



# Newsletter



**Whole School Attendance Last Week – 94.8%**



Dear Parents/Carers,

Reception, Year 1, Centre and Nursery children have been busy this week practising for their Christmas concerts that start in 2 weeks. Please can I remind parents that Reception and Year 1 concerts will be for **adults only**, this is so the children can be heard. We will be emailing you details of our free creche for children aged 6 months to 3 years soon.

Also this week, Reception children have been working together in small groups to make castles out of recyclable materials and they went outside on a shape hunt around the school site. The Centre have also been outside to look for the signs of autumn.

Year 2 cooked a very tasty vegetable stew in DT and created their own dances in PE. Year 1 made collages of funny faces and the Nursery have been learning how to carefully glue things in a certain space.

We have an exciting opportunity to join our School Governing Body as a co-opted member. Being a governor is a great way to understand the leadership of the school, so please consider it. Please see the section opposite for further details.

A reminder that next Friday 29th Nov is an inset day and the school will be closed.

Best wishes,  
Angela White | Headteacher



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

**Congratulations to the children in Sage class (99.6%) and Hedgehog class (99.3%)**

They won the bears the week last week and will be able to wear their own clothes on **Wednesday 27th November**

## Dates For Your Diary

### Nov

**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

## Exciting Opportunity: Join Our School Governing Body-Co-opted member

Are you looking to make a meaningful impact in our school community? We have vacancies on the school governing board! This role involves attending approximately two meetings per term, typically held on Mondays at 5 pm, along with a focused visit to our school. Training is provided.

Being a governor is a fantastic way to enhance your leadership skills while contributing to the strategic direction of our school. Your insights and dedication can help shape the future of our students and community. If you're passionate about education and want to make a difference, we want to hear from you!

To apply, please contact the Chair of Governors or Headteacher via email telling us a little about yourself and why you're interested in becoming a governor:

jane.kendall-nicholas@fhi.hounslow.sch.uk or  
office@fhi.hounslow.sch.uk

We look forward to working with you!



## Key Dates: Nursery & Year 2 Parents

### Reception 2025 & Year 3 2025 Admissions

[www.hounslow.gov.uk/admissions](http://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)



### Quietest Lunch Table Winners

Rec – Table 5 Lion Class

Year 1 – Table 2 Squirrel Class

Year 2 – Table 9 Rosemary Class

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

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Outstanding  
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## 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](http://www.parentpay.com) (select child's name > select clubs > select sessions).

Tel: 020 8890 3814  
Email: [wraparound@fhi.hounslow.sch.uk](mailto:wraparound@fhi.hounslow.sch.uk)

## Needed

If you have any of the following that you no longer use we would really appreciate it if you could donate them to us so we can use them in our wraparound service.

### Cars and trains



### Dolls/doll houses



### Building blocks/construction toys



### Plastic animals/dinosaurs



### Simple jigsaws

## 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](mailto: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.