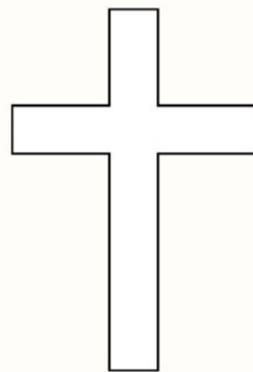


# Friday News



Forward through  
friendship & faith



Kind words



Kind hands



Kind actions

## Upcoming Events



### January

**Mon 12th** - ActivKidsUK 4-week Sponsorship event begins!

**Thurs 15th** - Parents meeting for PGL at 15:30

**Fri 16th** - 4EM Class Worship at 09:00

**Thurs 22nd** - EYFS Parents Coffee Morning 9:00

**Wed 28th** - Book Club Graduation at Brunel - parents invited to attend.

**Thurs 29th** - 2JB Class Worship at 14:50

### February

**Thurs 5th** - 2MG Class Worship at 14:50

**Fri 6th** - ActivKidsUK sponsorship event ends!

**Mon 9th** - ActivKidsUK sponsorship forms to be brought back to school.

**Thurs 12th** - Non-Uniform Day (Sports Theme!)  
- Olympic Athlete, Tyler Panton Visiting the school.

## Term Dates



**Spring half term**  
Mon 16 to Fri 20  
February 2026

**Training day**  
Mon 23 February 2026

**End of Spring term**  
Fri 27 March 2026

**Summer term starts**  
Mon 13 April 2026

**Summer Half term**  
Mon 25 May to Fri 29  
May 2026

**End of term**  
Tues 21 July 2026

## Lunch Menu Week 2



**Monday**

Turkey Pasta Bolognese (GL)  
Veggie Chow Mein Noodles (GL,EG,SO)  
Jacket - Cheese (MI), Beans or Tuna (FI)  
Sandwiches-Egg (GL,SO,EG), Cheese (GL,MI,SO) or Tuna (GL,SO,FI)  
Cheesecake (GL,MI) or Fresh Fruit

**Tuesday**

Potato Topped Fish Pie (GL,FI)  
Handmade Margherita Pizza with Slaw (GL,MI)  
Jacket Potatoes - Cheese (MI), Beans or Tuna (FI)  
Sandwiches-Egg (GL,SO,EG), Cheese (GL,MI,SO) or Tuna (GL,SO,FI)  
Vegan Fruit Jelly or Fresh Fruit

**Wednesday**

Roast Chicken with Potatoes & Gravy (SU)  
Butternut Wellington (GL,SU)  
Jacket Potatoes - Cheese (MI), Beans or Tuna (FI)  
Sandwiches-Egg (GL,SO,EG), Cheese (GL,MI,SO) or Tuna (GL,SO,FI)  
Fruity Shortbread (GL) or Fresh Fruit

**Thursday**

Chicken Fajita with Rice (GL)  
Veggie Curry with Rice  
Jacket Potatoes - Cheese (MI), Beans or Tuna (FI)  
Sandwiches-Egg (GL,SO,EG), Cheese (GL,MI,SO) or Tuna (GL,SO,FI)  
Apple Cake (GL) or Fresh Fruit

**Friday**

Fish Fingers with Oven Baked Chips (GL,FI)  
Falafel with Oven Baked Chips (GL)  
Jacket Potatoes - Cheese (MI), Beans or Tuna (FI)  
Sandwiches-Egg (GL,SO,EG), Cheese (GL,MI,SO) or Tuna (GL,SO,FI)  
Ice Cream (MI) or Fresh Fruit

# Happy New Year!

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# THIS WEEK IN WORSHIP

We have been thinking about ....

## *Epiphany*

The word epiphany means to reveal, or to show. To Christians, Epiphany is a very special time in the Christian calendar because it is when Jesus was revealed to the world.

Jesus came for everyone, not just one group of people.



Share our prayers

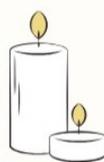


Dear God,

*Thank You for sending  
Jesus to be the light of the  
world.*

*Help us to share Your love  
with everyone we meet.*

Amen.



# LATEST NEWS



## Class of the Week!



Due to not being in school for a full week, class charts will resume next week! Points earned from this week will be added to next week's totals when we announce the winners from Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2!



