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Friday 19th December 2025

Diary Dates



2026	
School Closed for children – Teacher Training Day	Monday 5th January
Spring Term Start/School Re-Opens	**Tuesday 6th January**
HCL Hungry caterpillar workshop for KS1 pupils	Tuesday 20th January
Reception Wrens Assembly	Wednesday 21st January – 9.10
Year 1 Local trip to Manor Farm (Timings to be confirmed)	Monday 26th January
Reception Swans Assembly	Friday 30th January – 9.10
SEN Coffee Morning	Monday 2nd February 9.00 to 10.00
Little City Workshop for Nursery	Tuesday 3rd February
Reception Ducklings Assembly	Wednesday 4th February – 9.10
Free Drama workshop for Reception to Y2 pupils	Thursday 5th February
Book for life workshops for Reception- Year 2	Tuesday 10th February
Parents Evening for Nursery/Reception/Year 1 and Year 2	Tuesday 10th February
Parents Evening for Nursery/Reception/Year 1 and Year 2	Thursday 12th February
Half Term	Monday 16th February – Friday 20th February
SEN Coffee Morning	Monday 9th March 9.00 to 10.00
Year 2 trip to Windsor	Friday 13th March
Reception & Year 1 Music Concert	Tuesday 17th March 9:10 & 2:30
Nursery & Y2 Music Concert	Friday 20th March - 9:10 & 2:30
School Term Ends	Friday 27th March at 12.20
School Closed for children – Teacher Training Day	Monday 13th April
Summer Term/School Re-opens	Tuesday 14th April
On The Right Road-performance and workshop for Year 1 & 2	Thursday 23rd April
Y1 Assemblies (Class group tbc)	Wednesday 29th April
Y1 Assemblies (Class group tbc)	Wednesday 6th May
SEN Coffee Morning	Monday 11th May 9.00 to 10.00
Reception Assemblies (Class group tbc)	Thursday 14th May
Reception Assemblies (Class group tbc)	Tuesday 19th May
Reception Assemblies (Class group tbc)	Wednesday 20th May
Half Term	Monday 25th May – Friday 29th May
Cultural Day	Friday 5th June
Year 2 End of Year Show	Friday 10th July – 9:15 & 2:30
SEN Coffee Morning	Monday 13th July 9.00 – 10.00
School Terms Ends	Tuesday 21st July at 12.20

Please see our website for term dates/holidays. Updates/changes in red.



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Head Teacher's Update

This week we carried on the festivities with our much-loved annual trip to **St Martin's Church**, where the children and choir filled the space with beautiful songs. It was truly wonderful to welcome so many of you to share in this special event. A heartfelt thank you goes to all the parents and carers who kindly supported us with travel to and from the school, your help made the day run so smoothly. Thank you to Mrs Linscott for preparing the choir.

On Tuesday, our school hall came alive with the energy of our **Rocksteady bands**, performing together for their families. The progress they have made since their last concert was remarkable, and it was a joy to see their confidence and musicality shine. We can't wait to see how much they continue to grow in the months ahead.

Today we will be saying goodbye to Miss Lowman, who has been such a valued member of our school team in the school office for the past three years. Her hard work and dedication behind the scenes have been vital in keeping everything running smoothly, and she has supported us all with great professionalism and care. On behalf of the staff, pupils, and families, we wish Miss Lowman every success and happiness in her next chapter.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish every one of you a **Merry Christmas and a joyful festive season**. May the holidays bring rest, laughter, and cherished time with loved ones.

We look forward to welcoming all pupils back in the **New Year on Tuesday, 6th January 2026**. Until then, enjoy the celebrations and have a wonderful break.

Warm regards,

Jackie Hall
Headteacher

Messages/Reminders from the Admin Team



External After School Clubs

External clubs will be available from week commencing **Monday 12th January 2026**



Reminder School Re-opens

School re-opens to children – Tuesday 6th January 2026



Reception & Junior School Admissions Deadline

A polite reminder: the deadline for applications to start **Reception** or **Year 3 (Junior School)** is **15th January 2026**.

For full details and to apply, please visit: 👉 https://www.hillingdon.gov.uk/article/8496/Schools-placements-and-admissions

⚠️ Applications submitted after **15th January 2026** will be treated as a **late application** and you may not be guaranteed your preferred school place.



