



HILLINGDON PRIMARY SCHOOL COMMUNITY COUNCIL ANNUAL SUMMARY REPORT 2025-26

Membership

We would like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to our current Year 6 student members, Subhan, Elysia, Hassan, Stella and Nihitha, who leave us to start the next stage in their academic journey. They have worked hard to ensure the views of pupils were represented during our discussions, and did so with great enthusiasm and maturity.

We currently have vacancies for members to join us from the local community to bring a fresh perspective to our discussions. If you think that you know someone who may be well suited to support us, then please contact Louise Daniel, HR and Policy Manager, at:
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Meetings and Focus

The Community Council has held four formal meetings during the academic year, which included visits into school to develop our understanding of various aspects of school life.

The first meeting in October 2025 highlighted a fantastic start to the new school year; we learnt that our reception pupils had settled in well and that many parents had engaged positively with 'Meet the teacher' events. We received an overview of pupil achievement for the 2024-25 academic year and were pleased to hear that reading, writing, and maths results continued to track above the national average, supported by a dedicated staff team committed to high expectations and innovative teaching. Highlights of the term were shared, including the overwhelming success of the Year 6 residential trip to PGL, which proved instrumental in boosting pupil confidence and independence, and an inspiring assembly with local MP Danny Beales, who discussed democracy and his vision for an 'Inclusive Hillingdon'. Furthermore, the meeting showcased the impressive enthusiasm of our Student Representatives, whose contributions demonstrated the clear impact of the school's Oracy project, ensuring pupil voices remain at the heart of our ongoing development.

Our second Community Council meeting in January 2026 served as a wonderful reminder of the vibrant spirit here at Hillingdon Primary School. We were thrilled to celebrate some fantastic achievements, including sporting successes, the progress of our Year 5 swimmers, and the warm community atmosphere during our festive Christmas events. Perhaps the most important aspect of the meeting however, was an opportunity for the Community Council to meet with Dolce, our school lunch provider, and experience a typical lunch-time at Hillingdon. Our dedicated student representatives played an active role, sharing valuable insights on school lunches from our pupils' perspectives, and Dolce staff addressed some of the queries raised by pupils and parents. A plan was put in place to work with Dolce

to help further enhance the service. We also discussed our ongoing commitment to supporting pupil attendance through a compassionate, joined-up approach, working with families to get to the root cause of absence. It was inspiring to see our pupils, staff, and community working together so positively to make our school an even better place to learn and grow.

The third meeting of the Community Council was held in March 2026. The meeting took us on a deep dive into the Green Curriculum at Hillingdon Primary School. We learnt how the "Green Agenda" is gaining fantastic momentum, thanks to the passionate leadership of the Curriculum Lead and our Eco-Council. From introducing new recycling initiatives to actively promoting greener travel habits, our pupils are leading the way in making our school, and their homes, more sustainable. We also heard more about the recently installed classroom air filters, provided by a charity called Walk Wheel Cycle Trust, as part of the Mayor's School Filter programme. The filters work by cleaning and releasing filtered air back into the classroom. Research shows that these filters can reduce the pollution in the air we breathe, and reduce the spread of viruses. We were also incredibly proud to celebrate our students' recent achievements, ranging from their outstanding success in the netball league to their enriching experiences on school trips, such as the visit to the RAF Bunker.

Our final meeting was held in June 2026, during which we celebrated the fantastic community spirit and talent showcased at the Talent Show Finale, and officially welcomed our new Year 5 student representatives. The meeting provided an opportunity for us to discuss plans to enhance information we make available to parents, including publishing our curriculum "road maps" on the school website, which will provide a simplified snapshot of a child's learning journey, and support to improve pupil attendance. We also discussed our upcoming autumn term plans, which feature a careers talk for Key Stage 2 students to help inspire future aspirations, alongside continued collaboration with pupils to refine school catering. Finally, we reviewed our ongoing commitment to improving attendance, emphasising a supportive, partnership-based approach to ensure every pupil has the opportunity to learn and achieve.

Looking Forward

Following a review of local governance by the Elliot Foundation Academy Trust (TEFAT), the function and scope of Community Councils will be changing in the new academic year, with a greater focus on community connection and stakeholder insight. The table below summarises our new priorities:

Pillar	Core Function
Community	Acts as a link to local organisations and ensures the academy is responsive to local needs by: Fostering proactive relationships with local organisations, businesses, and services; Cultivating initiatives that provide tangible benefits to pupils and their families; Ensuring the academy is outward-facing and responsive to local community needs.
Celebration	Champions the academy's ethos and amplifies staff and pupil achievements by: Serving as advocates, reinforcing a positive reputation for the school and TEFAT; Ensuring the academy's civic contribution is visible, valued, and widely understood.
Context	Represents the lived experience of parents and staff, to help ensure that Trust decisions are rooted in real-world context by: Offering local knowledge to help Trustees understand the lived experience of families; Highlighting emerging themes, opportunities, or challenges within the local area.

We are excited to see where the new priorities take us and the opportunities they provide for new conversations.

We are also looking forward to working alongside four new student representatives in the new academic year. Congratulations to the following pupils who were selected following a rigorous shortlisting process during the summer term: Elias, Ilayza, Tiana and Jaison.

Finally, as previously mentioned, we currently have vacancies for members to join us from the local community: please do reach out if you know someone who would be interested in volunteering to support our school.

Wishing you a wonderful summer holiday.

Hillingdon Primary School Community Council