



NEWSLETTER

SUMMER TERM 1

2025-2026

A Message From The Headteacher, Grace Mullally



Dear Parents/Carers,

The May half term is nearly upon us, meaning we will soon head into the second half of the summer term and the final part of this academic year. This half term has been wonderful, with the sun shining and our community spending more time outdoors together. The summer term always feels brighter, and everyone has very much enjoyed the warmer and drier weather.

This half term has been packed with activities and days of celebration. We acknowledged Earth Day 2026 with in class activities about protecting our planet, teaching our pupils the importance of looking after the world around them. We also acknowledged International Astronomy Day, where pupils learned more about space, other planets, and the recent Artemis 2 mission to the moon. It was a fascinating day! We also celebrated the World Day for Cultural Diversity, which included our brilliant Passport Day in the afternoon. The day was an opportunity for pupils to explore different cultures and countries. Pupils took part in activities in classes, focused on cultures from around the world, took part in cultural workshops such as African drumming and Irish dancing, as well as having the opportunity for pupils to wear clothes that represent their culture. It was a wonderful day of inclusion, and our whole community had lots of fun.

We also acknowledged Mental Health Awareness Week, which was planned by our fantastic Clinical Team. Pupils took part in a range of activities focused on how they can look after their own mental health. We recognise the importance of supporting our pupils with strategies to feel good, and how to seek help if they need to.

VE Day celebrations took place on the 8th May, where pupils learned more about the end of World War Two. Pupils engaged with lessons about the war and why peace across the world is so important. Pupils enjoyed learning about history and discovering what life was like for communities during the war.

Finally, the Jack Petchey award winners from Hillingdon Manor attended the awards ceremony at the end of April, where they collected their award on stage, with their family and friends watching with pride. I am exceptionally proud of our winners, and I am sure you will join me in congratulating them on their success!

I very much look forward to welcoming parents and carers to several events during the second half of the Summer Term, including Sports Day on Thursday 18th June, Summer Market Day on Thursday 9th July and Graduation for our leavers on Wednesday 15th July. More information to follow for all.

We continue to monitor attendance closely in line with DfE guidance and greatly value the continued support of parents and carers in helping us maintain positive attendance for every child.

I wish you a restful and enjoyable May half term, spending time with loved ones, family and friends. We very much look forward to welcoming pupils back to school on Tuesday 2nd June, for the second part of the Summer term!



Feature - World Day For Cultural Diversity



Pupils grabbed a passport and travelled the world during World Day for Cultural Diversity – it was quite literally a ‘round the world’ trip!

On Thursday 21st May, we celebrated World Day for Cultural Diversity, alongside our amazing Passport Day! Pupils were invited to wear clothes that represent their own culture for the day, and we were thrilled to see many of them chose to celebrate their heritage. The day included lessons about different cultures, with pupils learning about countries all over the world. Pupils were also able to share with peers about their own cultures, teaching their classmates about different foods, ways of life and traditions. It was wonderful to see pupils engage so enthusiastically with each other on such an important topic.

The afternoon saw our fantastic Passport Day, where pupils ‘travelled’ around the school to different countries, collecting stamps on their passports, and taking part in a range of activities from different locations across the world. We saw some Irish dancing, African drumming, North American line dancing, Jamaican music, flag making, and more!

Our pupils had a great day, and it was wonderful to see them engaging so brilliantly with each other about cultural diversity – something we believe is so important at Hillingdon Manor and across the UK. Diversity is a strength, and our pupils loved every minute of the day!



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HMS Staff Visit Buckingham Palace



On Wednesday 20th May, Luke Pierre-Inkson (Assistant Headteacher) and Michael Precht (Forest School Lead) visited Buckingham Palace. They were invited to attend to represent Hillingdon Manor School, due to our ongoing participation in the award, at an event to celebrate the Duke of Edinburgh Award's 70th Anniversary. Luke and Michael were thrilled to visit the Palace and hear from the Duke of Edinburgh himself, and were able to share their positive experiences of the award delivery at the school. It was a wonderful day. Luke shared after the visit: "Representing Hillingdon Manor on a visit to Buckingham Palace was a once in a lifetime opportunity that I will never forget. I am proud of the success we have achieved running The Duke of Edinburgh Award at HMS and look forward to supporting more pupils on their journey."



