



The Hyde School Newsletter

Autumn Term: 28th November 2025



Dear Families,

Welcome to this special edition of our school newsletter, dedicated to celebrating and sharing all of our pupils' wonderful learning around Black History. The children have been deeply engaged, and we're proud to highlight their curiosity, respect, and creativity throughout this important work.

A reminder that we are still looking for one more parent to join our Community Council. If you are interested, please don't hesitate to reach out to me directly. We would love to have your voice and support.

By now you will also have received information about our upcoming Toy Exchange. We are currently exploring whether there is a practical way to collect larger toy items for families who may wish to donate these. We will share an update on Monday once we have a clear plan in place.

And finally, our Christmas tree has arrived and is now brightening up the reception area, a lovely sign that the festive season is on its way.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Ms Saving

Headteacher

Autumn Term Roadmap

Toy Exchange - Drop off	Tuesday 2nd December	Parents only	Bring any toys you no longer want or need into school. Please make sure they are used but still in good condition so that other children can enjoy them.
Toy Exchange - Collection	Thursday 4th December	Parents only	Come to school between 2:00pm – 3:15pm to choose some toys to take home while the children are still in school.
Winter Fair and Film Day	Friday 5th December	Children Only	Please complete the Google Form above in advance.
CANCELLED – KS1 Netivity	Weds 10th Dec: 9:30am & 2pm	KS1 Parents/Carers	More information to follow
EYFS Christmas Event	Thurs 11th Dec	Nursery & Reception Parents/Carers	Reception and Morning Nursery parents and carers are invited from 9am until 10am and Afternoon Nursery parents and carers from 12:30pm until 1:30pm.
Save the Children – Christmas Jumper Day	Thurs 11th Dec	Whole School	Fundraising event
Christmas Lunch	Thurs 11th Dec	Children only	More information to follow.
CANCELLED- One Voice Concert (KS2)	Tues 16th Dec, 6pm	KS2 Parents/Carers	More information to follow
Carols at Pick - Up	Week Commencing 15th Dec	Whole School	See above



Black History Month is marked every October in the UK. It is a time to reflect, honour, and celebrate the lives, achievements, and contributions of Black people – both past and present.

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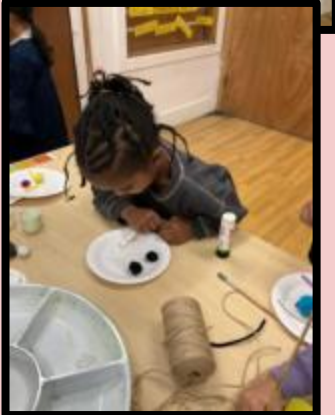
The children have been learning about the stories of key individuals. Each of these stories reminds us that Black history is British history – and by remembering these lives, we carry their legacy forward.

This edition of the newsletter will show you the learning from each year group for Black History Month. We also asked the children to reflect on what they had learnt and how this can help us. We hope you enjoy seeing all the learning! Don't forget to ask your children all about it too.

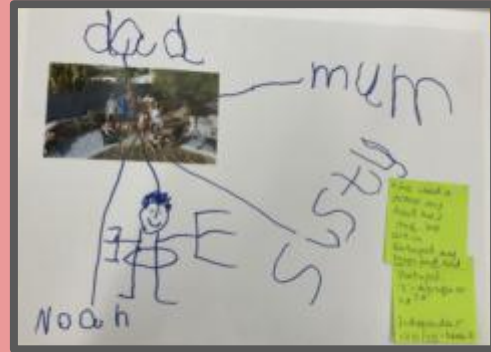
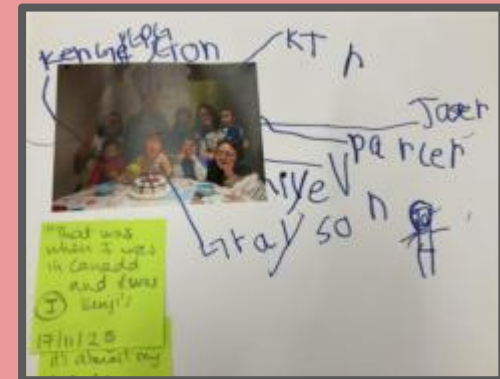
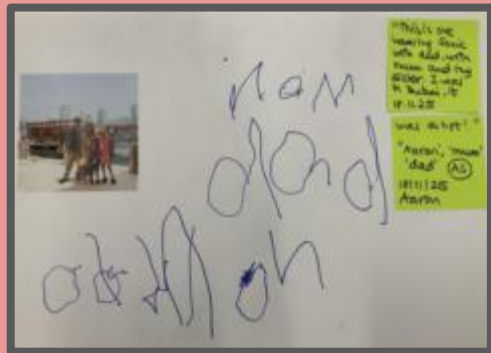


Nursery

In Nursery we have been busy celebrating 'Black History Month'. The children have loved talking about their families and what makes them special. Look at our amazing self portraits using different resources!



