

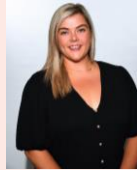


NEWSLETTER

AUTUMN TERM 1

2025-2026

A Message From The Headteacher Grace Mullally



Dear Parents/Carers,

As we approach the end of the first half of the Autumn Term, I wanted to reflect on the fantastic start we have had at Hillingdon Manor School. It fills me with such pride to lead our wonderful school, and I am so grateful to the whole school community for making it a great start to this academic year. It has been magnificent to see pupils settle into their new classes, being fully supported by their class teams, to ensure a positive and safe educational environment for all.

September also saw the launch of The Courtyard, our new Hillingdon Manor site in Hayes – and what a success it has been! We currently have three classes of Key Stage 3 pupils at the site, and it has been wonderful to see them settle into their new school, supported by our fantastic team of staff and cross-site Senior Leadership Team.

Since we returned, we have seen multiple opportunities for pupils to flourish, both inside and outside of the classroom. Our teachers are delivering high quality lessons, tailored to the needs of the pupils in their classes, as well as running clubs, extra-curricular, trips and enrichment opportunities. At Hillingdon Manor School, we believe wholeheartedly in delivering a broad and enriching curriculum, where pupils can truly flourish. Our new Sensory Club has been very well attended by pupils, helping them to enjoy their lunchtimes, in preparation for an afternoon of learning.

I was very proud of pupils who campaigned to join the Pupil Voice Group for this academic year. Their posters and videos were truly inspiring – passionate, positive and proactive. Our democratic vote took place last week, and the group has now been formed, ready to share the voice of all pupils in the school, to make it an improved learning environment for everyone.

As I mentioned in the Summer Term newsletter, I want to reiterate that I am committed to building the school community from strength to strength, ensuring that all stakeholders have their voices heard. On that note, the date for our Christmas Market Day is on Thursday 11th December 2025. Please add this date to your calendar now to ensure you can join us on what is always a festive filled, delightful event for all members of our community.

Wishing you a wonderful half term break and we look forward to seeing all pupils back to school on Monday 3rd November 2025.

Feature - The Courtyard Site

The Autumn Term saw the launch of our new site, The Courtyard, based on Church Road in Hayes, a stones throw from The Manor site. During the Summer Term and school holidays, the team prepared the site, setting up classrooms, organising equipment and ensuring the site is a safe, purposeful learning environment for our new pupils – and what a success it has been! Pupils and staff have settled into The Courtyard positively, fully embracing our School Values of ‘Ready, Respectful, Safe’. The Senior Leadership Team have been working across both sites, ensuring it has been a positive start to the academic year. The Courtyard pupils visit The Manor site weekly to use Market Garden area and look after the ducks, which they very much enjoy! We look forward to welcoming more pupils to The Courtyard site soon!



HMS Ducks

We have some quacking news that lots of you would have seen on Class Dojo – our ducks have started to lay eggs, and we have been enjoying them scrambled and fried! We are currently building a new pond for our ducks – watch this space!



SLT Roles and Responsibilities for 2025-2026

We would like to remind all parents and carers of our Senior Leadership Team and their responsibilities across both sites (The Manor and The Courtyard), in case you need to reach out to one of them:

Grace Mullally – Headteacher (The Manor and The Courtyard)
 Dawid Deszkiewicz – Deputy Headteacher (Quality of Education and Curriculum)
 Claire Stapleton – Deputy Headteacher (Behaviour and Attitudes)
 Roxana Tagui – Deputy Headteacher (Quality of Education and Curriculum)
 Laura Nichol – Assistant Headteacher (SENCo)
 Luke Pierre-Inkson – Assistant Headteacher (Behaviour and Attitudes)
 Jack Taylor – Assistant Headteacher (Progress and Outcomes)

We are thrilled to be working with parents and carers to ensure a high quality of education for every pupil in our care.

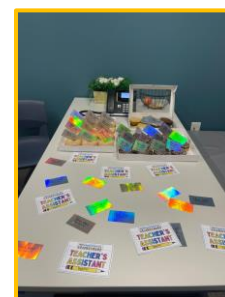
HMS News and Updates



Celebrating Our Staff

This half term we have celebrated National Teaching Assistant Day and World Teachers' Day at HMS. It was a great opportunity to recognise our staff and all that they do to make HMS a safe and engaging educational environment for all of our pupils.

Thank you to parents and carers for your kind messages on Class Dojo – our staff were very grateful to read these!



