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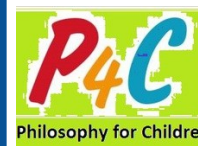
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## Upcoming Events

- 2nd July– Summer Fair from 2pm
- 3rd July– 2pm Year 6 production to parents
- 6th July– 5pm Year 6 production to parents
- 8-10th July– Year 6 at Sayers Croft
- 9th July– Parents open hour 3:30-4:30pm
- 14th July– 9am Year 6 Leavers Assembly
- 15th July– Year 6 Disco 4:30-5:30pm
- 17th July– End of term 1:30pm



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.

The Year 5 pupils had an action-packed and exciting taster day at Oak Wood secondary school, getting a true flavour of high school life. Their day kicked off with an energetic PE lesson on the sports ground, where they brushed up on their cricket skills, followed by an imaginative English session diving deep into the magical world of myths and legends. The children then put on their international hats, swiftly picking up basic words and conversational phrases in a combined French and Spanish language workshop. When it was time for lunch, they got to experience the bustling atmosphere of the school cafeteria, fuelling up for a final, brain-teasing maths challenge. In their last lesson, the pupils brilliantly applied their problem-solving skills to master tricky concepts like finding factors to 100, spotting multiples of 3, and identifying prime numbers.



Read through the information below about staying safe in water and the Water Safety Code.

**What is the Water Safety Code?**

1. **Stop and Think** - Before going near water, take a moment to look for any dangers.
2. **Stay Together** - Always stay with adults when you're near water.
3. **Float** - If you fall into water, stay calm, float on your back and control your breathing.
4. **Call for Help** - If someone is in trouble, tell an adult or call 999.

**Why do you think the Water Safety Code is so important? Can you think of a way to help you remember the Code?**

**Main question**  
How can we enjoy water safely?

**Listen Think Share**

- Look at the poster image, what can you see? It shows the Great North Swim, an organised outdoor swimming event in Windermere in the Lake District.
- Do you like being near water? Where are some of the places you like to visit water or to swim? Do you enjoy going to the beach, swimming, paddling in the sea, visiting rivers, lakes or streams, or splashing in a pool during the summer?
- Water can be exciting, calming and fun. It helps people relax, play, exercise and spend time together. Though today we're going to be asking, how can we enjoy water safely?
- Share what you already know about water safety and why it is important.
- Read through the information found on the resource about staying safe in water and the Water Safety Code. Can you think of any times when this could be useful to remember? Talk about why rules are there and why they can help us.
- Watch the short video together which explains the Water Safety Code. Do you think that understanding risks helps us to enjoy things, rather than stopping us from doing them completely?

**Reflection:** Water can be a wonderful place to play, explore, exercise and relax. However, even places that look calm and safe can contain hidden risks, which is why understanding how to stay safe is so important.

**Useful Weblinks**

- News story: [www.diss.org.uk/app/eal/drowning-prevention-week-2026](http://www.diss.org.uk/app/eal/drowning-prevention-week-2026)
- Useful video: <https://vimeo.com/863949936>



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## Year 6 Workshops

Last week, the Year 6 children participated in a trio of workshops to kick start their transition to High School.

### Drugs and Alcohol

The Year 6 children had a workshop delivered by the SORTED team from Hillingdon Council about drugs and alcohol. Children explored the effects that drugs and alcohol can have on an individual and also discussed the different ways in which they may be exposed to children at High School. There were a range of engaging activities that children could participate in which helped consolidate their knowledge and understanding of the topic.



### Healthy relationships and boundaries

Children explored what Consent is and the boundaries needed to maintain healthy friendships. They were given many different situations that they could be faced with during their time in high school and discussed the impact of these situations. It was insightful to see what some children would do for their best friends but also very encouraging to see that they all know that they have the right to say no.



### Pedestrian training

Building on the brief Pedestrian Training from our Junior Citizenship trip earlier this year, this week's workshops dove much deeper into road safety. The sessions were perfectly tailored for our upcoming high schoolers, focusing on how to navigate their commute safely while managing the distraction of a mobile phone. The children brought incredible enthusiasm to the sessions and were a credit to the school with their excellent participation.



