



The Orchard Primary School

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2nd February 2024

Next week is:  
Children's Mental Health Week.



The theme this year is 'Your Voice Matters'.

On Monday, we are kicking off the week by everyone coming to school wearing something with yellow on. This could be a top, hair band, hat etc.



Throughout the rest of the week school council have planned some other activities to support our mental health.

### NURSERY Admissions September 2024

Children born between 1 September 2020 and 31 August 2021 can take up a free, part-time place (15hrs per week) in a school nursery class from the September before their fourth birthday.

The closing date for applications is:  
**8 March 2024**

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 2024' brochure at [www.hounslow.gov.uk/nursery\\_admissions](http://www.hounslow.gov.uk/nursery_admissions)

Please remember to submit the forms to the school with a copy of your current council tax bill (or tenancy agreement) and a birth certificate.

### Special Mentions

If your child has done something wonderful, please share it with us!

We like to showcase the achievements of our pupils in the newsletter so do let us know. With photos (and photo permission) if possible.

Please email the school office: [parents@tops.hounslow.sch.uk](mailto:parents@tops.hounslow.sch.uk)

### SCHOOL INFORMATION

School telephone: 020 8570 6247

School email: [parent@tops.hounslow.sch.uk](mailto:parent@tops.hounslow.sch.uk)  
For enquiries or to update address or phone contact.

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



### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday, 5th February 2024  
Reception Drop-in at 3pm

Tuesday, 6th February 2024  
Visit by Ruth Cadbury,  
MP for Brentford & Isleworth

Thursday, 8th February 2024  
Year 1 Drop-in at 3.10pm

Friday, 9th February 2024  
Year 2 Drop-in at 3.10pm

Friday, 9th February 2024  
Sequoia Class Assembly, 9am, Junior Hall

### HALF TERM BREAK

12th February to 19th February 2024  
Children return to school on 20/02/2024

## **The Power Of Engineering: Building Bridges (5)**

Tuesday 13th February 1.00 - 2.00  
Meadowbank in Cranford (TW5 9QX)

#### About the course

Join us to learn how feats of engineering have impacted our world. Learn about the masters behind some of our greatest pieces of engineering and then have a go at building a bridge yourself. You will create a bridge that can support items going across, are you ready for the challenge?

This session is for adults and children to learn together how engineering impacts our world. You and your children will be given an opportunity to work on a mini engineering project.

#### What is required to join the session?

- These sessions are for adults and children to work together - parents will need to supervise their children at all times.
- For health and safety reasons, children must be over the age of 5 to attend this session.
- Please note we can only accommodate 1 adult to 2 children per family.
- If your child needs any extra assistance within the class, please be sure to let our staff know when enrolling
- If you have a dinky car at home that you would like to test on your bridge, feel free to bring it!

Visit [www.hace.ac.uk](http://www.hace.ac.uk) or call 020 8583 6000 to book your free place. Other activities also available.



### The Globetrotting Guild of Orchard Primary School (GGOPS) Where in the world is Zoya?



That's right, Sai visited India. This week we have flown West and arrived in a country in South America. Surprisingly, this country also includes the Galapagos Islands in the Pacific, and its largest city is Guayaquil. As you travel, you'll likely be amazed at its natural biodiversity. This country offers a wealth of natural beauty and activities. Astonishingly, this place is considered to be one of the most diverse areas of the world.

Sadly, due to global health crises, international tourism has decreased. This country offers historical attractions such as the capital city of Quito, food specialities, a variety of cultures and traditions. One celebration is Inti Raymi. In this festival of the sun, people enjoy dancing, drinking and eating.



Hazel class and Beech class achieved the highest attendance for this week, the 29th January 2024 to the 2nd February 2024.

Every school day does matter.



### Important Attendance Information

#### Punctuality

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

◇ Key Stage 2 children MUST be in class by 8.55am.

◇ Key Stage 1 children MUST be in class by 9.00am.

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.

#### Attendance

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

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' or 'unwell' cannot be accepted as a reason. Please try to make appointments outside of school time. If your child needs to attend an appointment during the school day, or has been at the hospital, please provide an appointment card, hospital discharge letter or email details (appointment & time) to the absence email. This is needed so absence can be authorised.

If collecting early to take your child to an appointment, please also include this in your email.

Thank you for your co-operation and continued support with attendance. We will continue to push this important educational success ingredient.

#### Lunch

Please book your child's school meal on Parent pay in advance for a week, month or term as you prefer.

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