Pupil Voice Announcement

We are thrilled to announce that our Pupil Voice Group has been formed, after campaigns and a democratic pupil vote last week. We are excited to announce that our newly elected Pupil Voice Group are:

Key Stage 3

Kayleb W (3I)
Mary-Kate B (3H)
Noah S (3I)
Jack D (3E)
Isabella W (3L)
Casius G (3J)
Ashvin S (3K)



Key Stage 4

Arius F (4E)
Hannah W (4A)
Nihal K (4A)
Christian D (4D)



Key Stage 5

Clem M (5C)
David S (5C)
Renujan R (5D)
Sunay H (5E)



Well done to everyone who campaigned and congratulations to those elected – we look forward to working with you this year to hear pupil voice across the school!

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New Sensory Club

We have recently launched a new Sensory Club on Fridays, where pupils can explore using their senses using sensory activities. Paulina H, Teacher of 3D, is running the club which has been a real success. It has been very popular since the launch, and pupils have enjoyed using their senses to explore different objects using Tough Trays. A great example of enriching our pupils further through clubs and activities.



Ready for Reading? You Bet!



The Child Mind Institute states that reading is essential for cognitive development of children. Reading exposes children to new vocabulary and language structures, which is essential for developing strong language skills. Reading is crucial for children's development as it enhances language skills, fosters emotional understanding, and supports cognitive growth, laying the foundation for lifelong learning. At HMS we believe that reading is essential to supporting our pupils – we do this through My Communication lesson, reading sessions and our wonderful library and book corners. We encourage parents and carers to read with their children at home to further build on this vital skill.



Pupil Progress Day

We held our termly Pupil Progress Day on Friday 17th October. It was an excellent opportunity for teachers to share progress updates with parents and carers and celebrate all the achievements from this half term. Pupil Progress Day is one of our favourite moments in the termly calendar – as we recognise the importance of building strong home-school connections, as well as celebrate the successes of our pupils. We would like to thank all parents and carers for your engagement in such an important day. Our next Pupil Progress Day is Friday 20th March 2026!



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After School Clubs Coming Soon!

We will soon be launching our After School Clubs – a range of activities that pupils can enjoy and take part in, after the school day has ended. These clubs will include sporting, games, Pokémon, cooking, Music and more! Our wonderful staff will be running these clubs to ensure we broaden pupils' interests and help to discover their talents and passions. Please keep an eye on Class Dojo / your emails for more information about when these will start after half term. We look forward to seeing lots of pupils there!

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4B Take To The Stage

4B were lucky enough to visit The Compass Theatre in Ickenham for a behind-the-scenes look at the theatre, the costume department, backstage and roles within the Performing Arts industry. It was a great trip, and we look forward to running similar events for other classes this year.



Breakfast Club

We have just relaunched our Breakfast Club – an opportunity for pupils to have breakfast at school, preparing them for a successful day of learning ahead! We have toast, cereals and juices available each morning between 8:45-9:10am. Please see the letter on Class Dojo and return the slip as soon as possible if you would like your child to attend.



Reminders & Dates



Dates for your Diary

November

3rd – Halloween (Spooky Afternoon)

11th – Remembrance Day

10th to 14th – Anti-Bullying Week

14th – Children in Need

December

11th – Christmas Jumper Day / Christmas

Market Day (Further Information Soon)

19th – Winter Warmer Event for Pupils & Half

Day for all Pupils (1pm finish)



Reading

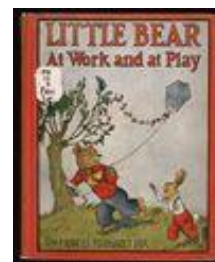
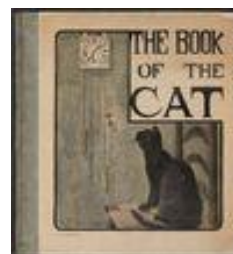


I am going to share a free site again that parents can use in at home to read with pupils at home. Below is a link to a free e-book website:

[International Children's Digital Library](#)

BELOW ARE SOME OF THE BOOK

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THIS PLATFORM



Ideas for fun and free half term activities



Fun Ideas for Half Term

- * Cuddle up and read a book
- * Enjoy a Scavenger Hunt
- * Plan a trip for when you can
- * Play a board game
- * Go on a nature trek
- * Look at a map and learn the capital cities of Europe
- * Make up a dance routine to a favourite song
- * Make a time capsule
- * Enjoy a game of cards
- * Build a den
- * Paint a picture
- * Go for family walk
- * Bake a cake