## Parking Pledge:

In order to keep your child safe coming to school, we would like to ask you to complete the link below. Here's the link to the pledge [Parent Parking Pledge at Minet Junior School – Fill in form](#). I have



## Year 6 – First Aid

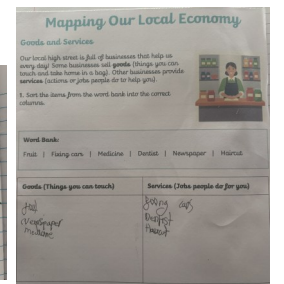
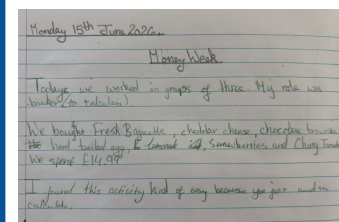
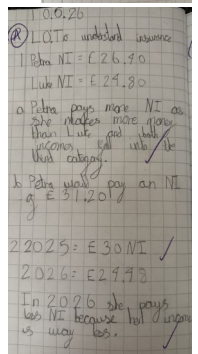
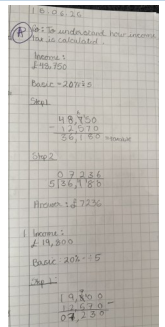
On Wednesday 10th June, Year 6 had a fantastic morning as Mini Medics learning the basics of First Aid. Led by Michelle, the children learnt how to bandage any superficial injuries, respond to unconscious casualties and how to deal with these situations. There was plenty of practice and the children were thoroughly engaged and enjoyed the workshop.



In June, our school joined in with My Money Week, which is all about helping children learn how to handle money with confidence.

Our students jumped into some great, hands-on activities to learn about the basics of budgeting, the importance of saving, and how money works in the real world. We had some fantastic chats in class about how to make smart choices with money now and in the future!

A big thank you to everyone for getting involved and making it such a fun, useful week.



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## READ to the BEAT

The theme for the Summer Reading Challenge 2026 is Read to the Beat.

This year, The Reading Agency are partnering with Universal Music Group UK to harness the universal appeal of music. Universal Music artists will be championing the joy of reading, sharing their own stories of how books have inspired their musical journeys and creative expression.

As a tentpole moment in the National Year of Reading, the 2026 Summer Reading Challenge will create new opportunities to engage children across our borough. *Reading for pleasure is the biggest indicator of a child's future success more so than family income or parental education.* Using music as an interest pathway helps us reach a wider audience, capture imaginations and encourage reading as a joyful social and cultural experience.

Children aged 4 to 11yrs can join for free in all Hillingdon Libraries from Saturday 4 July. When they join they will receive a sticker book, stickers and a special edition of Storytime magazine which features Summer Reading Challenge-themed content as well as a selection of stories for children to enjoy. Children who complete four visits by the closing date of Saturday 12 September will receive a Medal\* and Certificate!

We've got some great free events running this Summer, visit your local library to find out more. Don't miss our free family days out:

### The Imagination Station

> Botwell Green Library, Friday 31 July, 11am to 4pm

> The Great Barn, Manor Farm, Thursday 13 August, 10am to 3pm

- Join us for a day of creativity and imagination to celebrate this year's Summer Reading Challenge. A great day out for all the family.
- Get creative with Ruislip Artists and go green with the Recycling Team
- Get fit with Better Leisure
- Meet the Children's Centres and Heritage Teams
- Dr Bike will offer free basic bike repairs and information about cycling
- Relax at Storytime
- Suitable for children aged 4 to eleven years and their families. Free drop in event

\*While stocks last



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### Overview:

- Open to Children: ages 5-11 years
- Locations: across London (look right>)
- Times: 9am-3:30pm Extended: 8:30am-4pm

### Dates:

See website for dates running at your location

- Week A: Mon 06-Fri 10 Jul 2026 (5 days)
- Week B: Mon 13-Fri 17 Jul 2026 (5 days)
- Week C: Mon 20-Fri 24 Jul 2026 (5 days)
- Week D: Mon 27-Fri 31 Jul 2026 (5 days)
- Week E: Mon 03-Fri 07 Aug 2026 (5 days)
- Week F: Mon 10-Fri 14 Aug 2026 (5 days)
- Week G: Mon 17-Fri 21 Aug 2026 (5 days)
- Week H: Mon 24-Fri 28 Aug 2026 (5 days)

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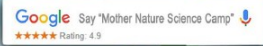
Did you know? We run new science sessions every holidays! See website for full list...

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