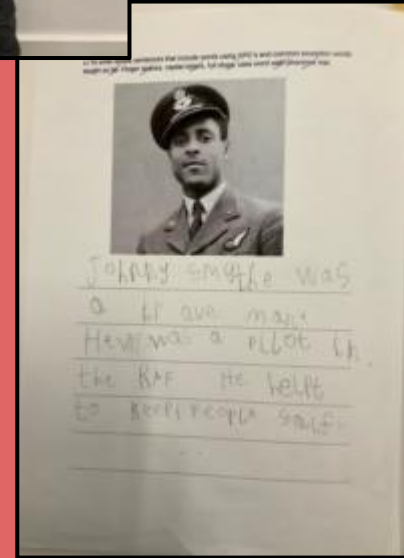
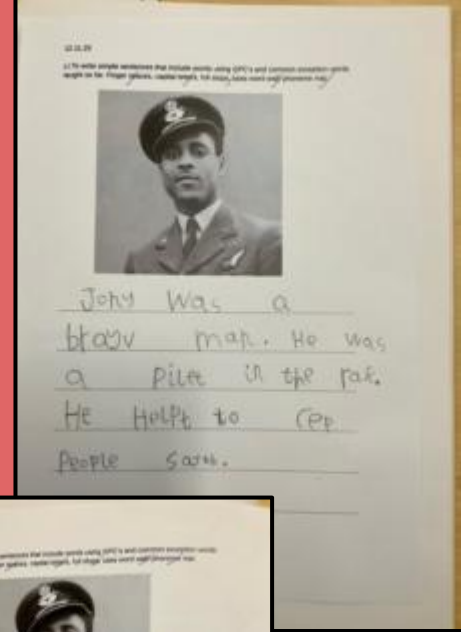
Reception



As part of Black History Month we have been celebrating just how unique each of our families are - with so many different nationalities and cultures represented at the Hyde. Look how well we are progressing with our writing! We drew and labelled the members of our families.

Year 1

We celebrated Black History Month. We looked at Johnny Smythe who was a pilot in the RAF during World War One.



Year 2 - 'Mac-Flies' (Macaws and Fireflies)



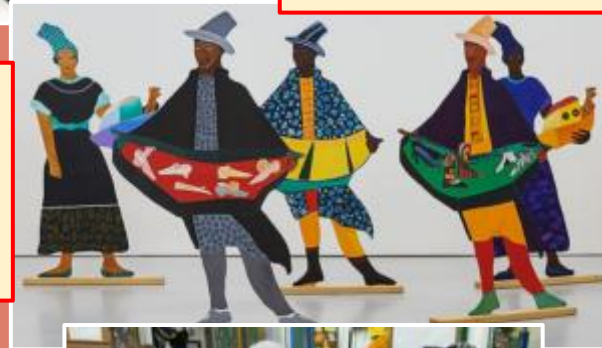
This is **Lubaina Himid** - an incredible artist who was born in Zanzibar and moved to Britain when she was 4 months old.



Himid worked with other black artists to set up the Black Arts Movement to give them opportunities and to showcase their work.



Because of Lubaina Himid, we were inspired to create our very own art installation to celebrate ourselves and also put up a 'Kindness Wall' to give recognition to others.



Through the use of beautiful colours, she has taught us the importance of sharing adventure, friendship, kindness and fairness.



Rockets

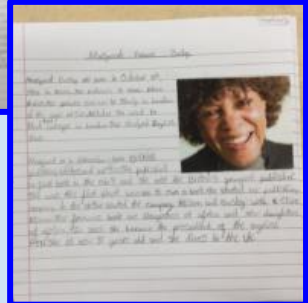
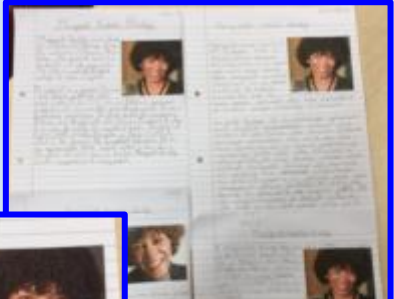
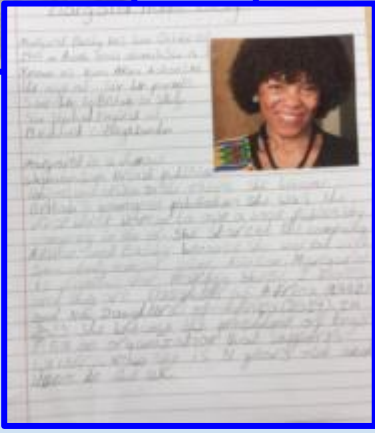
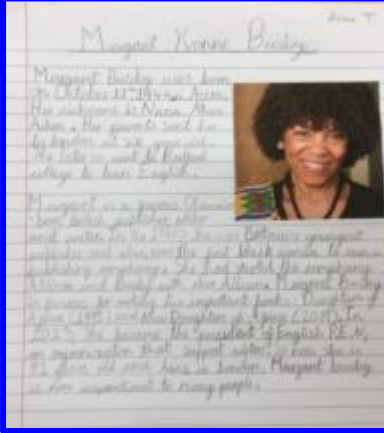
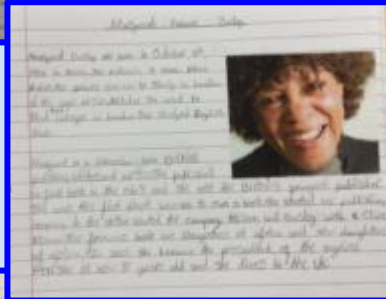
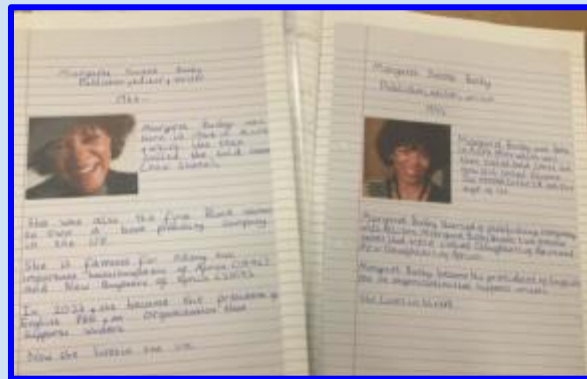
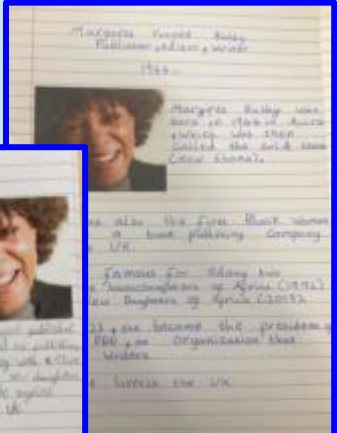


As a part of Black History Month we have been learning about Nnena Kalu- a british artist living in London. Children used various techniques to make circular patterns and cocoons inspired by the artist.

Year 3

Black History Month 2025

Margaret Yvonne Busby: Ghanaian-born British publisher, editor, and writer.



Year 4



Year 4 learned about *Stormzy* for Black History Month. We wrote a biography about his life and created self-portraits showing how *Stormzy's* dreams inspired theirs!

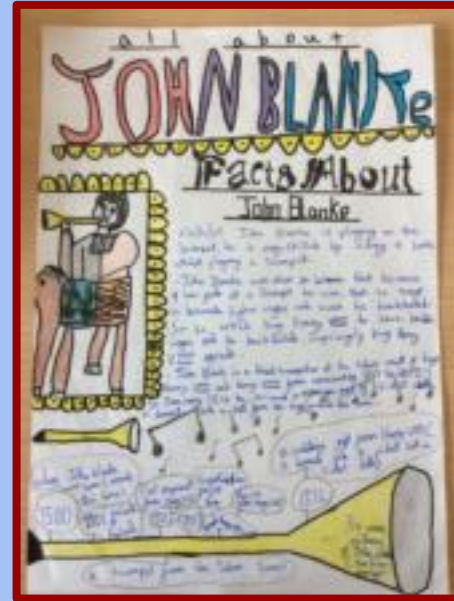


Year 5

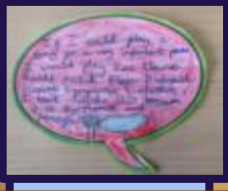
As we are learning to play the trumpet this year we learnt about a very important trumpet player called **John Blanke**



John Blanke was a trumpet player who played for two Tudor Kings, King Henry VII and King Henry VIII. He was such an important musician that his image was captured in a painting (which was rare for working people in Tudor times)



We found out information about who John Blanke was



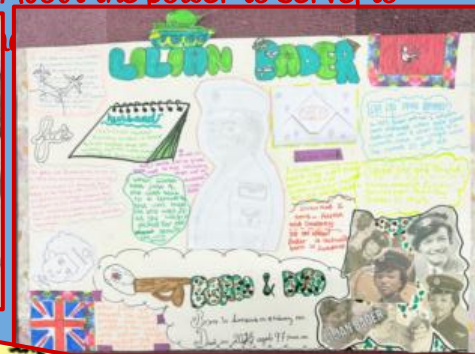
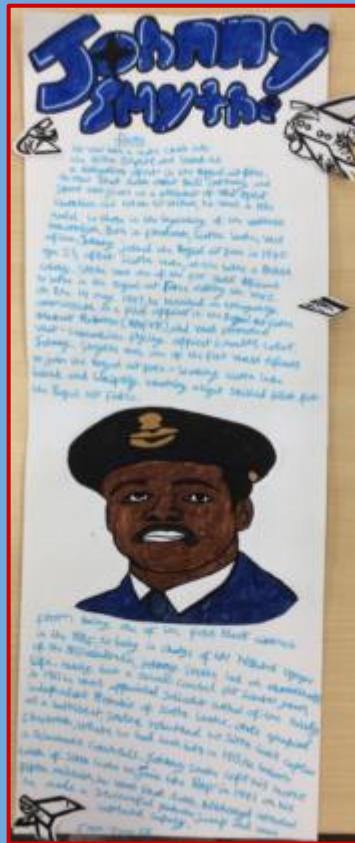
John Blanke was extremely proud to play for important people at the court. We thought about what type of music we would be proud to play for an important person

Year
6

Black History Month

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Year 6 are focussing on **THEIR SERVICE, OUR HISTORY.** For generations, Black men and women served on Britain's frontlines – in the Army, the Navy, and the Air Force. They stood with loyalty and courage, often against the odds, and their sacrifices became part of Britain's strength.





The Hyde School Safeguarding Team

If you believe a child or adult may be in immediate danger:



Call **999** and ask for the appropriate service (Police, Ambulance or Fire Brigade)

If you are worried about the safety or welfare of a child, you can contact:



Barnet MASH
0208 359 4066



mash@barnet.gov.uk



Brent Family Front Door
020 8937 4300

<https://www.brent.gov.uk/services-for-residents/children-and-family-support/keeping-children-safe/contact-our-protection-team/>

NSPCC Helpline (for advice)



0808 800 5000 help@nspcc.org.uk

Other useful support websites:

- <https://www.solacewomensaid.org/>
- <https://mensadviceline.org.uk/>

At The Hyde, we have a caring safeguarding team ready to support your child. Our school email inbox is checked every day, so if you ever feel the school can help in any way, please don't hesitate to get in touch:

safeguarding@thehydeschool.co.uk

We're here to listen and support you.



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Safeguarding is Everyone's Responsibility



The Hyde School

Term Dates 2025 – 2026



Autumn Term 2025

Children return to school on Wednesday 3rd September 2025

OPEN	First Half	Wednesday 3rd September – Friday 24th October
CLOSED	Half Term	Monday 27th October – Friday 31st October
OPEN	Second Half	Monday 3rd November – Friday 19th December

Spring Term 2026

OPEN	First Half	Tuesday 6th January – Friday 13th February
CLOSED	Half Term	Monday 16th February – Friday 20th February
OPEN	Second Half	Monday 23rd February – Friday 27th March

Summer Term 2026

OPEN	First Half	Monday 13th April – Thursday 21st May
CLOSED	May Day	Monday 4th May – school closed for Bank Holiday
CLOSED	Half Term	Monday 25th May – Friday 29th May
OPEN	Second Half	Monday 1st June – Friday 17th July

STAFF TRAINING DAYS (INSET)/ BANK HOLIDAYS

- Monday 1st September 2025**- Inset Day
- Tuesday 2nd September 2025** - Inset Day
- Monday 5th January 2026** - Inset Day
- Monday 4th May 2026** - Bank Holiday
- Friday 22nd May 2026** - Academy Closure Day
- Monday 20th July 2026** – Inset Day

**2026–2027
Term Dates
Coming Soon**

Attendance Award

Because our attendance has been great for the last few weeks EVERY class will have a chance to win either BAS or BEA for the week! All class names are in a box and ONE will be picked out each week until we break up for Christmas!
Good luck!



Parking Reminder

If you are driving to and from school, please park considerately.

We have ongoing complaints about some parents blocking driveways and being abusive or aggressive to residents when asked to move.

Please be polite to our neighbours and set a good example for our children.

FREE PARKING for up to 2 hours is available at [West Hendon Playing Field Car Park](#) (round the corner from Hyde Crescent).

School Dinners

Please note that children cannot change from packed lunches to school dinners without notice. If your child would like to change to school dinner, please speak to the office at least one week in advance.

THE HYDE	Date	Date	Date
	1 st Sep, 22 nd Sep, 23 rd Oct, 3 rd Nov, 24 th Nov, 15 th Dec, 5 th Jan, 20 th Jan, 18 th Feb	8 th Sep, 23 rd Sep, 20 th Oct, 13 th Nov, 1 st Dec, 22 nd Dec, 22 nd Dec, 12 th Jan, 2 nd Feb	25 th Aug, 16 th Sep, 8 th Oct, 23 rd Oct, 17 th Nov, 8 th Dec, 20 th Dec, 16 th Jan, 9 th Feb
	WEEK 1	WEEK 2	WEEK 3
MONDAY	Turkey Lasagne (GL,LS,M) Sweet Mash Topped Veggie Pie (GL) Tomato Pasta (GL) Jacket Potatoes - Cheese (M), Beans or Tuna (F) Sandwiches - Egg (GL,SL,LS), Cheese (GL,M,SS) or Tuna (GL,SS,F) Ice Cream (M) or Fresh Fruit	Turkey Pasta Bolognese (GL) Veggie Cheese Pasta Bolognese (GL,LS,SS) Tomato Pasta (GL) Jacket - Cheese (M), Beans or Tuna (F) Sandwiches - Egg (GL,SL,LS), Cheese (GL,M,SS) or Tuna (GL,SS,F) Cheesecake (GL,M) or Fresh Fruit	Turkey Chili with Rice (GL) Mac 'n' Cheese (GL,M) Tomato Pasta (GL) Jacket Potatoes - Cheese (M), Beans or Tuna (F) Sandwiches - Egg (GL,SL,LS), Cheese (GL,M,SS) or Tuna (GL,SS,F) Ice Cream (M) or Fresh Fruit
TUESDAY	Chicken Tikka Masala with Steamed Rice Pasta Pasta (GL,M) Tomato Pasta (GL) Jacket Potatoes - Cheese (M), Beans or Tuna (F) Sandwiches - Egg (GL,SL,LS), Cheese (GL,M,SS) or Tuna (GL,SS,F) Cheesecake (GL,M) or Fresh Fruit	Potato Topped Fish Pie (GL,F) Handmade Margherita Pizza with Sauce (GL,M) Tomato Pasta (GL) Jacket Potatoes - Cheese (M), Beans or Tuna (F) Sandwiches - Egg (GL,SL,LS), Cheese (GL,M,SS) or Tuna (GL,SS,F) Vegan Fruit, Jelly or Fresh Fruit	Pasty Topped Chicken Pie (GL) Handmade Margherita Pizza with Sauce (GL,M) Tomato Pasta (GL) Jacket Potatoes - Cheese (M), Beans or Tuna (F) Sandwiches - Egg (GL,SL,LS), Cheese (GL,M,SS) or Tuna (GL,SS,F) Cheesecake (GL,M) or Fresh Fruit
WEDNESDAY	Chicken Sausage with Mash & Gravy (GL,SS) Vegan Sausage with Mash & Gravy (GL) Tomato Pasta (GL) Jacket Potatoes - Cheese (M), Beans or Tuna (F) Sandwiches - Egg (GL,SL,LS), Cheese (GL,M,SS) or Tuna (GL,SS,F) Vegan Fruit, Jelly or Fresh Fruit	Roast Chicken with Potatoes & Gravy (GL) Butterbean Wellington (GL,LS) Tomato Pasta (GL) Jacket Potatoes - Cheese (M), Beans or Tuna (F) Sandwiches - Egg (GL,SL,LS), Cheese (GL,M,SS) or Tuna (GL,SS,F) Fruity Smoothie (GL) or Fresh Fruit	Roast Turkey with Potatoes & Gravy (GL) Cauliflower Cheese Bake with Potatoes (GL,M,SS) Tomato Pasta (GL) Jacket Potatoes - Cheese (M), Beans or Tuna (F) Sandwiches - Egg (GL,SL,LS), Cheese (GL,M,SS) or Tuna (GL,SS,F) Vegan Fruit, Jelly or Fresh Fruit
THURSDAY	Jerk Chicken with Rice Handmade Margherita Pizza with Sauce (GL,M) Tomato Pasta (GL) Jacket Potatoes - Cheese (M), Beans or Tuna (F) Sandwiches - Egg (GL,SL,LS), Cheese (GL,M,SS) or Tuna (GL,SS,F) Chocolate Cake (GL) or Fresh Fruit	Chicken Fajitas with Rice (GL) Veggie Curry with Rice Tomato Pasta (GL) Jacket Potatoes - Cheese (M), Beans or Tuna (F) Sandwiches - Egg (GL,SL,LS), Cheese (GL,M,SS) or Tuna (GL,SS,F) Apple Cake (GL) or Fresh Fruit	Turkey Cottage Pie with Mash (GL) Cheese Pesto (GL,SL,LS,M,M) Tomato Pasta (GL) Jacket Potatoes - Cheese (M), Beans or Tuna (F) Sandwiches - Egg (GL,SL,LS), Cheese (GL,M,SS) or Tuna (GL,SS,F) Iced Cornflake Cake (GL) or Fresh Fruit
FRIDAY	Fish Fingers with Oven Baked Chips (GL,F) Cheery Baked Bean Donerish with Oven Baked Chips (GL,M) Tomato Pasta (GL) Jacket Potatoes - Cheese (M), Beans or Tuna (F) Sandwiches - Egg (GL,SL,LS), Cheese (GL,M,SS) or Tuna (GL,SS,F) Biscuit Bar (GL,M) or Fresh Fruit	Fish Fingers with Oven Baked Chips (GL,F) Fajitas with Oven Baked Chips (GL) Tomato Pasta (GL) Jacket Potatoes - Cheese (M), Beans or Tuna (F) Sandwiches - Egg (GL,SL,LS), Cheese (GL,M,SS) or Tuna (GL,SS,F) Biscuit Bar (GL,M) or Fresh Fruit	Fish Fingers with Oven Baked Chips (GL,F) Veggie Fajitas with Oven Baked Chips (GL) Tomato Pasta (GL) Jacket Potatoes - Cheese (M), Beans or Tuna (F) Sandwiches - Egg (GL,SL,LS), Cheese (GL,M,SS) or Tuna (GL,SS,F) Biscuit Bar (GL,M) or Fresh Fruit

VEGETABLES, SALAD, BREAD, AVAILABLE DAILY

HALAL MEAT SERVED HERE

ALLERGY INFO
GL: GLUTEN - SL: SOY - LS: LACTOSE - M: MILK - SS: SUGAR - F: FAT - L: LIPID - S: SALT - M: MEAT
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The Pkinty who committed to improving the standards of children's meals across every one of our schools, and fresh, locally sourced ingredients are used every day across our schools.

Breakfast & After School Clubs

Our Breakfast and After School Childcare Clubs are available for children from Reception (once attending full time) to Year 6.

If you would like to register please go to:

www.ultimateprimarysports.com



Food Bank Information

For those struggling with food, the Colindale Foodbank will be open on Tuesdays and Thursdays 12pm to 2.30pm. Trinity Church, Northwest Centre, Avion Crescent, Grahame Park Way, NW9 5QY

Bread N Butter is cooking and freezing healthy meals, which can be delivered locally to those in need. Please call 0208 357 0923 or email info@sct.london. Open between 10am and 4pm weekdays

NW7 hub (Mill Hill Library) are providing a food bank and food bank delivery service 10am to 1pm Mon - Thurs and Saturday Mill Hill Library Building, Hartley Avenue, Mill Hill, London, NW7 2HX - 0208 906 3125