Nursery Admissions

If your child was born between **1st September 2022** and **31st August 2023**, you are eligible to apply for a nursery place starting in **September 2026**.

To register, please complete the pre-registration nursery form: 👉 https://forms.gle/CsA9E9VPCF4L8NX99

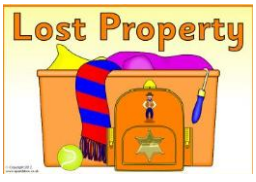
Alternatively, you can contact the school directly at: 📧 admissions@whiteheath-Inf.hillingdon.sch.uk

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🚫 **Allergy Alert: No Hummus or Sesame Products**

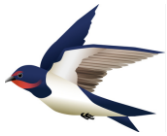
We kindly remind all families that **hummus, sesame seeds, and any sesame seed products are not permitted in school**. This precaution is essential to protect children with severe allergies.

Your cooperation helps us maintain a safe and inclusive environment for every student. Thank you for supporting our school community.



There is currently a large amount of lost property outside the main school reception. We kindly ask that you check the box and collect any belongings that may belong to your child **before Friday, 9th January 2026**. After this date, any remaining items will be cleared and disposed of.

Year 2





Firstly, we want to say a huge well done to all the children for completing their first term in Year 2! They have learnt so much and have been a joy to teach. The children have all worked so hard and are fully deserving of a relaxing break. We have had a fun filled week which started with our visit to St Martin's Church on Monday where we learnt about the Christmas story as well as singing a variety of Christmas songs. Thank you to all of the parents and carers who helped with the walk to and from the church.

Today we have enjoyed a cosy movie afternoon in our classrooms and the children have enjoyed some Christmas crafts and colouring activities.

On the first week back, in English we will be starting our new book 'The Day the Crayons Quit' and looking at the features of persuasive letter writing. This will build up to the children writing their own letter.

In maths we will be continuing on with the Shape topic, learning about properties of 3D shapes before starting on our money topic. We will be starting a new Dimensions topic called ‘Beachcombers’ which has a Science and Geography focus. The Science element has three areas of focus; habitats, exploring how things move and an introduction to sound, focusing on sources of sound and the relationship between distance and volume.

In Geography, we will explore the physical and human features of a fictional seaside town.

In our RE lessons next half term, the children will be thinking about their life journey. They will start plotting the key events and milestones in their life so far as well as their hopes and dreams for the futures.

Notices:

- After the holidays, PE will be on Wednesdays and Fridays – please send children to school in full PE kit on those days.
- Spellings will be sent home on the first week back for a spelling test on 16th January.
- Reading books and home learning books will be sent home on the first week back.

Finally, we would like to say a huge thank you for all the Christmas wishes, gifts, and cards. They are greatly appreciated.

Wishing you all a fantastic Christmas break - Merry Christmas.

From the Year 2 Team.

Year 1





Well, done Year 1! It's been a long term, but the children have coped well with all the changes that Year One brings. We are so proud of all they have achieved and we are sure that they will continue to flourish next term.

For the first week back, in English, we are starting our new book called 'The Queen's Hat'. We will be using adjectives to describe Buckingham Palace. We will be revising question words, using question marks and then writing questions to ask the Queen. We will also be learning different synonyms for walking and will be joining two words in a sentence using 'and'. Finally, we will think of different onomatopoeic words to describe the wind and use them, with an exclamation mark in a sentence.

In Maths we will be starting another topic based on place value – thinking especially about the numbers between 10 and 20, what they mean and how they are represented. Please can you help your child practice counting backwards, especially crossing the 'teen' numbers. Thank you.

In Phonics, we will be learning the sounds- y (igh e.g., fly), ow (oa e.g., snow), g (j, e.g., giant), ph (f e.g., phone). We will be learning the tricky words –who, whole, where and two. Our spelling quizzes will resume on the first Friday back after the holidays. Spelling booklets have gone home this week in readiness.

We will be starting a new topic called 'Unity in the Community', which is a geography-based topic exploring our local area. We will begin our topic by exploring different groups in our community and how we can help them, such as the elderly. We will also look at members of our school community and their roles.

In RE, we are starting a new topic 'What do people believe about creation?'. We will start by looking at different natural wonders of the world and the idea that some people believe the world was created by a loving God.

