



Minet Junior School Newsletter

Autumn Term: 22nd October 2026

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Upcoming Dates

26th – 30th October – Half Term – School CLOSED

2nd November – Inset day – School CLOSED

5th November – Year 5 trip to Winchester Museum

9th – 20th November – Year 5 and invited year 6 swimming lessons

10th and 11th November – Book Fair after school 3:15 – 3:45pm

12th November – School Closes at 1:15pm for Parent's Evening

12th November – 3pm Choir at St. Anselms

13th November – Children in Need

17th November – Year 3 Oral Hygiene workshop / Year 4 Dental workshop

18th November – Cinderella Pantomime

24th November – Year 5 workshops at Uxbridge College

26th November – Year 6 World War Two Escape Room

10th December – Christmas Dinner Day / Christmas Jumper Day

17th December – School CLOSSES at 1:15pm

Year 6 Secondary School

Applications for secondary school, for children starting Year 7 in 2027, are open. Please apply online via the Hillingdon website. The closing date for applications is the 31st October. Further information can be found on the secondary school transition part of the school website.

Hello Yellow Day with an OPAL Twist!



On Friday 9th October, Minet Junior School celebrated Hello Yellow Day for Mental Health Awareness with a special twist! Because we believe play is vital for children's well-being, we combined the day with our new OPAL initiative.

Our children came in dressed in yellow to show their support and brought in wonderful donations, including toys, balls, dressing-up clothes, kitchen utensils and over £100 in cash donations to kickstart our new play project!

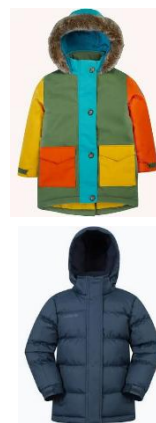
A huge thank you to all the children and families who donated so kindly. Your generosity will give our pupils amazing new ways to explore, create, and thrive at playtime!

With the introduction of OPAL play, children will now be outside during playtime and lunchtime unless the rain is torrential. **ALL** children **MUST** have a coat, with a hood, in school. **No** child will be allowed on the playground in wet weather without a coat.

ALL children who wish to play football on the field **MUST** have a spare pair of trainers or shoes to change into. They need to be in a named bag and will be stored in containers when not in use. Changing of shoes will happen on the playground as no muddy shoes/trainers are to be worn in school.

No child will be allowed on the field unless they change their shoes and wear the waterproof/mud protector trousers (provided by the school).

Please note: There are sheltered and indoor spaces available to all children should they wish to use them.





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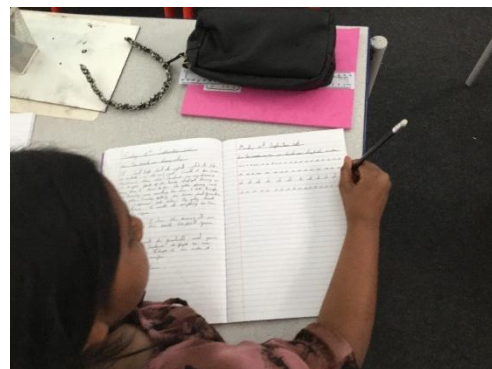
Year 6 Victorian Day – Monday 21st September

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 sorting buttons counters, crayons, measuring and cutting 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!



Year 6 visit Hayes Muslim Centre

As part of our learning in RE about Islam, Year 6 went to the local Hayes Muslim Centre on 23rd September. The children watched the Iman 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:



Attendance Matters

Every student. Every day.

1. 3W	98.94%
2. 4R	97.64%
3. 5CM	97.39%
4. 6S	96.50%

Great attendance!





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PSQM Gilt Award

Minet Junior School is proud to announce that it is one of 227 schools that has achieved the Primary Science Quality Mark (PSQM) this month, a nationally recognised accreditation that celebrates a commitment to developing excellence in science leadership, curriculum design, teaching and learning.

Led by the University of Hertfordshire, for over a decade the Primary Science Quality Mark (PSQM) has been setting children on a path to a life filled with exciting possibilities and opportunities, by giving them access to a strong foundation in quality primary science education. Over 7,000 Quality Marks have now been awarded, impacting on the learning of almost 2,000,000 children.

PSQM is a comprehensive, evidence-informed, professional learning programme which equips primary science subject leaders with the knowledge, confidence, and expert support they need to transform the quality and profile of science education in their schools.

Helen Sizer, PSQM Director said: 'The Primary Science Quality Mark (PSQM) recognises a school's commitment to developing and strengthening science education, celebrating the positive impact this has on children's learning and understanding of the world around them.'

Our congratulations go to the whole school community on this achievement and particularly to the school's science subject leader(s), who has led this process through participation in the PSQM professional learning programme and by driving a cycle of reflection, development and improvement across the school. Their leadership helps to ensure that all children benefit from high-quality science teaching and learning.

