



The Orchard Primary School

[www.orchardprimary.com](http://www.orchardprimary.com)

3rd February 2023



### Geography in Action

Recently, Year 5 went to study four different waterways as part of their learning in geography.

They travelled to Isleworth by bus to Syon Park. As they walked through the Duke of Northumberland's land, they felt like they had been transported to the olden times in the countryside.

Here they learnt about the people in history who had stayed at Syon, including Lady Jane Grey, the nine-day queen, Guy Fawkes, who had tried to blow up parliament, and Pocahontas, the native American, who was known as Lady Rebecca Rolfe while staying in London.

Children also had the chance to learn about the English Civil War (1642-1646), some of these battles were fought in Hounslow, Syon and Brentford.

As they walked along the Thames at Church Street, children observed the natural and man-made features of the river and saw different species of birds, including swans, pigeons and ducks.

After observing the River Thames, Year 5 walked to another waterway. They were surprised to learn that a smaller river called the Duke of Northumberland's River flowed into the Thames in this area.

A while later, they walked to Brentford where they observed the River Brent and the Grand Union Canal. Children were fascinated by the canal, the locks and weirs that controlled the water levels.

Although there was a lot of walking and it was rather cold at times, the children agreed that looking at the waterways and seeing what is on their doorstep in person made it a very special trip.

By Zuha & Abdul



### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tuesday, 7th February 2023  
Internet Safety Day

6th—12th February 2023  
Children's Mental Health Week

Half term 13 -17 February 2023

Monday, 20th February 2023  
Teacher Training Day—no pupils in school

Pupils return to school on  
Tuesday, 21st February 2023

### NURSERY Admissions September 2023

For children born between 1 September 2019 and 31 August 2020, application forms are available at the school office or via [parent@tops.hounslow.sch.uk](mailto:parent@tops.hounslow.sch.uk)

Or can be downloaded with the 'Starting in a Hounslow School Nursery in September 2023' brochure at [www.hounslow.gov.uk/nurseryadmissions](http://www.hounslow.gov.uk/nurseryadmissions)

Please remember to submit the forms to the school office with a copy of your current council tax bill (or tenancy agreement) and a birth certificate. Closing date is: 10 March 2023.

### Attendance

Hazel class and Sequoia Class achieved the highest attendance for this week, 30th Jan. to 3rd Feb. 2023



Every day at school is important

### COMMUNICATION

If your child is unable to attend school for any reason, please follow our normal procedures for notifying the school. Please email: [absence@tops.hounslow.sch.uk](mailto:absence@tops.hounslow.sch.uk)

Or telephone the school on 0208 570 6247 and leave a voicemail message on the absence line by choosing Option 2.. Please leave as much detail as possible —'sick' cannot be accepted as a reason.

For any other parent queries please email: [parent@tops.hounslow.sch.uk](mailto:parent@tops.hounslow.sch.uk)

Please check School Ping regularly for important messages.

The school website is: [www.tops.hounslow.sch.uk](http://www.tops.hounslow.sch.uk)



**FREE February Holiday Family Workshops**

Stay Away, I am Doing Science - The Greenhouse effect! (5+)

Monday | 10am-12pm | 13th Feb

Running at Meadowbank, TW5 9QX  
Call now to book your place!  
0208 583 6000

Virtual Reality - Save our Planet (7+)

Monday | 1pm-3pm | 13th Feb

Recycled crafts (5+)

Tuesday | 10am-12pm | 14th Feb

Maths Scavenger Hunt with Chocolate Baking (Ages 4-12)

Tuesday | 1pm- 3.30pm | 14th Feb

The Power of Engineering - Turn that Turbine (5+)

Thursday | 10am-12pm | 16th Feb

Maths Scavenger Hunt with Chocolate Baking (Ages 4-12)

Thursday | 1pm- 3.30pm | 16th Feb



For more information:  
[coursesearch.hounslow.gov.uk](http://coursesearch.hounslow.gov.uk)

London Borough of Hounslow

### REMINDER OF SCHOOL TIMES

Nursery: 8.45am-11.45am or 12.45pm-3.45pm

Reception, Year 1 & Year 2: 9.00am—3.30pm

Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 & Year 6: 8.55am—3.30pm

Gates open at 8.45am and children can go straight into class at this time.

Please be on time to school. Being late disrupts the start of the class and can make your child miss out - on important lessons and time with their classmates.

Nurture Learn Grow

Issue 16