



Autumn Term Dates November - December 2021

Please find below the upcoming dates for the remainder of the autumn term for your reference.

We are very pleased to have had a calm start to the term as we welcomed students back to school and successfully re-established our school routines following an unusual 18 months. We feel lucky to be able to reintroduce some of our traditional autumn term events and invite parents and carers back into the school to participate in these, however we are remaining cautious to ensure we can maintain a safe school environment. We are aware that COVID-19 remains prevalent in the local area and the safety of all members of our school community is our first priority. Parents and carers will notice that we have introduced ticketing at some of our larger events to support social distancing, however we may put further mitigations in place if necessary and parents will be informed of these as required.

Whilst the dates and times below are correct at the time of publication, they may be subject to change in response to any new directives received from the Department for Education or Public Health England in relation to COVID-19. Parents will be informed of the changes as soon as possible via the school text messaging and email service.

Parents and carers 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
Friday 17th December	Last Day of Term <i>School closes for students at 2.40 pm. 4.30 Club will not operate on the last day.</i>
Monday 3rd January 2022	Bank Holiday: School Closed
Tuesday 4th January 2022	Start of the Spring Term: Pupils return to school.

Whole School Events and Curriculum Information

Date, Time & Venue	Whole School Events and Curriculum Information
Thursday 11th November	Armistice / Remembrance Day <i>Remembrance Day is an important event in the school calendar that unites the whole school community and celebrates British Values. This week, each student will be given a poppy in class and asked to keep it in their tray until Thursday 11th November when they will be invited to wear them as we stand in silence to remember the many sacrifices made for us by our Armed Forces Community.</i> <i>We would like to encourage parents / carers to make a recommended donation of 50p or more for their child's poppy. Students should bring their donation into class to put into the collection box: please provide the correct amount as we are unable to give change. All funds raised will go to the Royal British Legion to help provide life-long support to our Armed Forces Community.</i>

Whole School Events and Curriculum Information continued

Date, Time & Venue	Whole School Events and Curriculum Information
Friday 12th November	<p>Children in Need Fundraising Event <i>Students are invited to wear odd / spotty socks to school in recognition of Children in Need Day. They will be learning about the charity and the children it supports throughout the day.</i> <i>Students will be present in the playground at the start and end of the school day to collect donations should parents / carers wish to make one. All monies raised will be split equally between the Children in Need charity and purchasing Anti-bullying resources for the school.</i></p>
Week beginning Monday 15th November	<p>National Anti-bullying Week and Odd Socks Day <i>Kindness is more important today than it has ever been. The isolation of the last year has underlined how little acts of consideration can break down barriers and brighten the lives of the people around us. This is one of the reasons that 'One Kind Word' has been chosen as the national theme of Anti-Bullying Week.</i> <i>We will mark the start of the week by participating in 'Odd Socks Day' on Monday 15th November. Students will be present in the playground at the start and end of the school day to collect donations should parents / carers wish to make one. All monies raised will be split equally between the Children in Need charity and purchasing Anti-bullying resources for the school.</i></p>
Friday 19th November	<p>Flu Vaccinations <i>The school nurse team will be attending the school to administer the nasal flu vaccine to those students whose parents have completed the consent form.</i></p>
Tuesday 23rd and Thursday 25th November	<p>Parent Consultation Meetings for Reception to Year 6 <i>Our parent consultation meetings will continue to be held virtually via the School Cloud system. Parents / carers will be notified when the online appointment booking system is open.</i></p>
Thursday 25th, Friday 26th, Monday 29th and Tuesday 30th November	<p>Anti-bullying Workshops <i>OpenView Education will be delivering anti-bullying workshops to students throughout the school. Early Years and KS1 workshops will focus on Kindness through Storytelling, whilst KS2 will learn how to, 'find their courage,' with workshops designed to empower students with the skills to deal with bullying situations and support other students who may be experiencing bullying. Parents will be asked to make a contribution to the cost of the workshops: further information will be provided closer to the event.</i></p>
Tuesday 30th November 9.30am	<p>Reception 2022 Open Day <i>The first of three opportunities for prospective parents who do not know Early Years well to visit the school and meet key members of staff. Attendance must be pre-booked via the school office to support us to manage numbers and maintain a safe environment due to COVID-19 risk mitigations.</i></p>
Monday 6th to Friday 17th December	<p>Religious Education (RE) Weeks <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>
Tuesday 7th December 9.30am	<p>Reception 2022 Open Day <i>The second of three opportunities for prospective parents who do not know Early Years well to visit the school and meet key members of staff. Attendance must be pre-booked via the school office to support us to manage numbers and maintain a safe environment due to COVID-19 risk mitigations.</i></p>

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Wednesday 8th December	The Pantry Christmas Dinner <i>Our school meals provider, The Pantry, will be serving up a traditional Christmas Lunch (must be pre-booked via The Pantry). Children having packed lunches are encouraged to bring a festive treat to join in the special occasion.</i>
Wednesday 15th December	HPS Festive Class Celebrations <i>Students and staff will be celebrating the festive season together. Hillingdon Primary will once again host its own Christmas Jumper Day and all students are invited to attend school wearing their favourite festive jumper (or a top in festive colours: green, red or gold.) Students will finish the day with a fun afternoon playing traditional party games at their class parties.</i>