Jack Petchey Winners Announced

On Friday 15th May 2026, the winners of this term's Jack Petchey Awards were announced during a whole school assembly. A huge congratulations to the winners: Nathan T (3A), Isabella W (3L), Marvyn DG (4B) and Karan S (5E). All of the winners were recognised for their positive attitudes towards learning, kindness and support towards their peers, and demonstrating our Hillingdon Manor values of Ready, Respectful, Safe.

Winners received a certificate and badge, as well as some funds to spend across the school. They can choose how their funding is spent, which is very exciting! Next year, they will attend the Hillingdon Jack Petchey Awards, alongside all other Hillingdon based schools. Well done to all winners on this great accomplishment!



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Mental Health Awareness Week 2026

During Week Commencing Monday 11th May, we acknowledged Mental Health Awareness Week 2026, which was overseen by our wonderful Clinical Team. Throughout the week, pupils took part in activities about understanding their emotions, exploring these using TUFF Trays; pupils explored deep breathing, and how this can support with positive regulation; pupils took part in movement activities, learning about how their body can help with staying well; we explored sensory calm and relaxation, enjoying learning about calming music, fidget toys and relaxing; pupils learned about positive affirmations, considering ways to 'feel good' both mentally and physically. We had a great week!



VE Day Celebrations

On Friday 8th May, we acknowledged VE Day at Hillingdon Manor School with activities and tasks taking place across the school. Pupils learned about the end of World War Two, and the jubilant celebrations that took place across Britain when the war ended in 1945. Pupils took part in activities that explored what life was like for those who lived through the war, writing letters and diary entries in English, exploring 'rationed' ingredients and what these were, and watched VE Day videos including interviews of those who have links to the end of the war. We also had a 'street party' in the Hall, where we set up tables and pupils ate their lunch together – it was wonderful! It was a very insightful day, and pupils were respectful at all times, remembering those who fought for the country and the importance of peace, including in modern day Britain.



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International Astronomy Day 2026

On Monday 18th May, pupils took part in a range of activities celebrating International Astronomy Day 2026! Pupils across the school learned more about the recent Artemis II mission to space last month – and were fascinated to discover how astronauts live in space with everything floating around! Pupils also designed their own mission badges, learned about space and built their very own rockets!

Pupils also took part in lessons about the solar system, and discovered more about Earth, the sun and the moon. Pupils were able to listen to interviews with famous astronaut Tim Peake, hearing about his mission to the moon and inspiring the next generation! We had a great day!



Earth Day 2026

On Wednesday we celebrated Earth Day 2026 across Our school community, with pupils taking part in a variety of activities in lessons to learn about the importance of protecting our planet. They created visual appeals, made designs in Printworks, and learned about why the planet needs to be cared for. Earth Day has been recognised around the world for 55 years, and at Hillingdon Manor School we believe it is essential to teach our pupils about the importance of caring for planet Earth!

The theme for 2026 was: Our Power, Our Planet. Earth Day wanted the theme to inspire us all to Continue working towards a better planet all year round, and that community and collaboration are needed for change.

Pupils had a great day taking part in all of the activities throughout the day. A big thank you to our Careers Lead Marcel for organising!



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Peace Banner Update

On the 10th and 11th April 2026, Hillingdon Manor's Peace Banner for Kids of Guernica went on display at The World Academy of Art and Science.

Framed under the inspiring theme "The World We Want – Art for Planet and Peace", the event marked the beginning of a vibrant global cultural movement that positions the arts as a strategic and transformative force to address today's most pressing opportunities for change: climate action, peacebuilding, and social cohesion. The programme featured an exhibition showcasing over 100 artists from around the world, including remarkable children's works from Lebanon, Uruguay, and China, alongside deeply meaningful initiatives such as the Kids of Guernica Peace Banners from London and Hiroshima. Now, our banner travels to Argentina for the next stage of presentation!



