



Minet Junior School Newsletter

Spring Term: 21st May 2026
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On Wednesday, 20th May 2026, Minet Junior School took part in No Pens Day! For the whole day, children put away their pens and pencils to focus on talking and listening instead. Instead of writing in their books, the children learned through exciting discussions, group games, drama, and practical activities.



We had a wonderful day helping the children build their confidence, speak clearly, and learn how to work together as a team - proving that we don't always need a pen to do great learning!

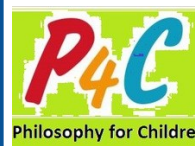


22nd May – School closes at 3:15pm
2nd June – School opens, children return

On 18th May, a group of our Year 5 pupils attended the Great Science Share at St Mary's University, Twickenham. The day began with an engaging icebreaker, followed by hands-on experiments led by university students, exploring the strength of adhesive tapes, how sound travels through different materials and air pressure.

Pupils then presented their own sustainability-focused projects to other schools. One group showcased a water filtration system, while the other demonstrated how a wind turbine can be used to lift weights as a sustainable alternative to polluting machinery. They also explored projects from other schools, asking thoughtful questions and showing great curiosity. During these activities, pupils practised key working scientifically skills such as measuring accurately, taking careful recordings and making detailed observations.

The children enjoyed a tour of the university campus and the day ended with a certificate and goody bag presentation. It was a fantastic experience that inspired their interest in science and raised awareness of future careers in STEM.



Picture News
Do we learn more from winning or losing?



Please discuss this question with your child. They can then share their family's ideas with the class. There are no right or wrong answers.

Things to talk about at home ...

- Can you think of a time when you won something – what did you learn?
- What about a time you didn't win – what did that teach you?
- In your opinion, why do some people keep trying even after losing?
- Talk together about how you believe we should behave when you lose.



Which British value do you think this week's story highlights?



The story highlights Mutual Respect and Tolerance when players and fans value the hard work of everyone on the pitch, no matter who they support.

By following the same rules and listening to the referee, players in the FA Cup demonstrate Rule of Law, which helps make the competition honest, safe and fair.



Do you agree with either person, or think something different?



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NON-UNIFORM DAY!

Friday 22nd May

Help us raise money for our **School Fair!**

Come to school in your favourite non-uniform clothes and help support this year's school fair fundraising.

SUGGESTED DONATION: £1

- WEAR YOUR FAVOURITE OUTFIT
- BE COLOURFUL
- BE CREATIVE
- HAVE FUN!

PLEASE NOTE: NO FOOTBALL KITS/SHIRTS

All money raised will go towards making our school fair extra special for everyone.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

TOGETHER, WE CAN MAKE OUR SCHOOL FAIR AMAZING!

HAWKS BMX RACE CLUB

LONDON YOUTH GAMES 2026

TRAINING AND TRY OUT SESSIONS

Hawks BMX Club are hosting the London Youth Games on the 7th June and are running Coaching sessions for boys and girls below the age of 16 to try out to be part of the Hillingdon Squad. The sessions are Free.

DATES:

- Mon 18th May (1615-1715)
- Wed 20th May (1615-1715)
- Mon 25th May (1615-1715)
- Wed 27th May (1615-1715)
- Mon 1st June (1615-1715)

OPEN TO: Boys & Girls (U16)

Wed 3rd June (1615-1715)

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The London Youth Games – **BMX** takes place on **Sunday 7 June**.

We will be hosting the competition at our home track, **Hayes Hawks BMX Track, Lake Farm, Dawley Road**.

If your child has not participated in BMX, why don't you come and try?

This would be a fantastic opportunity for them to gain experience, compete, and proudly represent our Borough.

There is funding available to support training for beginner riders, which will be delivered by Mark Seaman (Olympic Coach to BMX Gold Medallist – Beth Schriever) at the Hayes Hawks track.

You must be able to ride a bike on two wheels without stabilisers.

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Summer Scholastic Book Fair

Books will be on sale on Tuesday 2nd and Wednesday 3rd June in the school hall from 3:15-3:45pm.

CASH ONLY

Reading is the **KEY** to learning



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MAY HALF-TERM 2026 Information

Every day on this brilliant-Brunellian 4-day science activity camp is science expedition into the unknown and over the week your child will do 30+ safe, fun, STEM craft-focused activities, exciting demonstrations, hands-on, take-home experiments, team games and fun quizzes - across Chemistry, Biology and Physics!

- **Dates:** Tue 26 to Fri 29 May 2026 (4 Days)
- **Open to Children:** aged 5-11 years - Only.
- **Venues:** locations across London (look right>)
- **Times:** 9am - 3:30pm (6.5hrs)

Earliest drop off 8:30am; latest collection 4pm

- **Day Places:** just select online (no discount)

Early Booking Discount Available!

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Also, coming up soon:
July-August Science Activity Camp!
7 Weeks and 4 Awesome Programmes Available!

Summer Camp

Did You Know? we also do THE BEST BIRTHDAY PARTY EVER!

Epic Engineering! - New for 2026!

Day 1> The Clever Scientist Challenge! Powerful Paper Cup! Hungry, Hungry Birds! Dino Snapper!	Day 3> Epic Engineering Fun! Brilliant Bubble Maker! Dastardly Dam Challenge! Cool Catching Flies! Super Sticky Slime!
Day 2> Cool Creative Thinking! Tin Foil Tower of London! Wonder Web! Bombastic Bridge Challenge! Weigh It Up!	Day 4> Super Designer! Unsinkable Strong Boat! Fantastic Flying Fun! Magic Wallet! Best Bottle Toss Challenge!

... and many, many more cool science demonstrations, experiments, games and quizzes! -Full Day-Descriptions - online!...