## This week's attendance for Early years



Nursery	RCB	RSH
78.9%	89.4%	97.2%

## Whole School Attendance



Whole school attendance from the start of the academic year is **92.8%**.

For the week beginning **Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2026**, whole school attendance was **93%**.

Our school target is **96%**.



## This week's attendance for Lower School



1LD	1KH	2JB	2MG	3AH	3JO
92.6%	98.1%	87.9%	94.4%	98.6%	96.8%

## Merit Certificate Awards



RSH	-	3JO	-
RCB	-	4EM	-
1KH	-	4JM	-
1LD	-	5FA	-
2JB	-	5ST	-
2MG	-	6ES	-
3AH	-	6JM	-

## This week's attendance for Upper School



4EM	4JM	5FA	5ST	6ES	6JM
95.6%	90%	88.2%	86.9%	93.3%	98.9%

# MESSAGES



## WELCOME BACK! 2026

We hope that all our families had an enjoyable and restful break, and had a lovely Christmas and New Year! We hope that you have settled back into school ready for the start of the new term!



## PARENTS' EVENING

Spring Term Parents' Evening will be taking place on **Wednesday 11th and Thursday 12th February 2026.**

You will be able to make appointments with your child's class teacher by using the sign-up sheet located at each of the classroom doors.

**If your child is in Year 6, the sign-up sheet can be found at 6ES.**

**If your child is in Year 5, the sign-up sheet can be found at the main office.**

## Olympic Athlete visit and Sponsorship event!



On Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> February, St Matthew's have a special guest visiting the school - British athlete, Tyler Panton!

### MEET TYLER PANTON SPRINT

- CURRENT PERSONAL BEST OF 100M IN 10.33 SECONDS
- CURRENTLY IN TRAINING FOR THE 2028 OLYMPICS



Between Monday 12<sup>th</sup> January, and Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February, children will be invited to take part in a 4-week sponsorship event to raise money and win prizes! On 12th February, Tyler will visit the school to run the fitness circuit with all the children, and hold an assembly and Q&A!

The fitness circuit will consist of:

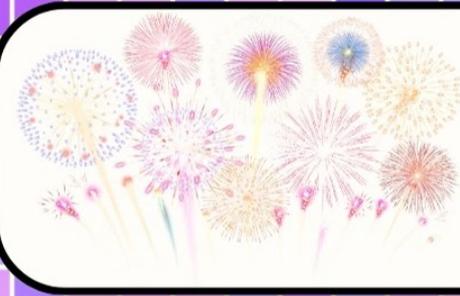
- Spotty Dogs
- Leg drives
- Press ups
- Star Jumps

Each child who participates will receive a sticker for taking part, however, there will be additional prizes up for grabs for those who go above and beyond!

Between £5 - £14.99 raised = Athlete Photocard  
Between £15 - £34.99 raised = Signed poster  
£35+ raised = Gold Medal & Personalised Certificate

We hope to see lots of the children getting involved! Good luck!!

# MESSAGES



## After-School Clubs for this term!

After-school club letters have been sent home this week. If your child would like to attend any of these clubs, please complete and return the slip to the main school office on Monday morning.

Places are allocated on a first come, first serve basis so get in quick as spaces fill up fast!

## ABSENCE POLICY POLITE REMINDER

Please be reminded that if your child is unwell and unable to attend school for any reason, a phone call should be made to the main office by **9.30am**.

Please ensure that you are notifying the school **daily** on **01895 442 724** to report if your child will not be attending school.

In line with the school's absence policy, if your child has sickness or diarrhoea, they should not attend school for 48 hours from the last episode.



Thank you for your continued cooperation!



## Y6 PGL Parent Meeting



Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> January at 15:30

Year 6 parents and carers,

If your child is going to PGL in February, there will be a parent information meeting taking place after school next Thursday.

The meeting will share all the information you need to know about the trip, and give the opportunity to answer any questions you may have.

Please make your way to the main office for 15:30 on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> January, and a member of staff will take you through to the hall.

# Speak

LIKE A NATIVE

Year 1 - 4  
Mondays

3:15 - 4:15pm

SPACES STILL AVAILABLE!



<https://portal.speaklikeanative.franscape.io/class-overview/1251>



# FLOURISH FRIDAY

New Flourish Friday clubs have been picked today!

