



The Botwell Bulletin

Friday 20th March 2026

Parents' Evening

A reminder that our Spring Term parents' evening will be taking place online on Microsoft Teams, on **Wednesday 25th March**, from 3.30pm – 7.30pm.

Please can you ensure that you have logged on and are ready on time for your appointment. Thank you.

Hillingdon's Easter 2026 Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Programme!



Bookings are now open for Hillingdon's Easter 2026 Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Programme!

This exciting programme is available to school-aged children from Reception to Year 11 who are eligible for benefits-related free school meals in Hillingdon.

Through our **fully funded** programme, children and young people can:

- Enjoy healthy meals every day
- Take part in fun, creative, and physical activities
- Learn about food, cooking, and nutrition
- Develop new skills and make new friends

This Easter's activities include:

- Sports sessions; football, paddle boarding, martial arts, rock climbing
- Creative arts programmes; film making, music production, photography, drama
- Multi-activity camps
- SEND-friendly activity camps
- ...and much more!

Full details of our programmes can be found on our webpage [Hillingdon HAF Programme](#).

How to book:

- Parents/Guardians can browse the list of available activities and choose the one that suits their children's interests.

Upcoming events

Monday 23rd March

- Art and Creativity Week
- Go Sketch Workshop

Tuesday 24th March

- Go Sketch Workshop
- Lectio Divina for parents (Pupil Chaplains) 2.45-3.05pm

Wednesday 25th March

- Parents' Evening: On Microsoft Teams

Thursday 26th March

- Children to wear dark coloured clothing for Lent

Friday 27th March

- Stations of the Cross 9.30-10.00am school hall (Year 5)
- End of term (Reception, Y1-2 to finish at 12.50pm, Y3-6 to finish at 1.00pm)

Monday 13th April

- Children return to school for summer term

- Book directly through the EEQU website. Click the link below for details and help on how to book a HAF session including short videos on how to book on a mobile phone or desktop computer [🔗 Booking a HAF session guide](#)
- During the Easter holiday, each child can book up to one week of activities with any of our listed providers.

Do you need more information or help?

Contact us via HAFprogramme@hillington.gov.uk or on **01895 277881**.

Wear dark colours for Lent Day

As part of our fundraising for our Lenten charity Missio, all pupils can wear dark (purple, blue) own clothes on **Thursday 26th March**. Donations will be taken on the gates in the morning.

Pupil Led Lectio Divina for Parents

On **Tuesday 24th March at 2.45pm**, our Pupil Chaplains will be leading a Lectio Divina for parents in aid of our Lenten charity Missio. You can sit back and enjoy this reflective, traditional form of Christian meditation, where the Pupil Chaplains will guide you through a Scripture based spiritual experience.

Free Learning English Sessions

Are you interested in learning or improving your English?

If so, great news!!

Minet Infant & Nursery School are offering free sessions for adults to learn English over a 10-week course of two hour sessions. This is a fantastic opportunity and we would encourage any parent who wants to improve their English to make the most of this offer.

The course does not start until September but you need to register an interest well in advance by using this [Link](#).

The school is located in Avondale Drive and the post code is UB3 3NR.

Chicks and Ducklings



There has been a real sense of awe and wonder in Nursery and Reception this week with the exciting arrival of chicks in Reception and ducklings in Nursery. The Reception children have been fascinated watching the chicks grow, which has supported their learning about the life cycle of a hen. They have been linking this experience to their reading and writing in class.

In Nursery, the ducklings have brought great excitement to the classroom and have been a wonderful way to introduce the children to their topic on life cycles. The children have enjoyed observing how the ducklings move, eat and interact, helping them to develop their curiosity about the natural world through real-life experiences.

These hands-on opportunities create memorable learning moments and help to bring the children's learning to life.

Attendance

Our overall attendance has dipped slightly this week, but we did still manage to have 11 classes with attendance over 96%. The class who had the highest attendance over the week is 6 Tolkien who managed 98.7%. Well done to everyone in that class! You will receive extra play time next week.

The year group with the highest overall attendance was Year 6. Which is brilliant, especially as it was their assessment week. Well done to all the families in Year 6.

Prayer and Reflection

Next week, as we reflect on the Stations of the Cross as a school community, we remember the journey Jesus Christ made with love and courage. We think about how He showed kindness, forgiveness, and strength, even in difficult moments. In our school community, we can follow His example by caring for one another and helping those in need. The Stations remind us that even when things are hard, we are never alone and can always choose love.



Loving God,

As we remember the journey of your Son, Jesus Christ, help us to follow His example of love and courage.

Teach us to be kind, forgiving, and supportive to everyone in our school community.

When we face challenges, remind us that you are always with us.

Help us to grow in faith and to care for one another each day.

Amen.