Notices:

- There is forest school next half term. If you took the wellies back home, please do bring them back in preparation for forest school.
- After half term, PE will only be on Mondays (Robins) and Tuesdays for Doves.
- New spelling packs have been sent home this week for next half term, including spelling lists and the date they will be quizzed on.
- Reading books and home learning books have not been sent home this week. They will be sent home on the first week back.
- Children will be not bringing any Library books home this week.

Thank you for all your support.

Wishing you all a fantastic Christmas break, the Year 1 Team

Reception





As we finish this term, we are so proud of the incredible progress our Reception children have made.

🌟 A Wonderful Term in Reception

We are truly amazed at how far the children have come already. They have grown in confidence, become more independent, and are building strong friendships across the year group.
In literacy, we have seen fantastic progress: many children can now confidently write their names, and they are beginning to write simple consonant-vowel-consonant (CVC) words such as *cat*, *dog*, and *sun* by recognising and using their sounds. We are also thrilled to see children starting to read simple books, showing pride and excitement in their achievements.
We couldn't be prouder of the effort, enthusiasm, and joy the children bring to their learning each day. Their curiosity and determination have shone through, and it has been wonderful to see them flourish.

👀 Looking Ahead – Spring Term

🌎 Dimensions Topic – *Help at Home*

Our next topic will be **"People Who Help Us"**, with a focus on understanding responsibilities and how children can help around the house. This will support them in developing important **life skills** and recognising the value of helping others.

🔢 Maths – White Rose *Alive in 5*

We will continue with the **Alive in 5** unit, developing understanding of:

- **Zero**
- **Subitising** (recognising small quantities without counting)
- **Representing numbers** in different ways

📚 Useful Books to Explore at Home

Here are some wonderful books that link to our maths learning:

- *Zero is the Leaves on the Tree* – Betsy Franco
- *None the Number* – Oliver Jeffers
- *Anno's Counting Book* – Mitsumasa Anno
- *I Spy Numbers* – Jean Marzollo
- *The Ugly Five* – Julia Donaldson

📌 Messages for Next Half Term

- **PE** will begin on **Tuesdays** – children should come to school wearing their PE kits.
- **Wellies** – please bring in new wellies during the first week back if your child's feet have grown.
- **Water Bottles** – children need a labelled water bottle in school every day.
- **Assemblies** – Reception assemblies will take place this half term.

💬 Spark the Conversation – Developing Oracy Skills

This week's question is: ✨ *If you could be any animal for a day, which one would you choose and why?*

👉 Please **model your answer first** so children hear how ideas can be explained. For example: *"I would choose to be a dolphin because I'd love to swim fast and explore the ocean."*

🎄 Thank You

Thank you for your continued support at home — from practising reading and phonics to encouraging independence. Together, we've helped the children achieve so much this term.
We wish all our families a joyful Christmas and a restful holiday. We look forward to welcoming the children back in the New Year for more exciting learning adventures!

Reception Team

Nursery



It's hard to believe we've reached the final week of term! We are incredibly proud of all the children and the wonderful progress they've made. They have grown in confidence and skills and achieved so much this term.

When we return after the holidays, we will begin an exciting new topic, "People Who Help Us." The children will explore a range of different jobs that help us in our community. To support this learning, Mrs Graham-Leigh and Mrs Austen will be transforming our role-play area into a Hospital/Vet Clinic, creating lots of opportunities for imaginative play and learning.

In Maths, our focus will be on the number 3. The children will learn to recognise three objects without counting, even when they are arranged in different ways.

In Phonics, we will start by revisiting previous learning before introducing the 'm' sound. The children will practise forming the letter and identifying words that begin with this sound.

We would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a joyful holiday. Enjoy this special time with your families, and we look forward to seeing you all in the New Year.

Best wishes,
The Nursery Team 🎄



Family Hubs and Children's Centres

North Locality - Christmas to New Year Timetable

Monday 29 December to Friday 2 January.
(All centres are closed on Bank Holidays Thursday 25 and Friday 26 December and 1 January)
These centres will be open from 9:00am to 4pm on the below days for information and support for families with children up to 5 years old.
HOW TO BOOK – Please call a children's centre to book your place on any of these sessions.