As you may already know, on Friday afternoons, children from Year 2 to Year 6 get to go off timetable and spend an hour at a Flourish Friday club of their choice. Flourish Friday was started as a way to help inspire, motivate, and enable all children to explore something different and challenge themselves!

A special shoutout, and huge thank you to the PTA, who have been able to provide the school with tons of new and exciting resources and allowed us to introduce some new clubs this term!

Drama Club - Miss Greenwood

Debate Club - Miss Brewer

Newspaper Club - Miss Hough

Chess & Draughts - Mr O

Table Tennis - Mr McCarthy

Drawing and Creative Arts - Miss Mackiewicz

Lego - Mrs Todd

Culture and Customs - Miss Adam

Beading - Mrs Raja

Sports - PSD Coach - Mr C



# FREE FUN GIRLS SESSION



SUN JAN 25<sup>TH</sup> 2026

1.00-2.00PM

Bike and equipment will be provided and 10 girls can be accommodated, so places are limited. If it's successful we will aim to run more sessions throughout 2026.

Girls need to be able to ride an ordinary bike and stand up and pedal.

Girls also need to wear long trousers, ideally jeans. NO Leggings.

- ☑ Girls Only Session
- ☑ BMX exercises
- ☑ Skills & BMX techniques
- ☑ Fun games & mini laps



## HAVES HAWKS BMX TRACK

Lake Farm Country Park, Dawley Road, Hayes, UB3 1EJ



Registration via email  
hello@hawksbmx.co.uk

The Free Session will be run by a Female Coach, Harriet Alexander

# FIRST TOUCH FOOTBALL

SATURDAY MORNING FOOTBALL SESSIONS DELIVERED BY THE PSD ACADEMY IN PARTNERSHIP WITH EXPLORERS FC.

A MIX OF FOOTBALL FUNDAMENTALS AND SKILLS DEVELOPMENT FOR CHILDREN OF ALL ABILITIES TO DEVELOP CONFIDENCE AND INSPIRE THE FIRST STEPS ON THEIR FOOTBALLING JOURNEY.



- 📍 FOR CHILDREN AGED 4 - 6 (RECEPTION AND YEAR 1)
- 🕒 SATURDAY MORNINGS 10AM - 11AM
- 📍 EXPLORERS FC, SIPSON RECREATION GROUND, UB7 ODW
- 💷 £6.00 PER SESSION
- 📖 BOOK ONLINE: [WWW.THEPSDGROUP.ORG.UK/ACADEMY](http://WWW.THEPSDGROUP.ORG.UK/ACADEMY)
- ✉ academy@thepsdgroup.org.uk 📞 0203 397 7409 🏠 @thepsdgroupuk

PLAY | SUCCEED | DEVELOP

## Starting primary school

September 2026  
For Hillingdon residents only

Apply online, apply in time at  
[www.hillingdon.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.hillingdon.gov.uk/schooladmissions)  
Closing date for applications is  
15 January 2026



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### How to apply

Closing date for applications is Thursday 15 January 2026.

If you do not apply on time, you will greatly reduce your chances of being offered one of your preference schools. We recommend you submit your application by Friday 9 January 2026, to ensure it is received on time.

You will need to complete the primary school application form online via [www.hillingdon.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.hillingdon.gov.uk/schooladmissions)

# THE PSD ACADEMY FOOTBALL DEVELOPMENT CENTRE



FOR THOSE LOOKING TO TAKE THEIR GAME TO THE NEXT LEVEL, THESE SESSIONS SUPPORT PLAYERS TO PROGRESS AND ACHIEVE THEIR GOALS.

### MONDAY NIGHTS

- 🕒 5PM - 6PM: UNDER 5'S - UNDER 8'S (RECEPTION, YEAR 1, YEAR 2 & YEAR 3)
- 🕒 6PM - 7PM: UNDER 9'S - UNDER 13'S (YEAR 4, YEAR 5, YEAR 6, YEAR 7 & YEAR 8)
- 📍 6PM- 7PM: GIRLS DEVELOPMENT CENTRE

- 📍 ASTRO PITCHES @ HILLINGDON LEISURE CENTRE GATTING WAY, UB8 1ES
- 💷 £10.50 PER SESSION



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