



Newsletter



Whole School Attendance Last Week – 92.0%



Dear Parents/Carers,

It was good to see so many parents/carers at our parents meetings this week. Our school meals were popular too, thank you to Roberto, our Chef Manager and thanks to the teachers and EYPs for staying and leading.

If you did not attend parents evening please reschedule as it is important that we keep you informed of your child's learning. Rocket class parents please remember that your meetings are now on Wednesday 8th January 2025. They will be all day from 8.30am until 5.50pm. We will let you know once the sign-up sheet is up.

Year 1 and 2 wore odd socks on Tuesday for Anti Bullying week. The children learnt about the similarities and differences between us and how to be safe and happy at school.

Today the whole school supported Children In Need and wore spots. If you would like to donate to Children in Need, you can do so through their website at <https://donate.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/>

We will be holding open mornings on Tuesday and Wednesday next week. These are for children who will start Nursery or Reception Sept 2025. Please inform family, friends and neighbours who may be interested. No booking is required.

Please can I also remind parents that our uniform policy states that children must wear black school shoes and not trainers to school unless it is their PE day when they can wear black or grey plimsolls or trainers.

Best wishes,
Angela White | Headteacher



The attendance bears are awarded to the classes with the highest collective attendance.

Congratulations to the children in Rocket class (99.0%) and Owl and Hedgehog class both (97.3%)

They won the bears the week last week and will be able to wear their own clothes on **Wednesday 20th November**

Dates For Your Diary

Nov

Mon 18th–Nursery Parents Evening

Tues 19th–Nursery Parents Evening

Tues 19th–Open Day For Prospective Parents 9.10am or 10.30am

Wed 20th–Open Day For Prospective Parents 9.10am or 10.30am or 5:30pm

Thurs 21st–Nursery Parents Evening 4.00–6.00pm

Fri 29th–INSET DAY–School closed for children

Dec Reception and Year 1 Concerts start at 9.15am

Wed 4th–Reception Christmas Concert Lion & Giraffe

Thurs 5th–Reception Christmas Concert Zebra & Elephant

Tues 10th–The Centre Christmas Concert 2.30pm

Wed 11th–Year 1 Christmas Concert Badger & Owl

Thurs 12th–Year 1 Christmas Concert Squirrel & Hedgehog

Thurs 12th–Afternoon Nursery Christmas Concert 12.40pm

Fri 13th–Morning Nursery Christmas Concert 9.00am

Tues 17th–Children's Christmas Dinner & Xmas Jumper Day

Wed 18th–Christmas Party Day

Thurs 19th–School & Nursery close at 1.30pm (no wraparound afterschool)

Christmas Holiday & Inset Day Fri 20th Dec – Mon 6th Jan

Amended

Jan

Tues 7th Jan – School starts for all children

Key Dates: Nursery & Year 2 Parents

Reception 2025 & Year 3 2025 Admissions

www.hounslow.gov.uk/admissions

15th Jan 2025–Application Closing date (midnight)

16th Apr 2025–National Offer Day–(via email) after 5.00pm

30th April 2025–Last day to accept/decline offer

Please don't forget to apply online for your child's place.

Late applications can result in no place at your preferred school.

Thank you

For more information please see the following links

Nursery Parents

<https://www.hounslow.gov.uk/info/20028/>

[primary_admissions/1906/primary_school_admissions](https://www.hounslow.gov.uk/info/20028/primary_admissions/1906/primary_school_admissions)

Year 2 Parents

<https://www.hounslow.gov.uk/info/20028/>

[primary_admissions/70/infant_to_junior_transfer](https://www.hounslow.gov.uk/info/20028/primary_admissions/70/infant_to_junior_transfer)

School Photos

For your child's school photo to be delivered for free to the school you have to place your online order by no later than Monday 25th November. After that date you will have to pay for postage and packing to your home address.



Winter Weather

As the weather becomes colder, damper and even frosty at times, please ensure that your child is sent to school with a warm coat and appropriate clothing (that is named) for learning that takes place outside.



Uniform

Please ensure all uniform –including the above – is named with either a permanent marker or using sew in labels as these do not wear off as easily.



Quietest Lunch Table Winners

Rec – Table 3 Zebra Class

Year 1–Table 9 Hedgehog Class

Year 2 – Table 7 Lavender Class

Well done, you will have a trophy on your table next week!





Statistics show that children are having over 2 times more sugar than is recommended, with half of it coming from snacks and sugary drinks.

When we talk about added sugar, we mean sugar that has been added to food and drink to sweeten it.

This may be added by the manufacturer, when cooking at home, or by the chef or cook if you're eating out.

It's not just the white sugar you might think of on a teaspoon either: it includes fruit juice, honey, syrups and nectars too.

Too much sugar is bad for children's health as it can lead to the build-up of harmful fat on the inside that we cannot see.

This fat can cause weight gain and serious diseases like type 2 diabetes, heart disease and some cancers.

Having too much sugar can also lead to painful tooth decay – every 10 minutes, a child in England has a tooth removed in hospital.

Tips on reducing sugar at home

DIY snacks: Ask your kids to help prepare healthier snacks from a selection of fruit, low-sugar cereal and unsalted nuts. It's a fun thing to do together, and they're more likely to eat it if they've made it.