Dates for Nursery

Date, Time & Venue	Nursery Events
Tuesday 14th December 9.10am - School Hall	Morning Nursery Christmas Songs <i>Parents / carers of children in morning nursery are invited into school to listen to the children singing some of their favourite festive songs. To enable us to maintain a COVID safe environment in school this will be a ticketed event. Each student will be allocated two tickets: further information will be provided to parents closer to the time.</i>
Tuesday 14th December 2.30pm - School Hall	Afternoon and Full Time Nursery Christmas Songs <i>Parents / carers of children who attend nursery full time and in the afternoon are invited into school to listen to the children singing some of their favourite festive songs. To enable us to maintain a COVID safe environment in school this will be a ticketed event. Each student will be allocated two tickets: further information will be provided to parents closer to the time.</i>

Dates for Reception

Date, Time & Venue	Reception Events
Thursday 9th December 9.10am School Hall	Class RB Christmas Songs <i>Parents / carers of children in RB are invited into school to listen to the children singing some of their favourite festive songs. To enable us to maintain a COVID safe environment in school this will be a ticketed event. Each student will be allocated two tickets: further information will be provided to parents closer to the time.</i>
Friday 10th December 9.10am School Hall	Class RM Christmas Songs <i>Parents / carers of children in RM are invited into school to listen to the children singing some of their favourite festive songs. To enable us to maintain a COVID safe environment in school this will be a ticketed event. Each student will be allocated two tickets: further information will be provided to parents closer to the time.</i>
Monday 13th December 2.30pm School Hall	Class RH Christmas Songs <i>Parents / carers of children in RH are invited into school to listen to the children singing some of their favourite festive songs. To enable us to maintain a COVID safe environment in school this will be a ticketed event. Each student will be allocated two tickets: further information will be provided to parents closer to the time.</i>

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Dates for Year 1

Date, Time & Venue	Year 1 Events
<p>Wednesday 15th December</p>	<p>Gunpowder Plot Theatre Workshops <i>The Freshwater Theatre Company's Time Traveller will be visiting each class to take the students on an interactive journey back to 1605 to meet Guy Fawkes and the King whilst uncovering the Gunpowder plot. Parents have been asked to make a voluntary contribution via ParentPay of £5 per child to meet the cost of the workshops.</i></p>

Dates for Year 2

Date, Time & Venue	Year 2 Events
<p>Tuesday 16th November</p>	<p>Florence Nightingale Freshwater Theatre Workshops <i>The Freshwater Theatre Company will be delivering workshops to enhance students' learning of notable historical figures Florence Nightingale and Mary Seacole. Parents have been asked to make a voluntary contribution via ParentPay of £5 per child to meet the cost of the workshops.</i></p>
<p>Note regarding the Nativity Show: Traditionally the Key Stage 1 Nativity Show has been performed by our Year 1 students, however as Year 2 missed out on their performance last year we are pleased to be able to give them the opportunity to perform this year instead. We understand this will impact our current Year 1 students and will be making alternative arrangements to ensure they do not miss out.</p>	
<p>Thursday 2nd December 9.10am School Hall</p>	<p>Year 2 Nativity Show (Class 2J and half of 2K) <i>Parents and carers of children in Year 2 are warmly invited to attend their special assembly where children will be retelling the story of the nativity. The three Year 2 classes will be split into two groups of 45 pupils to perform for their family and friends: parents / carers of students in class 2K will be notified in advance of the date their child will be performing. To enable us to maintain a COVID safe environment in school this will be a ticketed event. Each student will be allocated two tickets: further information will be provided to parents closer to the time.</i></p>
<p>Friday 3rd December 9.10am School Hall</p>	<p>Year 2 Nativity Show (Class 2H and half of 2K) <i>Parents and carers of children in Year 2 are warmly invited to attend their special assembly where children will be retelling the story of the nativity. The three Year 2 classes will be split into two groups of 45 pupils to perform for their family and friends: parents / carers of students in class 2K will be notified in advance of the date their child will be performing. To enable us to maintain a COVID safe environment in school this will be a ticketed event. Each student will be allocated two tickets: further information will be provided to parents closer to the time.</i></p>

Dates for Year 3

There are no year group specific dates for Year 3 this term. Please refer to the Whole School Events and Curriculum information for the dates of other events that Year 3 students will be participating in.

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Dates for Year 4

Date, Time & Venue	Year 4 Events
Friday 19th November	Year 4 Dentist Workshop <i>To enhance and support their science curriculum learning this term, Year 4 students will participate in a Dental workshop.</i>

Dates for Year 5

There are no year group specific dates for Year 5 this term. Please refer to the Whole School Events and Curriculum information for the dates of other events that Year 5 students will be participating in.

Dates for Year 6

Date, Time & Venue	Year 6 Events
Monday 1st November	Metropolitan Police Talk <i>To help prepare students for transition to secondary school, the Metropolitan Police will be coming into school to speak to students about mobile phones and keeping safe.</i>
Friday 12th November 8.30 to 9am Small Hall	Year 6 Parents' PGL Drop-In <i>Miss Devlin, Mrs Sands and Ms Akhtar will be holding an informal drop in session to assist with any questions Year 6 parents may have about the residential trip planned for June 2022. Prior to dropping in, parents are asked to refer to the information and presentation previously shared. Copies are also available on the school website: https://www.hillingdon.hillingdon.sch.uk/page/?title=Year+6+PGL+Trip+June+2022&pid=144</i>
Friday 26th November	Ancient Greek Day <i>As part of Year 6's Ancient Greek history curriculum, pupils will be invited to attend school dressed in Ancient Greek costume and taste traditional Greek food. Further information has been provided to Year 6 parents.</i>

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