Family Hub or Children's Centre	Monday 29 December	Tuesday 30 December	Wednesday 31 December	Friday 2 January
South Ruislip Children's Centre 01895 558860	Youth Club 11am to 3pm *Booking required* *Email for further details* youthoffer@hillingdon.gov.uk	Midwifery 9am to 4pm *By appointment only* Stay and Play 0 to 7 years 11am to 12.30pm *Booking required*	Stay and Play Plus For children with SEND 10am to 11am *Booking required* Breastfeeding Drop in Clinic 12pm to 1pm Stay and Play 0 to 7 years 1pm to 2.30pm *Booking required*	Midwifery 9am to 4am *By appointment only* Kinship Event *By appointment only*
Coteford Children's Centre 01895 556682	CLOSED until Monday 5 January 2026			
Harefield Children's Centre 01895 277108	CLOSED			Midwifery 9am to 4pm *By appointment only* Stay and Play 0-7 years 10.00am to11.30am *Booking required*
Other Support Services	Single Point of Access Mental Health Support 0800 0234 650 Samaritans 116 123	Breastfeeding Advice 24/7 0300 100 0212 Community Midwives 01895 279472	Are you worried about a child? Stronger Families 01895 556006	

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EXTRA-CURRICULAR CLUBS – SPRING TERM 2026

External clubs will be available from **week commencing Monday 12th January** to **week commencing Monday 16th March 2026**.

Please note, there will be **no clubs during half-term week (Monday 16th February – Friday 20th February)** 🤸

To book your child's place, please **contact the clubs directly** using the details below.

🧘 Monday

GYMNASTICS (8:00–8:45am) - *Reception, Year 1 & Year 2*
The PSD Group
🌐 thepsdgroup.org.uk/psd-clubs 📞 0203 397 7409 | ✉️ info@thepsdgroup.org.uk

STREET DANCE (3:20–4:20pm) - *Reception, Year 1 & Year 2*
Soul Performing Arts
🌐 www.igotsoulofficial.com 📞 07791 466 859 | ✉️ info@igotsoulofficial.com

MAGICAL MATHS CLUB (3:20–4:20pm) - *Reception, Year 1 & Year 2*
Professor Poopenshtinken's Magical Maths
🌐 magicalmathsclub.com 📞 07734 733240

🎸 Tuesday

ROCKSTEADY MUSIC SCHOOL (during school hours) *Reception, Year 1 & Year 2*
🌐 rocksteadymusicschool.com 📞 0330 113 0330 | ✉️ info@rocksteadymusicschool.com

THE CREATION STATION (3:20–4:20pm) *Reception, Year 1 & Year 2*
✉️ lisaandrews@thecreationstation.co.uk | 📞 07885 492952

⚽ Wednesday

FOOTBALL (3:20–4:20pm) *Reception, Year 1 & Year 2*
The Elms
🌐 www.theelms.co.uk 📞 020 8954 8787 | ✉️ info@theelms.co.uk

🎾 Thursday

TENNIS (3:20–4:20pm) - *Reception, Year 1 & Year 2*
Let's Go Tennis 📞 020 3291 2984 | ✉️ lisa@letsgotennis@gmail.com

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🎭 Friday

YOGA (3:20–4:15pm) - *Reception, Year 1 & Year 2*
🌐 yogicminds.co.uk 📞 07720 249925 | ✉️ inquiry@yogicminds.co.uk

DRAMA (3:20–4:20pm) - *Reception, Year 1 & Year 2*
Little Voices https://tinyurl.com/hety29r2 📞 07787 535506 | ✉️ coleen@littlevoices.org.uk

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WHITEHEATH INFANT & NURSERY SCHOOL TERM AND HOLIDAYS FOR 2025-2026

Public Holidays 2026

Good Friday	Friday 3rd April 2026
Easter Monday	Monday 6th April 2026
May Day Bank Holiday	Monday 4th May 2026
Spring Bank Holiday	Monday 25th May 2026

Autumn Term 2025

Closure	Tuesday 2nd September (Training Day)
Term Starts	Wednesday 3rd September
Closure	Friday 24th October (Training Day)
Half Term	Monday 27th October – 31st October
Term Ends	Friday 19th December @ 12.20pm

Spring Term 2026

Closure	Monday 5th January (Training Day)
Term Starts	Tuesday 6th January
Half Term	Monday 16th February – Friday 20th February
Term Ends	Friday 27th March @ 12.20pm

Summer Term 2026

Closure	Monday 13th April (Training Day)
Term Starts	Tuesday 14th April
Half Term	Monday 25th May – Friday 29th May
Term Ends	Tuesday 21st July @ 12.20pm
Closure	Wednesday 22nd July (Training Day)