Mei Completes The London Marathon!

On Sunday 26th April, Meiting Li, our Regional Administrator, ran her first London Marathon in support of Mencap, a charity close to her heart. Mei has been preparing for the Marathon for months, training after work and at weekends, to help her complete the 26.2 mile run. Mei said after the Marathon: "I am so proud of myself for smashing it all the way through. Today was definitely a highlight, and I believe 26.2 miles is a great milestone for every runner. However, I truly appreciate the journey that brought me here. All the training, preparation, perseverance and endurance have built me up to this day — not just physically, but mentally as well. I couldn't have done it without the support of the people around me, including all of you at Hillingdon Manor School. Every encouraging message, kind word and generous donation has meant the world to me. Not to mention the many volunteers and supporters along the route who made it all possible." Everyone at Hillingdon Manor is so incredibly proud of Mei, and her husband Cody, who completed the Marathon and raised £5,000 for charity!



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HMS Pupil Attends Hillingdon's Aim High Conference

Noah Szurgot, a pupil at Hillingdon Manor School, recently attended Hillingdon Council's Aim High Conference, as a member of the Aim High Youth Forum. Noah was part of a small group of pupils who created and delivered SEND training for educational professionals, in order to improve SEND practice in schools across the Borough.

Noah also delivered a speech to attendees, sharing his experiences of life at Hillingdon Manor, and stressing the importance of the Conferences' main aim – “see me, not the label”. We are all exceptionally proud of Noah and his achievements, and for representing Hillingdon Manor and OFG brilliantly.



Jack Petchey Winners Attend Award Ceremony

On Thursday 23rd April, seven Jack Petchey award winners attended Cineworld in South Ruislip for the Hillingdon Jack Petchey Award Ceremony. The event celebrated all winners from the London Borough of Hillingdon, with their family, friends and teachers in the audience, watching proudly as they received their award on stage. Awards were presented by the Mayor of Hillingdon.

Jack Petchey Awards recognise the outstanding achievements of today's young people by awarding them for their hard work and positive impact in their community.

The winners who attended from Hillingdon Manor were: Nihal K, Oscar B, Tyrone S, Emily E, Vaibhav K, Aditya S, Haron M. We are so incredibly proud of all of you, and your achievements!



Mick P, our staff Jack Petchey winner, also attended the ceremony and received his award on stage. A huge congratulations to Mick – the award was recognition for your hard work and dedication to all pupils at Hillingdon Manor School.

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4D Out in the Community

At the end of April, 4D had a wonderful trip Out in the Community. Pupils demonstrated their learning about how to walk safely in the community, and all crossed the road perfectly. Pupils developed their life skills, shopping for lunch on a budget, in a local supermarket. The class then went to the park to eat their lunch and everyone had time to play on the play equipment. The whole class worked together beautifully as a team.

One pupil described the trip as “epic” whilst others shared how nice it was to do some of their learning outside of school.

Everyone had fun in the sun!



3I Visit The Zoo

On Thursday 7th May, pupils in 3I Class visited the zoo! Marta, Victoria and Annapurna arranged the reward trip to Hobbledown Heath Farm in Hounslow, where they were able to explore the farm, and see the different animals. The class were very lucky to view Leemas close up in their enclosure and also got to meet Shaun the Tortoise! Pupils had a workshop with a zoo keeper, learning about the different animals, and had lunch in the cafe, before heading to the adventure playground where they jumped on a huge bouncy pillow! Everyone had a great day!



Pupils Attend Virtual Kindness Workshop

On Wednesday 29th April, pupils at Hillingdon Manor School pupils attended a virtual workshop, on the theme of kindness.

The workshop explored ways that pupils could demonstrate their kindness to others, through their actions and their words, and the positive impact it would have on those around them.

Pupils engaged brilliantly in the workshop and were set the mission to say something kind to someone at break or lunch. It is safe to say we saw lots of lovely comments being shared to pupils and staff – it was fantastic!



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Ricardo Wins Story Writing Competition

We are exceptionally proud to announce that Ricardo S in 3I has won The 100 Story Writing competition at Hillingdon Manor. Ricardo's story was judged the winner by a panel of experts - an amazing achievement.

