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GLEBE PARENT NEWSLETTER



I hope you have all had a good week.

Mystery Guest

Last week's mystery guest was.... Danger Mouse! Well done to everyone who guessed correctly.



Weekly Attendance %

3G	99.7
6L	98.9
RB	98.6
5IP	98.6
5I	98.3
4W	97.7
1M	97.3
1G	96.3
2F	96.2
4V	96.2
3D	96
4JL	96
RP	94.8
1S	94.6
6A	93.2
2C	92.9
RW	92.8
2J	92.4
3ME	92
6K	89.3
5M	89

Whole School

95.7%

FRIDAY 17TH JANUARY 2025

LOOSE PARTS

DONATIONS NEEDED

- Astro turf cut offs
- Boards, panels
- Crates (eg bread crate, milk crate, grocery crate)
- Briefcases
- Buggies/ Pushchairs
- Cable drums
- Carpet samples/squares
- Fabrics
- Foam pipe covers and noodles
- Guttering (not metal)
- Hoses
- Keyboards
- Metal pots/pans/trays (especially catering sizes)
- Nets
- Footballs
- Old, small household appliances (Microwave, fax machine etc)
- Pallets
- Phones
- Piping
- Planks and decking
- Plastic chairs with no legs
- Plastic road barriers
- Plastic trugs/ water carriers/ watering cans
- Ropes
- Wheels (eg small children's bike wheels)
- Sand pits (large)
- Sand bags
- Small wheely bins
- Sofa and Chair cushions
- Steering wheels
- Suit cases
- Tarps
- Traffic cones
- Tyres (car, go-cart, bike etc)
- Waterproof cot mattresses
- Large wooden blocks and cut offs





COMING
SOON

In next week's edition of the newsletter, I will announce the winners of the 12 Reads of Christmas Bookmark raffle prizes.

REMEMBER



Key Information & Dates



Age Ratings on Films and Games

We have noticed a recent increase in the number of younger children who have spoken about watching films or playing games that are rated 15 or above. Many have reported that these films or games are violent and in some cases, the children are mirroring what they have watched in their play.

Please be mindful of what you allow your child to watch, as although you may feel they are able to understand and cope with what they have seen, they friends may not be and violent play will not be tolerated under any circumstances.



School Photos

Please don't forget the school photographer will be coming in on Monday 20th January.

They will be taking photos of individuals from Nursery to Year 5 and siblings (including children in Year 6).

Please note: Year 6 individual photos and all class photos will be taken later in the year.

Please ensure your child is in full school uniform (even if it usually their PE day).

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Support for Parents / Carers

The Council provides a range of services and support for parents with children under the age of five, with free sessions, courses and workshops at our family hubs, children's centres and online. There are sessions to help parents and carers build self-confidence, support for those who have a child newly diagnosed with autism spectrum condition, and others to help tackle fussy eating, promote positive bedtimes and support children to use the toilet independently. We also offer speech and language therapy, stay and play sessions, wellbeing support for mums, baby groups, child health clinics, and sessions specifically for dads and male carers. For the full range of sessions, visit the London Borough of Hillingdon website.



UPDATES



This week's winners are

5IP

6A

REMEMBER



Key Information & Dates



Spring Term - 2025

Monday 20th January - School Photos

Thursday 23rd January - 3ME Class Assembly at 9.15am - parking on playground from 9.05 but not before for health and safety reasons

Wednesday 29th January - Year 1 trip to Kew Gardens

Thursday 6th February - 3G Class Assembly at 9.15am - parking on playground from 9.05 but not before for health and safety reasons

Tuesday 11th February - Parent Consultation Evening: 4pm - 7pm

Thursday 13th February - Parent Consultation Evening: 4.30pm - 7.30pm

Half Term: Monday 17th - Friday 21st February

Monday 24th February - Training Day: School closed to all pupils

Thursday 27th February - 3D Class Assembly at 9.15am - parking on playground from 9.05 but not before for health and safety reasons



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Key Information & Dates



Families Roadshow

Get down to Ruislip Manor Library on Wednesday 5th February to find out more about the Council's offer for families. Meet some of the partners in Hillingdon who work with families (including staff from their children's centres, Families Information Service and the NHS) and find lots of information for parents/carers at different stands.

