

Young Writers Winner!



We are delighted to celebrate the fantastic achievement of **Olivia in Year 3**, who has been awarded a **special prize from Young Writers** for her creative poem, *The Nice Big Guy*.

The Big, Nice Guy

Bright purple skin with a watery sheen

Under the wave is where he's often seen

Munching on fish with a splash and a grin

Playful, bumpy, with his dimple on his skin

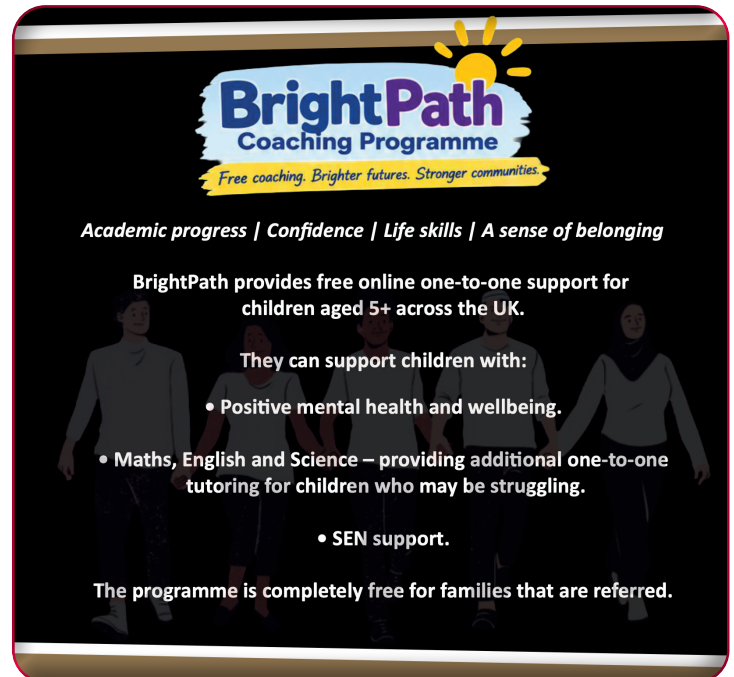
Yearning for friends, he swims up to say hi, a gentle seal monster who's a really nice guy.

Olivia's poem impressed the Young Writers team, and we are incredibly proud to see her creativity and love of writing recognised in this way. Writing poetry provides pupils with a wonderful opportunity to use their imagination, play with language and express their ideas in their own unique way.

As part of her prize, Olivia received a fantastic selection of **story books, notebooks and art supplies**, which will hopefully inspire her to continue writing, creating and exploring her imagination.

We are very proud of Olivia and her achievement. **Well done!** Keep writing, keep creating and keep sharing your wonderful ideas!

Free BrightPath Support for Children and Families



Families can access **BrightPath**, a free programme from the Blue Magpie Foundation providing remote one-to-one educational, mentoring and wellbeing support for children aged five and over. BrightPath can support young people with Maths, English and Science, as well as confidence, mental health and wellbeing, and additional needs or SEND. Sessions are designed around the individual learner and can be accessed from home, providing additional encouragement and support in a welcoming environment. Please take a look at our website to find out more about BrightPath and the support available to your family (<https://www.therosedalehewensacademytrust.co.uk/news-and-events-1/latest-news/free-brightpath-support-available-for-children-and-families>).

Is My Child Too Ill for School?

We understand that it can sometimes be difficult for parents, guardians and carers to decide whether their child is well enough to attend school, especially when they have a cough, cold, temperature or another common childhood illness. The NHS provides helpful guidance explaining when children can continue attending school, when they should stay at home and when further medical advice may be needed. Children with mild illnesses can often still attend if they are otherwise feeling well and do not have a high temperature, while some illnesses require a period of absence to help children recover and reduce the spread of infection.

Please visit our website for more detailed guidance on common childhood illnesses and school attendance (<https://www.therosedalehewensacademytrust.co.uk/news-and-events-1/latest-news/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school>).

Black History Month – October 2026



Black History Month is the annual celebration and commemoration of historical events, achievements, and contributions that Black people have made. First brought to the UK in the 1980s, Black History Month was initially introduced to the country by a member of the Greater London Council, Akyaaba Addai Sebo. Since 1987, Black History Month has been celebrated annually in the UK, to eradicate discrimination and encourage racial equality. At Hewens Primary School, we will be honouring the contributions made to society by people of Black heritage and their communities. On 5th October, we will host a special celebration assembly in the morning to commemorate Black History Month.

Young Voices Auditions

In an effort to prepare for and participate in the annual Young Voices choir at the OVO Arena in Wembley, pupils in Years 4 to 6 will have the opportunity to audition to be considered for Young Voices. Based on their performance and other factors, a group of children will be selected to participate in Young Voices this year and will be informed by letter.

World Mental Health Day

On Saturday 10th October 2026, we will join schools across the globe in marking World Mental Health Day, an international event dedicated to raising awareness and understanding of mental health. As part of our Personal, Social, Health and Economic education (PSHE), we will place a special focus on the importance of good mental health, how to turn negative thoughts into positive ones and how important it is to have a positive attitude in everyday life.