Go bananas! Try adding a sliced banana to wholewheat cereal biscuits or low-fat, lower-sugar yoghurt. You can also use it as a healthy topping for toast – a great way to get 1 of your 5 A Day.

Drink smart A quarter of the sugar kids have every day comes from sugary drinks. Swap soft drinks, juice and flavoured milks for water, lower-fat milks and diet, sugar-free, or no added sugar drinks.

Liven up your yoghurt Low-fat, lower-sugar yoghurt topped with chopped fruit or berries makes a great dessert, and saves loads of sugar over typical yoghurts, ice cream or other sugary puddings. Counting towards your 5 A Day is another bonus

Check out [Reducing sugar - Food facts - Healthier Families - NHS](#) for more great ways to reduce your sugar intake!

Parents and carers, if you would like further help or support for your child or teenager send a message to:

07312 263 080

Receive an answer within one working day from a qualified school nurse. Monday to Friday, 9am-4.30pm.





We have launched Feltham Hill Breakfast and After school clubs

Breakfast club £5 — 7.30am-8.40am Breakfast served -7.30am-8.15am

After school club £6 — 3.30pm-4.15pm or up to 5.50pm **£12**

Hot meal served – 4.45pm-5.15pm

Our staff will lead quality play with your child and help them to feel happy and settled!



Book: via your ParentPay Account— www.parentpay.com (select child's name > select clubs > select sessions).

Tel: 020 8890 3814

Email: wraparound@fhi.hounslow.sch.uk

Reception/Year 1/Year 2– Wraparound - Breakfast & Afterschool Club - Help with Costs - Tax-Free Childcare / Universal Credit Childcare

Our **Tax-Free Childcare** account is now live! This means that eligible families can save up to £2,000 per child, per year on Breakfast & Afterschool Club costs – saving 20% on childcare costs. Some families may also be eligible for **Universal Credit Childcare** (with 85% of costs reimbursed). See below for more information:

Tax-Free Childcare (TFC)

Who is entitled?

Working families, including the self-employed, earning under £100k (per-parent) and not already receiving Tax Credits, Universal Credit or childcare vouchers. [See the Frequently Asked Questions page for more information.](#) For every £8 families pay into an online account, the government will add an extra £2, up to £2,000 per child per year.

How do I apply?

[Visit the Childcare Choices website for further information on how to access Tax-Free Childcare.](#)

Here you can check your eligibility, apply for tax-free childcare and select 'Feltham Hill Infant and Nursery School' as your childcare provider. You then pay money into your childcare account and make one-off regular payments to the school via the account.

Do I still book my child's places via ParentPay?

Yes – however you will select 'Pay Later' rather than 'Pay Now' and make the payment directly into your tax-free childcare account. In order to have access to this functionality, we ask you to provide us with your **Tax Free Childcare Payment reference number** in advance – please email office@fhi.hounslow.sch.uk with these details. You will then be given access to TFC booking via ParentPay. Your ParentPay account will show amounts outstanding that will then be reconciled against your TFC account regularly by the school.

Universal Credit Childcare (UCC)

Who is entitled?

You must be claiming Universal Credit. You must also be in paid work and if you have a partner they must also be in paid work. [For more information and frequently asked questions click here.](#)

How does it work?

[Visit the Childcare Choices website for further information on how Universal Credit Childcare works.](#)

Universal Credit can reimburse up to 85% of your eligible registered childcare costs. There is a monthly cap of £1,014.63 for one child and £1,739.37 for two or more children. You need evidence uploaded to your UC account which could be in the form of your ParentPay receipts. You can request an email from the school with our name, registration number, address and phone number, the child/ren that we look after, the type of childcare we provide.

Do I still book my child's places via ParentPay?

Yes – please continue to book as you do now using the 'Pay Now' functionality.

We hope these initiatives help to alleviate some of the financial burden on families. If you have any queries, please email the office.

ROAD SAFETY FOR CHILDREN

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As we all know, the clocks have gone back, and the evenings have become darker. With limited daylight hours, it's more important than ever to take extra precautions on journeys to and from school. So, we want to ensure that our pupils stay safe on the roads. Here are a few safety reminders to help keep everyone safe:

Be Visible:

Wearing reflective accessories can make a big difference. Encourage children to wear bright or reflective items on coats, backpacks, or shoes to be seen more easily in low-light conditions.

Use Designated Crossings:

Remind your children to cross only at pedestrian crossings and to always check in all directions before crossing.

Say No To Distractions:

Teach them to avoid distractions like mobile phones when crossing roads.

Cycle Safely:

For those children who cycle to school, please ensure they wear helmets and that the bikes are equipped with lights and reflectors.

Plan Safe Routes:

Use well-lit routes where possible and remind your children to stay alert, especially around busy roads or crossings.

Walk Together:

Where possible, children should walk to and from school in pairs or small groups for added safety and visibility, or with their parents/guardians.



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Feltham Hill Infant and Nursery School - Holidays 2024/2025

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 Inset Day (School Closed)
 School Holidays
 Bank holidays
 Weekends
 1 1.30pm finish - no afternoon nursery