



Happy New Year & Welcome Back!

We hope you all had a lovely break from school and enjoyed the holidays with your family and friends.

Thank you to all the parents for their well wishes and lovely gifts.

We are excited to start the Spring 2025 term and hope you are too.

Reception Admission 2025

Please apply soon, closing date is 15th January, 2025

Information can be found at www.hounslow.gov.uk/admissions

or please email admissions@hounslow.gov.uk

Free School Meals

Please remember to book your child's meal in advance on ParentPay and ensure your child(ren) come to school on time so they receive their chosen meal

Children who are eligible for benefits and income related Free School Meals (FSM), are currently also eligible for Free School Meal vouchers (Evouchers) in the school holidays to help with the cost of food shopping and fun holiday activities (HAF).

If you do not already received this local council benefit you have probably not

registered your children with LBH FSMs yet. To check if you are eligible please go to LBH website—link below:

https://www.hounslow.gov.uk/info/20025/schools_and_colleges/61/free_school_meals

Congratulations!



Well done to Harry in Redwood class for successfully completing his third grade Brown Belt with Shentie Mixed Martial Arts.

Very impressive.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

8th January 2025
Junior Adventures Group

13th January
Afterschool clubs begin

17th-21st February 2025
Spring half term

Term Time Leave

The law requires that ALL children of school age attend school every day unless s/he is ill or there are exceptional circumstances. For this reason, parents should always arrange visits to family, including those in other countries, during the school holidays. If you feel that you need to take your child out of school during term time, please discuss this with the school, before finalising any arrangements.

A 'Term Time Leave' form is available in the school office, and we ask that this is completed with all details of absence/travel prior to leave being taken.

We monitor the absence of all children, and you are likely to be required to have a meeting with the Head teacher or the Attendance Support Officer, either before or after time away from school, to discuss all term time absence.

Where these term time absences are not authorised, the absence will be referred to the Local Authority (LBH) and parents may incur a fixed penalty warning notice or a fine.

The Orchard Explorer Fun Geography Facts!

Did you know that Sudan has more pyramids than Egypt?



Egypt's Pyramids of Giza may be considered one of the wonders of the world, but Sudan has nearly twice the number of pyramids! Sudan has 200-255 known pyramids, built for the Kushite kingdoms of Nubia, compared to Egypt's 138 pyramids. Within the Sahara, you can still visit the ancient and reconstructed pyramids of Meroe.

Cool!

A T T E N D A N C E

Congratulations!

Chestnut and Redwood class had the best attendance this week from 6th - 10th January 2025.

Well done and keep up the good work!

Remember - Attendance Matters!
Please come to school everyday and on time, every missed day can effect your future.

Your education is very important

Attendance

If your child is unable to attend school, for any reason, please let us know.

Please email:

absence@tops.hounslow.sch.uk OR telephone the school on 020 8570 6247 and

leave a voicemail message on the absence line by choosing Option 2: 'sick' or 'unwell' cannot be accepted as a reason

so please provide as much detail (symptoms) as possible. If your child does feel generally unwell in the morning before school, we encourage them to come into school, and if needed, the welfare officer will call you if your child is not well enough to stay in school.

Absence of a child due to parents ill health or that of a relative, is not an acceptable reason for a child to not be in school.

Please try to make GP and dental appointments outside of school hours so that your child is in school as much as possible. If your child needs to attend an appointment during the school day, we expect your child to be in school before and after the appointment.

If your child has a hospital appointment or needs to attend the hospital please provide an appointment card, hospital discharge letter or email details (appointment & time) to the absence email.

This is a requirement so that absences can be authorised.

Thank you for your co-operation and support.

