY INFORMATION GUIDE

We have received updated guidance from the STaRS Team at Hillingdon Council regarding safe behaviour during school drop off and pick up times. The council has highlighted ongoing concerns about unsafe parking, congestion, and road safety around schools, and is asking all families to help create a safer, calmer environment for children and the wider community.

To support this, the STaRS Team has provided a detailed School Drop Off & Pick Up Safety Information Guide, which outlines important reminders about responsible driving, safe crossing points, and following road markings such as yellow zig zags and double yellow lines. You can download the full document from our school website for more information:

(<https://www.therosedalehewensacademytrust.co.uk/school-dropoff-and-pickup-safety-important-information-from-hillingdon-council>)

	Week Commencing: Monday 23rd March
MENU 3	

MONDAY		
Meal Choice 1	Chicken Sausages with Mashed Potatoes and Onion Gravy	Halal
Meal Choice 2	Chicken Sausages with Mashed Potatoes and Onion Gravy	Non Halal
Meal Choice 3	Vegetarian Sausages with Mashed Potatoes and Onion Gravy	Vegetarian
Dessert Choice	Orange Jelly	Fresh Fruit and Yoghurts
TUESDAY		
Meal Choice 1	Beef Lasagne with Fresh Salad	Halal
Meal Choice 2	Beef Lasagne with Fresh Salad	Non Halal
Meal Choice 3	Vegetarian Lasagne with Fresh Salad	Vegetarian
Dessert Choice	Chocolate Mousse	Fresh Fruit and Yoghurts
WEDNESDAY		
Meal Choice 1	Barbecue Grilled Chicken Breast with Rice	Halal
Meal Choice 2	Barbecue Grilled Chicken Breast with Rice	Non Halal
Meal Choice 3	Baked Jacket Potato with Various Fillings	Vegetarian
Dessert Choice	Apple Crumble	Fresh Fruit and Yoghurts
THURSDAY		
Meal Choice 1	Cajun Chicken in Pitta Bread with Oven Cooked Potato Slices and Tomato Salsa	Halal
Meal Choice 2	Cajun Chicken in Pitta Bread with Oven Cooked Potato Slices and Tomato Salsa	Non Halal
Meal Choice 3	Roast Mediterranean Vegetables in Pitta Bread with Oven Cooked Potato Slices and Tomato Salsa	Vegetarian
Meal Choice 4	Vignola Quinoa in Pitta Bread with Oven Cooked Potato Slices and Tomato Salsa	
Dessert Choice	Vanilla Sponge with a Pineapple Ring and a Cherry	Fresh Fruit and Yoghurts
FRIDAY		
Meal Choice 1	Fish Fingers with Oven Baked Potato Wedges	Vegetarian
Meal Choice 2	Macaroni Cheese	
Meal Choice 3	Vegetable Fingers with Oven Baked Potato Wedges	
Dessert Choice	Chocolate Brownie Tray Bake	Fresh Fruit and Yoghurts
<i>Please note that all main meals are served with Fresh Vegetables of the Day</i>		

	MARCH TO MAY 2026
MARCH	
Monday 23rd to Friday 27th	Schools' Football Week
Monday 23rd	Hazel Class Library Visit
Thursday 26th	Willow Class Library Visit
Friday 27th	Easter Bonnet Showcase
	End of Term (Early Dismissal)
APRIL	
Monday 30th March to 14th April	Easter Holidays
Monday 13th and Tuesday 14th	Parent Consultation Meetings
Wednesday 15th	Term Begins
Monday 20th to Friday 24th	Practice Papers - Year 6
Thursday 30th	9:00am Year 4 MTC Parent Workshop
Thursday 30th	NCMP Height and Weight Screening for Reception & Year 6
MAY	
Monday 4th	May Day Bank Holiday
Tuesday 5th	Hearing and Vision Screening
Monday 11th to Friday 15th	Practice Papers - Year 1 Phonics
Monday 11th to Thursday 14th	Year 6 SATs Week