



Minet Junior School Newsletter

Autumn Term: 14th October 2025

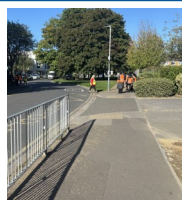
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Year 5 pedestrian training

Year 5 children have been taking part in pedestrian training, learning important skills to help them stay safe when out and about. They practised how to stop, look and listen carefully before crossing the road, as well as how to choose safe places to cross, such as zebra crossings and traffic lights. The session encouraged them to think about road safety in real-life situations and reminded them of the importance of being alert and responsible as pedestrians. This training helped to build their confidence and independence, whilst giving parents peace of mind that the children understand how to cross the road safely.



Upcoming Dates

21st October– Individual and Sibling Photos

23rd October– Year 5 trip to Winchester Science Museum

27th-31st October– Half Term – School CLOSED

10th-21st November– Year 6 Swimming

10th November– Odd Socks Day

13th November– Parent's Afternoon– **School closes at 1:15pm**

14th November– Snow White Panto

14th November– Children in Need

8th December– Year 4 Ufton Court trip

The children and the teachers had a fantastic day being in a Victorian school for the day. Every effort was made to look as Victorian as possible and some children even managed to come in with 'dirt' on their faces!



The children had lessons as Victorian children: English grammar and handwriting, maths chanting and calculations and writing lines and finding definitions in the dictionary. Having strict, authoritarian teachers was an experience far different from what the children are usually used to. Lessons were followed by a 'lunch' of thick porridge. For many, this was the very first time they had porridge and for some, they were very glad that they were not around during the Victorian era to eat this every day!

The day ended with children completing very mundane tasks like making knots, untangling thread, sorting buttons, crayons and other materials. It is safe to say, the children were very glad that their Victorian day was over and they can revert back to their normal selves!



We are delighted to share the success of our Stand Up To Cancer charity Pyjama Day held at school on Friday, 10 October 2025.

Students and staff wore their favourite pyjamas to school to show their support and we raised a huge amount of money the sum of...

£212.98

We extend a huge thank you to everyone who contributed. The day not only brought lots of fun and some wonderfully cosy outfits, but it also enabled our school community to make a meaningful contribution to a worthy cause.

All funds raised will support Stand Up To Cancer, in partnership with Cancer Research UK. Your generosity will help fund important cancer research and support services that aim to improve outcomes for patients and their families.

Thank you again for your support and for making Pyjama Day such a success.



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Yiewsley and West Drayton TRAINING BAND

Want to learn a brass instrument? **Yes!**

(including instrument hire and tuition)

Age 7+
(with 2 front adult teeth) **and adults**

Complete beginners welcomed!

A fun and friendly brass band with individual and group tuition and whole-band playing.

Wednesdays 6:45pm – 7:45pm (term time)
Laurel Lane School, Laurel Lane, West Drayton, UB7 7TX
contact@ywdband.com

1890
Charity number: 120492

As part of our learning in RE about Islam, Year 6 went to the local Hayes Muslim Centre on 1st October. The children watched the Imam demonstrate the various calls to prayer and learnt more in depth the meaning of the 5 pillars of Islam. During the visit, volunteers from the centre also gave tours and the children were able to see the different parts of the centre: The sisters' hall, the washing area and the different resources available about Islam. Before leaving Hayes Muslim Centre, the children received a goody bag of fruit as an act of kindness.



Our FAB FOUR for **September**:

1. 4MD 98.5%	2. 5Rh 98.18%
3. 3O 98.05%	4. 3W 97.45%

Attendance Matters **Great attendance!**
Every student. Every day.

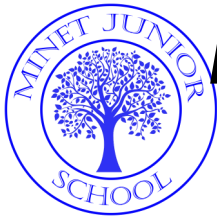
HACS are pleased to announce the London Youth Good for Girls project 2025 to commence!
Good for Girls is a social and supportive space that will create a neuro-affirming, culturally aware space. Through creative arts, structured peer support, identity exploration, and wellbeing activities, we will tackle the systemic and emotional barriers these girls face—helping to build confidence and work to unlock their full potential.
This group is targeted at:

- 10 - 14 year old girls
- Girls from all ethnicities, cultures and religions.
- Girls who have a diagnosis of Autism and/or ADHD, or are waiting / on the pathway for a diagnosis [A diagnosis is not required for the group]

To register your interest please fill out the form:
https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=6m_1tI_sHEyqjKuBtSHkAVrORMJYshlLguTbz715DKJUQINIRIUyN05JTU1KVIVBVVNGTEIXU0hOMS4u

Hillingdon PCF On Thursday 2nd October, the Hillingdon PCF (Parent Carer Forum) held a coffee morning at the school. Thank you to the parents who attended and were given a free goodie bag for coming along. Hillingdon PCF are a group of volunteers who support families who have children with Special Educational Needs in Hillingdon. They offer excellent advice, free events and support in a range of schools. Please visit <https://hillingdonpcf.com/> for upcoming dates of their next meeting.





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INFANT & NURSERY

Will your child be starting Reception in September 2026?

If so, we warmly invite you to visit our school!

Meet our team

04.11.25 (10-11am)
02.12.25 (10-11am)

Visit classrooms

Avondale Drive, Hayes,
UB3 3NR

Ask us questions

Contact us on
0208 573 5177 or
office@minetinfants.org.uk

Scan to book
your place:



15 hours free

Spaces available

Introducing
2 year old provision
at Minet Infant & Nursery School



Scan code to
register interest

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We are currently looking for **Parent Governors** to join the school Governing Body.

No previous experience or formal qualifications are needed – just common sense, time, enthusiasm and a willingness to work as part of a team, with other Governors, to make a difference to all the children at our school. School Governors and parents work together as a team to ensure our children have the best opportunities to succeed and are happy in school. Governing Body meetings are held in the early evening and can be up to two hours long. Governors will usually attend one meeting every half term. Governors also need be aware that some preparation time is needed. In addition to helping the school continue to improve you will develop your own skills and experience and make a real difference to our school.

To be eligible you must be the Parent or Care Giver of a pupil currently registered at our school. If you are interested please pick up a nomination form from reception.

Year 6 Secondary School

Applications for secondary school, for children starting year 7 in 2026, are now open. Please apply online via the Hillingdon website. The closing date is the 31st October and it is recommended that you make your application by the end of this half term. Further information about the process can be found on the secondary school transition part of the school website.



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BLACK PARK HALLOWEEN TRAIL

**Monday 27th - Friday 31st
October 2025**

Book online: only £3 + booking fee!

Meeting Point: Black Park Visitor Information Point, Black Park Country Park.
Various time slots, please check the eventbrite listing for full details. Book online at:
<http://buckscountyparks.eventbrite.co.uk> or scan the QR code.
For more information email: countyparks@buckinghamshire.gov.uk

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