Tapestry Workshop

Parents, guardians and carers of children in Nursery and Reception are invited to a Tapestry Training Workshop on Wednesday 14th October for Nursery Parents and Thursday 15th October for Reception Parents. All workshops will take place at 8:45am in the Computer Suite.

Hewens Primary School Guided Tours

**Visit Us At
Hewens Primary School**

**Ofsted 2025: Good with Outstanding
Personal Development**

Mornings
Wednesday 23rd September 2026
Thursday 19th November 2026
(10:00am)

Afternoons
Tuesday 20th October 2026
Monday 18th January 2026
(4:00pm)

Book Your Visit!

www.hewensprimary.co.uk

We are delighted to invite prospective parents, guardians and carers to visit Hewens Primary School and discover what makes our school such a special place to learn and grow. Our Open Days offer the perfect opportunity to explore our facilities, meet our dedicated staff, and see first-hand how we inspire children to achieve their very best. Recognised by Ofsted as Good with Outstanding Personal Development, we are proud of our welcoming community, excellent academic outcomes, and commitment to ensuring every child feels safe, valued, and supported (<https://www.hewensprimary.co.uk/open-days-at-hewens-primary-school>).



**Eagle
Alliance**



**Falcon
Alliance**



**Red Kite
Alliance**



**Sparrowhawk
Alliance**

Applying for Secondary School September 2026

We would like to inform all parents, guardians and carers of children born between 1st September 2015 and 31st August 2016 that the closing date for applications for Secondary School places to be received by the London Borough of Hillingdon is **31st October 2026**. You can apply for your child's secondary school at (www.hillingdon.gov.uk/secondary). You should have received information with regard to applying for your child starting secondary school via a booklet received.

Primary School Admissions 2026

We would like to inform all parents, guardians and carers of children born between 1st September 2022 and 31st August 2023 that the closing date for applications for Primary School places to be received by the London Borough of Hillingdon is **15th January 2027**. 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 receive information with regard to applying for your child starting primary school shortly via email.

Reporting Absences

It is important to contact the School Office each morning before 9:00am if your child is absent from school. If your child has an appointment with the general practitioner (GP), dentist, or hospital, please bring in evidence of the appointment so that it can be placed on your child's record. If you are unable to contact the office, we encourage you to send an email with this information to HPAttendance@trhat.org. All absences will be recorded as unauthorised unless evidence is provided. Thank you for your support.

Updating Email Addresses

We kindly ask all parents, guardians and carers to ensure that we have an up-to-date email address for both parents on the school system, as all communication is currently being sent via email. You can provide this information by either emailing the school office account or completing the contact details form available at the School Office.

Term Dates - 2026 to 2027

Half Term:	Monday 26 th to Friday 30 th October 2026
Term Ends:	Friday 18 th December 2026
SPRING TERM 2027	
Staff Training: (Half day)	Monday 4 th January 2027 [Training – morning only] [Parent Consultation – afternoon and early evening]
Staff Training: (Half day)	Tuesday 5 th January 2027 [Training – morning only] [Parent Consultation – afternoon and early evening]
Term Begins:	Wednesday 6 th January 2027
Half Term:	Monday 15 th to Friday 19 th February 2027
Term Ends:	Thursday 25 th March 2027

The 2026 to 2027 term dates are detailed on our website and can be accessed via (www.hewensprimary.co.uk/term-dates). Please check these dates, as they will be particularly helpful to parents, guardians or carers planning family holidays and activities.

	Week Commencing: <i>Monday 5th October</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	Strawberry Mousse with Fresh Strawberries	Fresh Fruit and Yoghurts
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	Chocolate Sponge	Fresh Fruit and Yoghurts
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	Fruit Tarts	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	Vanilla Cheesecake	Fresh Fruit and Yoghurts
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	Apple Pie	Fresh Fruit and Yoghurts
<i>Please note that all main meals are served with Fresh Vegetables of the Day</i>		

OCTOBER TO NOVEMBER 2026		
OCTOBER - BLACK HISTORY MONTH		
Monday 5th		Black History Month Assembly
Tuesday 6th to Thursday 8th		Young Voices Auditions (Years 4 to 6)
Saturday 10th		World Mental Health Day
Tuesday 13th		Year 5 Pedestrian Training
Wednesday 14th	8:45am	Tapestry Training - Nursery Parents
Thursday 15th	8:45am	Tapestry Training - Reception Parents
Tuesday 20th	4:00pm	Guided Tour - Reception Admissions September 2027
Friday 23rd	9:15am	Pinning Ceremony - School Council Leaders
Monday 26th to Friday 30th		Half Term Holidays
NOVEMBER		
Thursday 5th	8:50am	Year 6 SATs Parent Workshop
Tuesday 10th to Tuesday 17th		Travelling Book Fair
Thursday 12th		National Child Measurement Programme (NCMP) for Reception and Year 6
Friday 13th		Children in Need (Themed Day)
Tuesday 20th	4:00pm	Guided Tour - Reception Admissions September 2027