



Autumn Term Dates September - December 2020

Please find below the Autumn Term dates for your reference. It will come as no surprise that these dates look very different from previous years as we have had to make changes to a number of our celebrations, performances and sporting events due to social distancing restrictions. Safety of all members of our school community is our first priority, so we will not be able to hold many of the events we traditionally have in the Autumn term. We would like to reassure you that we are constantly considering alternative ways to host / maintain these events where possible, for example through the use of technology, and will endeavour to ensure that any gaps are carefully managed once restrictions ease to minimise the impact to our pupils.

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Parents are asked to refer to both the whole school events and dates for their child's year group when planning their diaries.

Reminder – Holiday Dates

Date, Time & Venue	Event
Tuesday 1st & Wednesday 2nd September	Teacher Training Days: <i>School closed to children.</i>
Pupils new to school, Reception pupils and Nursery pupils will have received individual notification of the date they are to start school. For all other pupils, please see the information below relating to Thursday 3rd and Friday 4th September	
Thursday 3rd September	Pupil Induction Day <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pupils in Years 4, 5 and 6 to attend school from 9.30 to 11.30am Pupils in Years 1, 2 and 3 to attend school from 12.30 to 2.30pm <i>Pupils will be invited to attend school for an induction session. The purpose of the induction is to prepare children for returning to school as we currently have some new rules and routines. Parents will be notified of their child's slot in advance.</i>
Friday 4th September	Pupils Return to Full Time School <i>Please see Mrs Breslin's letter regarding revised start and finish times that will apply from September to reduce congestion in the school playgrounds and surrounding roads.</i>
Monday 26th to Friday 30th October 2020	Half Term Week: <i>Pupils return to school on Monday 2nd November.</i>
Friday 18th December	Last Day of Term: <i>School finishes at 2.40pm.</i>
Monday 4th January 2021	Start of the Spring Term: <i>Pupils return to school.</i>

Whole School Events and Curriculum Information

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From Thursday 3rd September	<p>PSHE Focus - Welcome Back! <i>Pupils will be given time at the start of the academic year to settle back into school life, re-establish relationships with staff and their peers, and re-visit school routines and procedures. There will also be opportunities for pupils to reflect on their experiences during school closure in an age appropriate way. We hope this gentle start to learning will support our pupils' wellbeing and build resilience for the coming year.</i></p> <p>Parents and carers are reminded to please let us know in advance if your family has experienced a bereavement or any difficulties due to COVID-19 as this will help us to support your child. This information will be treated sensitively and only shared with staff working with your child.</p>
Week beginning Monday 7th September	<p>RE / PSHE Week: What Makes Me, Me <i>Children across the school will be looking at what makes them special as individuals; exploring ideas surrounding beliefs, faith and community cohesion.</i></p>
Friday 11th September	<p>'Silly Squad' – Hillingdon Library Summer Reading Challenge <i>All children are encouraged to take part in the London Borough of Hillingdon's summer reading challenge. More information can be found on their website at: https://www.hillingdon.gov.uk/summerreading</i> <i>To tie in with the summer reading scheme we will be running a competition to reward the class in each Key Stage that has read the most and also the pupils who have read the most in each class. Children will need to bring in evidence of their completion of the reading scheme by Friday 11th September and awards will be given out the following week.</i></p>
Thursday 1st & Friday 2nd October	<p>Themed Reading and Writing Event <i>Our themed events provide an opportunity to raise the profile of reading and writing across the school in a fun and interesting way. Further information, including details of a special, themed lunch, will be provided closer to the time.</i></p>
Week beginning Monday 5th October	<p><u>Walk to School Day</u> <i>International Walk to School Day (Wednesday 7th October) is a global event that involves communities from more than 40 countries walking and biking to school on the same day. Throughout the week, pupils and staff will be challenged to walk to school, and we will spend some time thinking about the positive impact this has on the environment, revisiting key messages from one of our Inspirational People; Greta Thunberg.</i></p>
Friday 13th November	<p><u>Children in Need</u> <i>Classes will spend some time learning about the Children in Need charity, who it helps and why. There will be an opportunity for parents to make a donation on Monday 16th November (see below) - please see the information on National Anti-Bullying Week below.</i></p>

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Whole School Events and Curriculum Information Continued

