



Improving Our Attendance – We Need Your Support

We need your urgent help to improve our school attendance rate. The Department for Education (DfE) now benchmarks all schools against similar institutions. Currently, we have one of the lowest attendance rates in our comparison group, and this can only improve if children attend school every day.

Whilst we understand that children should stay at home when genuinely unwell, our analysis shows that our low attendance is primarily due to the high volume of term-time absences for family holidays and overseas visits.

Please see the table below showing the significant number of school days missed during the Autumn Term 2025:

Year Group	Number of days requested	Reasons
Nursery	65 days	Term time holidays/ family weddings/ visiting family overseas/ family emergency overseas
Reception	37 days	Family emergency overseas/ medical trip overseas
Year 1	27 days	Family emergency overseas/ family celebrations overseas
Year 2	65 days	Holiday/ medical trip overseas/ family emergency overseas
Year 3	39 days	Holiday/ medical trip overseas/ family emergency overseas
Year 4	25.5 days	Holiday/ religious event overseas/ family emergency overseas
Year 5	45 days	Medical emergency overseas/ family event overseas
Year 6	15 days	Family events overseas

Missing school has a direct impact on your child's learning and progress. We strongly urge you to avoid booking holidays or non-emergency trips during term time. Please remember that term-time leave is only authorised in exceptional circumstances, and unauthorised absences may result in penalty notices being issued by the local authority.

Your child's education is our priority, and we need your full support to ensure they attend school every day they are able to.

Re-launch of TT Rock Stars & Numbots



We are delighted to re-launch **TT Rock Stars** for all our Key Stage 2 pupils! This fun, interactive programme is designed to help children become

fluent in their times tables and develop a strong understanding of both multiplication and division.

TT Rock Stars is an exciting game for children to practice their timetables. They earn virtual coins as they answer questions correctly and use their coins to customise their own rock star avatar. The children will be able to see their progress on the class leader board and compete against other pupils in tournaments.

Each week in assembly, we will celebrate our times tables champions by announcing who has topped the leader board. Your child will receive their individual login details from their class teacher.

As part of their weekly maths homework, we expect all children to spend time practising on TT Rock Stars. Regular practice – even just 10-15 minutes a few times a week – makes a real difference to their fluency and confidence with number facts. We are excited to see our pupils develop their times tables skills whilst having fun as rock stars! If you have any questions about TT Rock Stars, please don't hesitate to speak to your child's class teacher.



For Key stage 1 pupils we are excited to launch **NumBots**. This engaging programme helps children develop their number fluency and confidence with addition and subtraction. NumBots is designed to support children's mathematical development at their own pace. The programme helps the children to move away from counting on their fingers to confidently adding and subtracting two-digit numbers. The game makes sure that children are secure (focusing on gaps in their learning) before they move onto the next challenge. NumBots makes maths practice fun and rewarding.

All children begin at the start of the programme, regardless of their age or previous experience. This ensures the programme accurately identifies their current level and provides the right support. NumBots can also be beneficial for older children who need to strengthen their number fluency.

As part of their weekly homework, we ask children to play NumBots for at least 3 minutes a day, 4 or 5 days a week. These short, regular practice sessions are proven to be more effective than longer, less frequent ones.

Each week in assembly, we will celebrate our NumBots champions by announcing who has topped the leader board.

Update on Communication Regarding Accidents at School

From February 2026, we will no longer send accident slips home with your child.

If a child has an accident involving the head or face that requires first aid, parents/carers will be informed by text message or phone call.

APPRECIATION AWARD WINNERS



29th January 2026



22nd January 2026

HOUNSLOW HIGHWAYS ARTSWEEP COMPETITION



Winners of the Hounslow Highways ArtSweep Competition, Maria (Year 2) and Anaya (Year 3) with their artwork printed on the new sweepers. Councillor Rajawat (Leader of the Council), and Councillor Katherine Dunne (Climate, Environment and Transport) were also present to congratulate the winners.



WINNERS OF THE HOUSE SHIELD DESIGN COMPETITION

FILIP—CHISWICK (YEAR 5)

SHANWIK—SYON (YEAR 3)

SAM—GUNNERSBURY (YEAR 4)

KIARA—OSTERLEY (YEAR 4)

SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENT

We are delighted to share a wonderful achievement by Arya and Shanaya from Year 2.

Both girls had the incredible opportunity to perform at the British Parliament yesterday as part of a cultural celebration event.

Over the past two weeks, Arya and Shanaya dedicated themselves to practising their dance, with focused rehearsals over three days. Their hard work truly paid off — they performed beautifully and were proudly presented with certificates of participation by the Member of Parliament, Mr Navendu Mishra.

The event celebrated the foundation of Uttar Pradesh (UP), a state in India. Their dance was performed to a song depicting Lord Krishna, portraying him playing the flute on the banks of the River Yamuna.

It was a culturally enriching and truly memorable experience for both girls, and we are very proud of them!.



Latest from Reception—Mckee

This week in Reception we have been busy exploring and discovering!

The children have been learning about the seasons and how the world changes throughout the year. We carried out a simple science investigation to see what happens to ice when it's left in a warmer place, making great predictions and observations as it melted.

Matteo observed and predicted what will happen. "Ice melts when it is warm. We can leave it on the heater to melt quicker!"

Shoolin and Avyukt used excellent vocabulary about ice "ice is slippery and hard!"

We investigated and discussed what would happen if we put water in the freezer again. Leja and Samyuktha said "it will freeze!"



Our **Art** learning linked to seasons



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In **Maths**, we've been counting and representing numbers 1-5 using objects, pictures and actions and songs. We have learned that zero means that there is nothing!



In **PE**, we have started our unit on dance. We have been moving creatively to music and practising different shapes and movements. We have been practising dancing for 8 counts! To end the unit we have started to create a simple dance using modes of transport.



What an excellent, fun and active week of learning. A fantastic start to the Spring term! Well done, Reception class and keep up the brilliant learning!

IMPORTANT DATES

SPRING TERM 2026

Monday, 9th February to Friday, 13th February	Year 5 Residential Journey to Sayers Croft
Wednesday, 4th February	Reception Class Assembly @ 9.10 am - Parents are invited
	World Cancer Day— Fundraising Event
Thursday, 5th February	Spring Parents Evening (Reception only)
	C8 Debating Competition—Year 5
	Year 3 and 4 visit to Boston Manor Park
Wednesday, 11th February	Year 2 Class Assembly @ 9.10 am - Parents are invited
Friday 13th February	NSPCC Number Day— Fundraising Event
Half Term Holidays from Monday 16th February to Friday 20th February	
Monday, 23rd February	Return to school
Tuesday, 24th February	Spring Parents Evening (Year 1 to 6 only) - See notes below **
Wednesday, 25th February	Year 2 visiting Chatsworth PS to meet an illustrator
Thursday, 26th February	Spring Parents Evening (Nursery and Year 1 to 6 only) - See notes below **
Thursday, 26th February	Nursery closed
Monday, 2nd March	Year 2 Trip to Florence Nightingale Museum
Wednesday, 11th March	Year 3 Class Assembly @ 9.10 am - Parents are invited
Thursday, 19th March	Year 5 Trip to Hampton Court Palace
Monday, 23rd March	Year 6 Trip to Music Concert at Royal Festival Hall
Friday, 27th March	Last Day of Term - school closes at 1.30pm

Notes— ** Please note the change of dates for Spring Parents Evening (Nursery and Year 1 to 6). The booking system will be opened next week. There will be no afternoon clubs on 24th and 26th February.