Everyone at Hillingdon Manor are incredibly proud of Ricardo, and we think his story is pretty amazing. You can read the story on our website, under News & Events, about 100 big red buses!

Ricardo's story will now be published in a book, alongside all other competition winners, which will be available later this year.



Pupil Voice Give Pond Area A Makeover

At the start of May, Pupil Voice began work on the pond area within the Adventure Playground. The group have decided to create an outdoor learning area and have drawn up designs of their ideas. These designs and proposals have been shared with SLT, for their consideration and next steps. The group have been cleaning up the area, ready for construction to happen – exciting!



As Sir David Attenborough celebrates his 100th Birthday, we have a team of mini conservationists in our midst! Well done Pupil Voice!

Pupils & Staff Vote for Jack Petchey Award Winners

During week commencing Monday 11th May, pupils and staff at Hillingdon Manor School completed the process of nominating and voting for their winners of The Jack Petchey Award for the Summer Term. We had hundreds of nominations made on Thursday 14th, with the winners announced on Friday 15th May during a whole school assembly.

At Hillingdon Manor, we believe in teaching our pupils about the Fundamental British Values, including democracy, and voting opportunities such as these educate our pupils on the importance of a democratic vote. Well done to everyone who took part and voted in the ballot!



HMS Clinical Team Update



The Clinical Team have had a busy and exciting start to the Summer Term! Alongside continuing our regular therapy sessions, we have been making the most of the lovely weather by running both Girls Group and Boys Group outdoors. So far, the students have enjoyed creating bug hotels, paper pinwheels and taking part in cheerleading dancing activities. After half term, we are looking forward to even more outdoor fun including kite making, leaf printing and creating windchimes.

Our interventions have continued to focus on expanding communication, increasing independence and improving understanding, all through engaging and enjoyable activities. The students have particularly loved getting involved in exciting experiments such as volcano making and creating lava lamps!

This half term, we also joined the Parent Coffee Morning and would like to say a huge thank you to all the parents who attended our training session on Introduction to AAC and Modelling. We have continued to support staff through workshops on strategies including modelling and the use of now/next boards, as well as our weekly MDT meetings with the SLT team where we share advice and strategies collaboratively.

We were also thrilled to support Mental Health Awareness Week by planning activities across the week to help students explore and understand their emotions, discover helpful strategies for their own 'wellbeing toolkit' and create affirmation jars.

We are looking forward to the second half of the Summer Term with hopefully even better weather, more sessions and lots more fun learning opportunities ahead!

We wish you all a wonderful half term break and look forward to working with pupils in Summer 2.

Ciara Quinn & The Clinical Team



Reminders & Dates



HMS PARENT COFFEE MORNINGS



FRIDAY 26TH JUNE 2026 - 8:00-8:30AM
FRIDAY 10TH JULY 2026 - 9:30-10:30AM
FURTHER DATES TO BE ADDED FOR NEXT
ACADEMIC YEAR!



Dates for your Diary

June 2026

1st – Staff Training Day (NO PUPILS)

2nd – ALL PUPILS BACK TO SCHOOL

19th – Sports Day (info to follow)

July 2026

3rd – Pupil Progress Day

9th – Summer Market Day

14th – Pupil Class Transition Day

15th – Graduation Evening (info to follow)

16th – End of Term (pupils finish at 1pm)

September Dates

As we head towards the Summer holiday, we want to remind parents and carers about the dates for September 2026, and in particular, pupils return to school. Please find this information below:

Wednesday 2nd September – Staff Training Day (NO PUPILS)

Thursday 3rd September – Staff Training Day (NO PUPILS)

Friday 4th September – ALL PUPILS BACK TO SCHOOL

The term dates for 2026-2027 Academic Year can be found on our website under 'Important Information'. Please use these to ensure any holidays booked are **not** in term time, as mentioned previously.

We look forward to welcoming our pupils back to school in September 2026.

Let's make the most of Summer Term 2, as we prepare for a new academic year in September!

Happy
half-term