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<p>Week beginning Monday 16th November</p>	<p>National Anti-bullying Week and Odd Socks Day</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>The theme this year is, 'United Against Bullying.' This year, more than ever, we've witnessed the positive power that society can have when we come together to tackle a common challenge. Anti-Bullying Week is no different. We will be exploring the idea that by channelling our collective power, from parents and carers, to teachers and politicians, to children and young people, we can reduce bullying and make a difference. More information can be found at: https://www.anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/anti-bullying-week</i> <i>We will mark the start of the week by participating in 'Odd Socks Day' on Monday 16th November. All children are encouraged to come to school wearing their brightest, oddest socks.</i> <i>We will be accepting voluntary donations of £1 or more, to be shared between the Anti-bullying Alliance and Children in Need. For hygiene reasons we will not be able to accept cash donations: all donations MUST be made via ParentPay.</i>
<p>Week beginning Monday 16th November</p>	<p><u>Road Safety Week</u> <i>Road Safety Week is the UK's biggest road safety event, coordinated annually by Brake, the road safety charity. Pupils will be discussing road safety in their classes to promote life-saving messages during the week and beyond.</i></p>
<p>December</p>	<p>Christmas Events <i>We regret that due to social distancing restrictions we are unable to hold many of the Christmas events that would usually allow us to gather together as a community at this time of year, such as our Carol Service, Christmas Songs and Nativities, and of course our Christmas Fayre. We are carefully considering potential ways to come together as a community via other means, possibly at a later time in the academic year. We are considering ways that children can continue to enjoy Christmas festivities within their classrooms.</i></p>
<p>Wednesday 2nd December</p>	<p>Flu Vaccinations <i>All pupils from Reception to Year 6 will be invited to receive the flu vaccination in school. Further information, including consent forms, will be provided closer to the date.</i></p>
<p>Week beginning Monday 7th December</p>	<p>Religious Education (RE) Week <i>RE weeks provide an opportunity for children to learn about what other people believe and discuss their own beliefs based on the themes that might arise from the Christian festival of Christmas.</i></p>
<p>Starting Monday 7th December</p>	<p>Parent Consultations <i>Due to social distancing restrictions currently in place unfortunately we will not be able to host our parent consultation meetings on the school premises: instead arrangements will be made for parents to discuss their child's progress with his / her teacher remotely. We plan to continue with our model of two parent consultation meetings per academic year for most parents. Parents will be advised whether their consultation will fall in the autumn or spring term. Further information will be provided to parents / carers after the half term holiday.</i></p>
<p>Wednesday 16th December</p>	<p>HPS Festive Celebration in Bubbles</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>All children are invited to attend school wearing their favourite festive jumper (or a top in festive colours: green, red or gold.)</i> <i>Our school meals provider, The Pantry, will be serving festive lunch (must be pre-booked). Children having packed lunches are encouraged to bring a festive treat to join in the special occasion.</i> <i>Children will enjoy festivities in their classroom.</i>

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Dates for Nursery

Date, Time & Venue	Nursery Events
Friday 9th October 10.30am	Nursery Parents' Virtual Meet and Greet <i>An opportunity for parents of children in nursery to learn more about the nursery curriculum and routines. Further information will be provided at the start of the new academic year.</i>

Dates for Reception

Date, Time & Venue	Reception Events
Wednesday 7th October 10.30am	Reception Parents' Virtual Meet and Greet <i>An opportunity for parents and carers to meet the Reception teaching team and learn more about the year ahead. Further information will be provided at the start of the new academic year.</i>

Dates for Year 1

Date, Time & Venue	Year 1 Events
Thursday 17th September 10.30am	Year 1 Parents' Virtual Meet and Greet <i>An opportunity for parents and carers to meet the Year 1 teaching team and learn more about the year ahead. Further information will be provided at the start of the new academic year.</i>
Tuesday 10th November 1.30 - 2pm	Year 1 Parents' Phonics Virtual Meeting <i>Parents and carers are invited to join a Virtual Meeting to learn more about how they can support their children to develop their Phonics skills.</i>

Dates for Year 2

Date, Time & Venue	Year 2 Events
Thursday 8th October 10.30am	Year 2 Parents' Virtual Meet and Greet <i>An opportunity for parents and carers to meet the Year 2 teaching team and learn more about the year ahead. Further information will be provided at the start of the new academic year.</i>

Dates for Year 3

Date, Time & Venue	Year 3 Events
Tuesday 6th October 10.30am	Year 3 Parents' Virtual Meet and Greet <i>An opportunity for parents and carers to meet the Year 3 teaching team and learn more about the year ahead. Further information will be provided at the start of the new academic year.</i>

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Dates for Year 4

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Wednesday 30th September 10.30am	Year 4 Parents' Virtual Meet and Greet <i>An opportunity for parents and carers to meet the Year 4 teaching team and learn more about the year ahead. Further information will be provided at the start of the new academic year.</i>

Dates for Year 5

Date, Time & Venue	Year 5 Events
Friday 2nd October 10.30am	Year 5 Parents' Virtual Meet and Greet <i>An opportunity for parents and carers to meet the Year 5 teaching team and learn more about the year ahead. Further information will be provided at the start of the new academic year.</i>

Dates for Year 6

Date, Time & Venue	Year 6 Events
Friday 11th September	Metropolitan Police Talk <i>Year 6 will receive a safety talk on mobile phones and e-safety from Metropolitan Police Officers. This is likely to take place virtually.</i>
Thursday 1st October 10.30am	Year 6 Parents' Virtual Meet and Greet <i>An opportunity for parents and carers to meet the Year 6 teaching team and learn more about the year ahead. Further information will be provided at the start of the new academic year.</i>
Saturday 31st October	Deadline for Applications to Secondary School <i>Please visit the London Borough of Hillingdon's Admission page for further information about applying to secondary schools.</i>

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