No need to book; just join them on the day from 10am to 3pm and it's free.

Who will be there?

- Hillingdon Libraries - giving a talk
- Families' Information Service - giving a talk
- South Ruislip Children's Centre
- Public Health - giving a talk on the Child Healthy Weight programme
- NHS Local Immunisation Co-ordinator
- Under-5s Brent, Harrow and Hillingdon Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS) - giving a talk
- Hillingdon SEND Information, Advice and Support Service (SENDIASS)
- Thrive - giving a talk
- Hillingdon Community Dental Service - giving Brush for Life demos
- Centre for ADHD and Autism Support - giving a talk
- Healthwatch Hillingdon
- NHS Breastfeeding Support
- Hillingdon's Fostering Service
- Kinship Team
- The Confederation Hillingdon
- Epilepsy Awareness Support Education (EASE) Charity
- Stronger Families Team - giving a talk

UPDATE

Term Dates for Academic Year 2025 - 2026

Autumn Term - 2025

Term starts: Tuesday 2 September 2025

Half term: Monday 27 to Friday 31 October 2025

End of term: Friday 19 December 2025

Autumn Term Training Days

Thursday 27th November 2025

Friday 28th November 2025

Spring Term 2026

Term starts: Monday 5 January 2026

Half term: Monday 16 to Friday 20 February 2026

End of term: Friday 27 March 2026

Summer term

Term starts: Monday 13 April 2026

Half term: Monday 25 to Friday 29 May 2026

End of term: Tuesday 21 July 2026

Summer Team Training Days

Monday 1st June 2026

Monday 20th July 2026

Tuesday 21st July 2026

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SCAN TO BOOK



Families Roadshow

Come along and find out more about our support for families.



Wednesday 5

February

10am to 3pm Ruislip Manor Library

Linden Avenue, HA4 8TW



Meet some of our partners, including staff from our children's centres, Families Information Service and the NHS.

There'll even be some free activities for under-fives!



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www.hillingdon.gov.uk/families-roadshow

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about

TIKTOK



WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Adults tend to associate online videos with YouTube – but among teens, TikTok is king. The app provides a stream of short clips tailored to users' interests, based on what they've already watched. Around half of British children use TikTok, and while much of the content is benign, Ofcom considers it the app where youngsters "were most likely to encounter a potential harm".

AGE-INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT



While TikTok's Following feed only displays videos from familiar creators, For You is a collection based on a user's previously watched clips. Most of these videos will probably be inoffensive, but the app *could* potentially show something unsuitable. If children then engage with this content, more like it will follow. TikTok's guidelines prohibit the sharing of illegal or inappropriate content, but the huge number of uploads means that a small amount inevitably slips through.

BODY IMAGE AND DANGEROUS CHALLENGES

According to Ofcom, most online harms for teens are body image related for girls (promoting unhealthy eating, body shaming and so on) and dangerous stunts for boys. Both are prevalent on TikTok. One extreme example of the latter was the 'blackout' trend, which encouraged users to hold their breath until they passed out from a lack of oxygen. This led to two families filing lawsuits against TikTok over the tragic deaths of their children.

IN-APP SPENDING

TikTok is free, but users have the option to buy TikTok coins, which can be used to purchase gifts for content creators. Coin bundles range from £9.99 to an eye-watering £99; while that may not sound appealing, the app still generated £7.9 billion in user spending in 2023. TikTok's policy is that under-18s can't make in-app purchases, but it's possible to bypass this with a fake birth date.

CONTACT WITH STRANGERS



With more than 1.5 billion users globally, the potential for contact from strangers on TikTok is high – especially as accounts created by over-16s (or young people using a fake date of birth) are set to public by default. This means that not only is someone's profile visible to everyone else on the app, it also suggests their videos to others and enables *anyone* to download or comment on them.

MISINFORMATION AND RADICALISATION

Although the short videos on TikTok tend to be more frivolous than the longer ones on YouTube, clips can still influence impressionable minds in a negative way. Not only is there plenty of dangerous misinformation on TikTok, but Ofcom reports that nearly a third of 12 to 15-year-olds use TikTok as a news source – so you should be wary of misogynistic, racist or conspiracy-themed material shaping how they see the world.