Everyone involved should be very proud of the positive difference they are making to children's learning and of their commitment to continuous improvement in primary science education.'



Parking

May we politely remind all parents and carers when dropping off children to school, please be considerate to our neighbours and other school users at all times. Please do not park across people's driveways and allow adequate time for people to cross the road.

Please be aware that parking on Bourton Close (the side road off Avondale drive opposite the school) is for **PERMIT HOLDERS ONLY** (HY6) from **Monday to Friday** from **8-10am** and from **2:30-4:30pm**. Therefore, it should not be used by parents when dropping off or collecting children.

Also, parking in Minet Clinic carpark is not allowed, unauthorised vehicles may be clamped.

Please do not stop on the yellow zigzag school lines. There are council cameras which will issue you with a fine for stopping on them.

Please show kindness to each other and local residents of the school. Thank you for your continued support.



'Is trust something that needs to be earned'

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 Celebrity Traitors has become one of the UK's most popular TV programmes, with millions of viewers tuning in to watch famous faces compete in a game of trust and deception. Contestants must work together to complete challenges, while trying to discover who among them is secretly a Traitor. The programme has sparked conversations about trust, honesty, and how difficult it can be to know who to believe.





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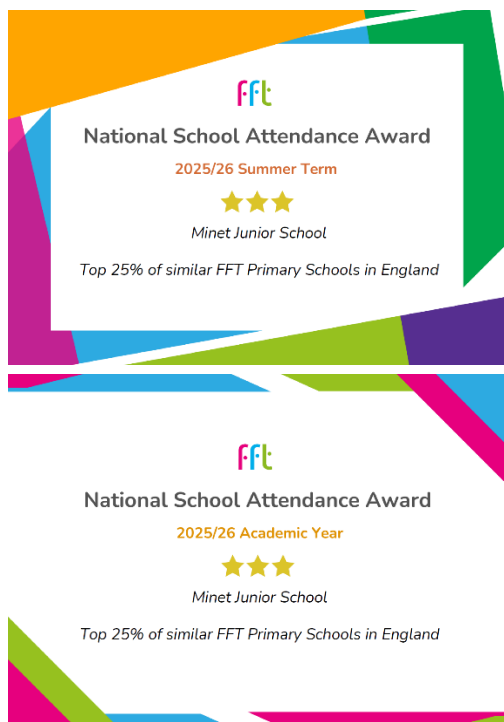
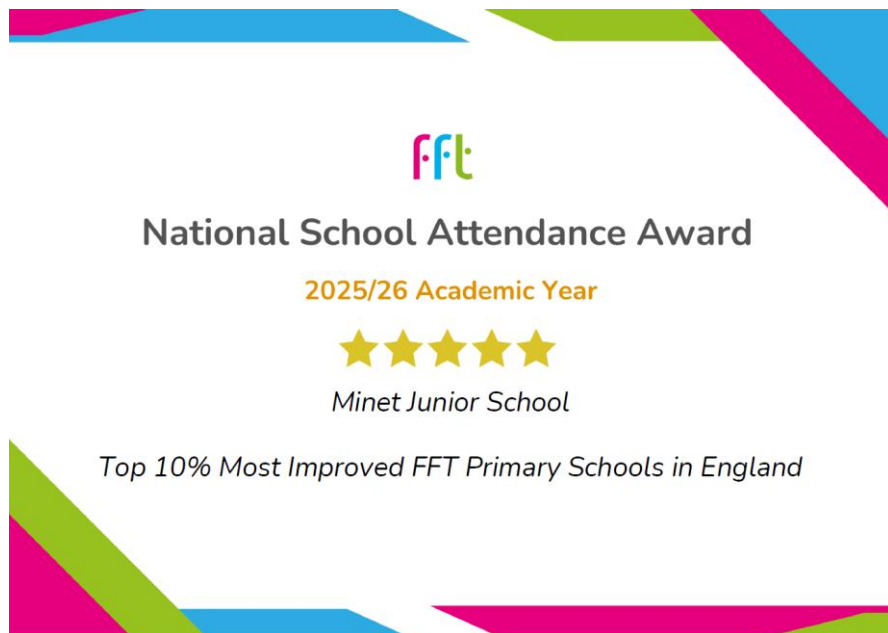
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Attendance Awards



Year 6 Bunker Trip

Next term, the year 6 children will be learning about World War 2. To introduce them to the topic they went to the Battle of Britain Bunker in Uxbridge. They were able to see and touch actual artefacts from the Second World War and had a carousel of activities to enhance their experience. Being able to go down the actual Bunker and be in the very same place that Winston Churchill once stood was a fascinating experience the children will never forget!



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INFANT & NURSERY

Will your child be starting Reception in September 2027?

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

Meet our team

Visit classrooms

Ask us questions

03.11.26 (10-11am)
01.12.26 (10-11am)

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Contact us on
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Scan to book your place:

