

Newsletter

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Respect - Determination - Cooperation - Equality - Honesty - Kindness



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October Autumn 1—Respect

Black History Month

26th Half Term

November Autumn 2—Honesty

3rd Y2 Victorian Class workshop

8th Diwali

w/c 9th Y2 & Y5 Switch off Fortnight

11th Remembrance Day

11th School Photographer in

12th Nasal Spray—2nd Visit

16th Y6 Heights and Weights

17th Y6 Cinema

20th Children in Need

23rd Parent/Carer Meetings 3:30

24th Parent/Carer Meetings 3:30

24th Y5 Cinema

25th Y6 Imperial War Museum

26th KS2 Travelling Pantomime

27th INSET—School is closed for children

December Autumn 2—Honesty

1st KS1 Travelling Pantomime

4th Christmas Fayre—school finishes at 1:30

4th No Nursery

7th Y5 & 6 Christmas show 9am

8th Y3 & 4 Christmas show 9am

8th Rocksteady Concert 1pm

9th Y1 & 2 Christmas show 9am

10th YR Christmas Nativity

10th Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day

15th Christmas lunch

16th Class Parties

18th No Nursery

18th Break up for Christmas—school finishes at 1:30

January Spring 1—Determination

4th INSET—School is closed for children

w/c 5th Arts week

5th Children return—Start of Spring term

5th Y1 & Y4 Big Schools Birdwatch

18th Nursery - Beavers Library

18th Y4 Science Museum

26th PTA AGM

February Spring 1—Determination

w/c 1st Children's Mental Health Week

6th Lunar New Year

w/c 8th Y5 Boston Manor Workshops

8th Start of Ramadan

9th Y2 St Paul's Church

9th PTA Coffee Morning

15th Half Term

February Spring 2—Equality



Attendance

Good attendance is very important for learning!

Attendance cup winners were:

Gold 100%

Silver 99—98%

Rec Apricot, Y2 Blue 99% Y5 Crimson, Y5 Red, Y6 Jet 98%

Bronze 97—96%

Y3 Fern, Y4 Lilac, Y5 Crimson 96%

Classes with 100% attendance earn a mufti day.



Thank you to everyone for supporting the PTA discos this week. The children had a wonderful time, and we raised much-needed funds towards upcoming school projects. Over the next three years, we have ambitious aims to upgrade all fixed play equipment so that children can enjoy their playtimes while developing physically and socially. Any and all fundraising support is greatly appreciated.

Today, Year 6 took part in their 'STIXX' workshop. Working in teams, they created rigid sticks out of newspaper, and designed and built shelters large enough to house themselves. It is always a memorable highlight of the school year!

Years 2 and 5 also took part in fire safety assemblies this week, learning key messages about how to keep themselves and others safe.

Additionally, all children participated in PANTS assemblies in class. The NSPCC's Talk PANTS campaign uses a simple acronym rule to teach children body safety and how to stay safe from abuse. Further information for parents can be found on the [NSPCC website](https://www.nspcc.org.uk).

Finally please make sure your child comes to school each day with a hooded waterproof coat and suitable footwear. We do go outside to play in light rain, and heavier rain can begin unpredictably, so we need to ensure the children are prepared for all weather conditions, especially as the days turn colder.

We wish all of our pupils and families a restful, happy, and safe half-term break.



Autumn 1 value - Respect

UNICEF Article 39 - Children neglected, abused, exploited, tortured or who are victims of war must receive special help to help them recover their health, dignity and self-respect.





Sadly, Breakfast club, in its current format, has been suspended. We have been looking at some alternative provisions. To begin with, Pathway Sports will be running sessions on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings (years 1 -6). More information will follow shortly. As with any activity, it is dependent on the number of children interested.



The PTA Halloween/Winter Disco was a huge success. Thank you to the children and staff for making it such a memorable and fun filled event. It was wonderful to see all the fantastic costumes. Even Chrissie dressed up! Can you spot her?



The Easyfundraising app is great way to support the school. And it is free. Just click on the app and continue with your online shopping. The P.T.A. will benefit from every purchase you make.



If you would like to purchase second hand uniform, please visit the following site: <https://oldschooluniform.co.uk/> or contact Ms Moses by email b.moses@beavers.hounslow.sch.uk or on the school phone number. The school would be grateful for any unwanted uniform, especially smaller sizes.





Year 1 had a fantastic time taking part in our Little City school workshop, where they explored different roles and professions through imaginative play. The children enjoyed trying out real-life activities, developing their communication skills and working together. It was a fun and engaging experience that brought their learning to life!



Blue Class have worked incredibly hard over the last few weeks designing and creating their very own Baby Bear's Chair as part of their Design and Technology project. They carefully selected materials and used their creativity to bring their designs to life, exploring how to make their structures stable, strong and stiff. Some chairs held their bears perfectly, while others took a tumble! Along the way, we learnt that 'perfect is not the goal' — it's all about trying, testing and learning. We are so proud of their fantastic efforts and the wonderful chairs they have created!





Primrose Class have worked hard designing and creating their own Little Red Riding Hood character puppets from felt, as part of their DT project. They explored different joining techniques, including glue, safety pins and a stapler, before using a range of materials to bring their designs to life. Finally, they put their puppets to the test by acting out the story!



Arbor

Trips are now on Arbor

Several school trips are coming up shortly after Half Term. Please log in to your Arbor account to check if your child has any outstanding payments due.

If you need assistance accessing your account, please follow the step-by-step instructions:

Activities
Child's Name: Clubs
Child's Name: Trips

Trips Open
Curriculum Enrichment
Trip Date(s): 30 Nov 2026, 15:10 - 15:10
Signup Window: 16 Jun 2026, 14:51 - 30 Nov 2026, 15:00

Sign up for trip

Make a Payment
Payment amount £5.00

Cancel Add to basket Make Payment



Year 6 put their engineering skills to the test at today's Stixx workshop! They successfully designed and constructed giant newspaper shelters big enough to fit every teammate inside at once. Fantastic teamwork!



Secondary School Admission Applications deadline is approaching!

Decision time is here! The deadline to apply for a secondary school place is 31st October: All Year 6 applications must be submitted online through eAdmissions via the London Borough of Hounslow website: www.hounslow.gov.uk/secondaryadmissions

DEADLINE



This week Nursery dived into the vibrant worlds of red and yellow! The children explored these bright colours through lots of hands-on activities, from icing yellow cakes topped with juicy red fruit, to hunting for colours around the room and creating beautiful textured collages.



There were plenty of smiles and happy faces as the Early Years children celebrated at the Halloween / Winter Disco.





Picture News For Parents



October 2026

Hello!

It's Katie from Picture News here. If you're reading this newsletter, your child's school uses our weekly news resources, so I thought it'd be helpful to fill you in on everything Picture News schools have been up to this half term! Let's get started...

News Recap

Each Picture News resource focuses on a 'Big Question' to encourage deeper thinking and discussion around news stories. Let's look back at some of the topics we've explored this half term...



Learning from Dolly:

What can help us feel hopeful about a new beginning?



Dolly Parton re-recorded a song to raise money for charity, showing how revisiting something from the past can have a fresh impact. Coinciding with the new school year, children considered how they can build on their earlier experiences, take on new challenges, and make a positive difference.

Homelessness:

Do we all have a part to play in helping those in need?



Prime Minister Andy Burnham pledged to offer everyone sleeping rough in England a safe place to stay by Christmas. Children thought about times when people need the help of others, what that help might look like, and why asking for help and telling a safe adult when we are worried about someone can matter.

School Lunches:

Who should decide what we have for school lunch?



News of healthier changes to school dinner rules was the focus of this resource. Children thought about how decisions are made, discussing personal choice and shared responsibility, and the factors schools consider when providing meals.

AI:

Do we need AI wherever we go?



The announcement of the new Meta Muse Charm led to thought-provoking conversations in schools about whether AI is useful and when might we be better off without it. Children discussed AI's potential and limits, and how much technology should play a part in our lives.

Tip!



Explore our Discussion Board together at home, to share thoughts on the Big Question and find out what other children say about the stories.

VISIT THE DISCUSSION BOARD



Allergy Awareness Support

The new school year has brought new changes to allergy safety rules for schools across England. To help, we've hosted a range of Allergy Awareness Live Assemblies. The recordings are below, in case you'd like to watch together at home too!



Allergies Live Assembly with the Sadie Bristow Foundation

Clare Bristow and 14-year-old Reuben joined around 1 million children to explore what allergies are, what it's like to experience them, and how we can help keep each other safe.

[REWATCH THE SESSION HERE](#)

Being Allergy Allies! Primary Live Assembly

We explored more about allergies, with interactive quizzes and discussions. We heard from Lucy, who told us what it's like to live with coeliac disease, and shared how her friends and teachers helped to keep her safe.

[REWATCH THE SESSION HERE](#)



Picture News Pioneers!

Earlier this term, Picture News founder Katie Harrison led an online session teaching children about how they can become Picture News Pioneers, and lead their own assemblies and discussions in school!



We've been inundated with lovely letters from children, explaining why they'd be good Picture News leaders...

If these letters are anything to go by, we're in safe hands with the next generation of leaders!



Read some of the letters and learn more about why schools are introducing Picture News Pioneers [here!](#)

AI and schools: What's happening?



With news of the first-ever teacher of AI in a Scottish secondary school, and questions of how we can use AI responsibly amid new product launches like the Meta Muse Charm, AI has been an ongoing topic of conversation in and out of the classroom.



With 56% of children aged 8-17 using AI, we've been investigating how AI is impacting children and teachers. Take a look at our recent post to find out more [here](#).

This half term, teachers and pupils have talked openly about AI with the help of our Picture News pack. Together we explored the new Meta Muse Charm, and asked children, "Do we need AI wherever we go?"

What did your children think?



[Let us know via the Discussion Board here.](#)

Bye for now!

That's all from me for now. I hope you have a wonderful time together during the half term holidays.

Another edition of Picture News for Parents will be published at the end of Autumn 2, but in the meantime you can keep up with all-things Picture News on our socials (linked below).

And as always, any questions or feedback are welcome!

Speak soon,

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