ADDICTIVE DESIGN

With its constant stream of eye-catching videos, TikTok can be addictive to young brains. In 2024, UK children spent an average of 127 minutes per day on the app: that's twice as much as in 2020. Excessive use can interfere with young people's sleep patterns – often leading to irritability – and distract them from other, healthier activities. The instantly skippable nature of bite-size videos may also impact children's ability to maintain focus.

Advice for Parents & Educators

ENABLE FAMILY PAIRING

Family Pairing allows parents to link their TikTok account to their child's, and control settings remotely. Parents can then turn on Restricted Mode (reducing the chances of a child seeing inappropriate content), set screen-time limits, make accounts private and manage whether their child can send messages – and if they can, to whom. Children can't alter these settings without parental approval.

DISCUSS THE DANGERS

If a child wants to use TikTok and you're happy for them to do so, it's good practice to discuss the potential risks. Ensure that they don't share any identifying personal information, and that they know to talk to a trusted adult if they're worried by interactions on the app. With more teens using TikTok for news, it's also worth talking about misinformation and propaganda, and how to identify it.

BLOCK IN-APP SPENDING

If a child is using an iPhone or Android device to access TikTok, you can alter their settings to prevent them from making in-app purchases. We'd recommend enabling this feature, as it can be quite easy for a young person to spend a significant amount of real money buying TikTok coins to unlock more features of the app – sometimes without even realising.

READ THE SIGNS

If you're concerned that a child is spending too much time on TikTok, or that they've been emotionally affected by something they've seen, it's important to know how to spot the signs. Increased irritability and a lack of concentration are potential red flags, as is failing to complete homework or skipping meals. Remember, the parental controls are there for a reason, and it's never too late to introduce limits.

Meet Our Expert

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Source: See full reference list on guide page at: <https://nationalcollege.com/guides/tiktok-2025>

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NURSERY



We boiled eggs and pushed them off a wall



We went on a shape hunt in the water tray.



Created our own music.



Welly Wednesday

Can you guess what nursery rhyme we learnt this week?



Cutting skills.



We made scones.



PIC•COLLAGE

HIGHLIGHTS

RECEPTION

Our Literacy book this week was 'Tiddler'

Our topic this week was 'Pets'

Reception enjoyed some pedestrian road safety

In Maths we have been looking at number bonds to five

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HIGHLIGHTS

YEAR 1

Describing a deep dark forest.



Representing 20.



Sequencing the story of Little Red Riding Hood.

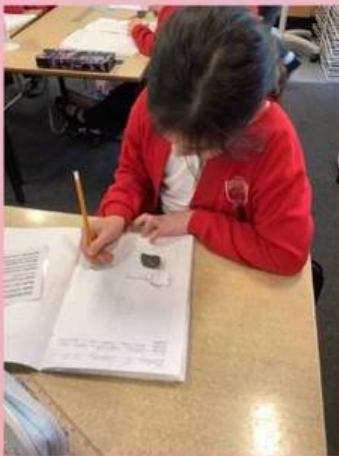


HIGHLIGHTS

YEAR 3



In Year 3, we have been drawing fruit using oil pastels. We have also been identifying different types of rock.



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HIGHLIGHTS

YEAR 4



*Dividing
by 10 and
100*

*Exploring tone
with sketching
pencils*

HIGHLIGHTS

YEAR 5



HIGHLIGHTS

YEAR 6

Learning when to use colons



Birds have different types of eggs: some are round and cup shaped. Some reptiles lay eggs: others give birth to live young. The diet of a panda consists of one main food: bamboo. ✓

Leopards have the ability to exist in many different habitats including mountains, grassland, savannas and swamps, deserts, and their wide distribution.



Amphibians live in two environments: water and land. Birds have different types of nests: some are round and cup shaped. Some reptiles lay eggs: others give birth to live young. Elephants have many impressive features: their trunks, large ears and tusks. The diet of a panda consists of one main food: bamboo. ✓

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The lion is known as the king of the jungle, its land home.

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HIGHLIGHTS

Wishing you all a
lovely weekend.

Mrs Penney

Who is our mystery guest?

Clue 1: I was born on 26th June 1993 in
Florida, USA.

Clue 2: I am a singer, songwriter and
actress.

Clue 3: I have a 4-octave vocal range.

Clue 4: I have been nominated for awards
for my latest film 'witch' is a bit 'wicked'.



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