



Mr Wilson's Weekly Message



I cannot begin my weekly message without expressing my heartfelt gratitude for your incredible generosity towards the Jamaica Appeal. It has been truly emotional and inspiring to witness the kindness and support shown by all of you. Your donations will make a real difference, and we are deeply appreciative of your commitment to helping others.

A special mention goes to Kai in Year 8, whose remarkable efforts have raised over £1,000 towards the appeal. This is an outstanding achievement and a wonderful example of compassion and determination. Here at The Hurlingham Academy we believe education is about more than academics. It is about shaping future generations and instilling values of empathy, responsibility and community spirit. Your support reinforces this vision and helps us create students who care deeply about their communities and the wider world. Thank you once again for standing with us and making this initiative such a success.

As we move into the festive period (I can't quite believe we are in December already), I want to continue this generosity through our Christmas hamper collection. Each House has 2 hampers outside the assembly hall, which are to be filled with food to donate to our local food bank. Our house representatives and house captains will take the food to the food bank during the last week of term, where it will be distributed among those who need it most. We encourage all students and parents to keep on giving to help those less fortunate than ourselves. I would absolutely love to beat last years total and ensure that all families in the local area are able to celebrate the festive period, safe in the knowledge that their loved ones will be well provided for.

Charity Fundraising

Ms Francis was delighted to visit the Sands End Arts and Community Centre this week to attend a truly beautiful violin concert by local mum and Friend of Hurlingham, Meg, and her son, Patrick, held in support of young people with SEND across our local schools. Their performance was not only uplifting but also deeply meaningful, showcasing both remarkable talent and a strong commitment to our school community. As an Artistic Manager of St John's Fulham Music Association, Meg has also contributed an incredible £500 to The Hurlingham Academy to support our SEND provision.

We are so grateful for the generosity and kindness of Meg and those who contributed to the concert series and the heartfelt support of the St John's Fulham Music Association.



Drop Down Day

On Wednesday 3rd December, the entire school (both students and staff) took part in the first Drop Down Day of the year. Pupils are off-timetetable for the final four periods of the day, and take part in Debate, Taskmaster, Dragon's Den, Creative Writing, Sport, or Drama. This Drop Down Day plays a huge part in the points that each House will finish this term on, and it was an incredibly close-affair! Veritas were fourth at the start of the day, but worked so hard and managed to win the most number of points throughout the day - adding a total of 950 points to their total and managing to close the gap that seemed to be getting wider and wider this term!

The House leaderboard now looks like this:

Term 1	Aequitas	Caritas	Unitas	Veritas
	2400	2275	2200	2100



Students were supported by their new House captains who were given their new house ties on Tuesday, and they really made a difference on the day in their new roles!



Medical Appointments

We would like to remind all parents to give reception at least **24 hours' notice** for any appointments, unless it is an emergency. Please contact reception to inform them, and they will ensure the information is passed on to the appropriate members of staff.



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Save the date– winter concert

A festive poster for a winter concert. The background is dark blue with white snowflakes and stars. At the top, the Hurlingham Academy logo and name are displayed. Below this, the words 'MUSIC DEPARTMENT' are written in a serif font. The main title 'WINTER CONCERT' is prominently featured in large, white, bold letters, with 'CONCERT' on a red banner. The date 'WEDNESDAY 17TH DECEMBER 2025' is written in a white serif font. Below the date, the time 'AT 5:00 PM' and location 'IN THE MAIN HALL' are indicated. The bottom section of the poster features a winter scene with snow-covered evergreen trees, a street lamp with a red bow, and various musical instruments like a saxophone, trumpet, and drums. A red banner at the very bottom states 'TICKETS AVAILABLE AT STUDENT SERVICES'.

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Mr Wilson's Commendations

Congratulations this week go to the following pupils, who made it to the top of our Seneca and Sparx leaderboards.

Top pupils for Seneca are:

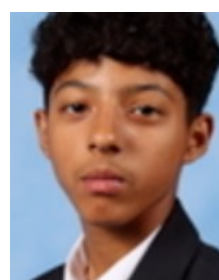
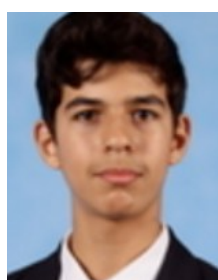
Year 7: Dean

Year 8: Esther

Year 9: Aeshah

Year 10: Badis

Year 11: Dylan

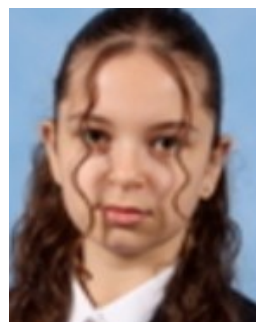
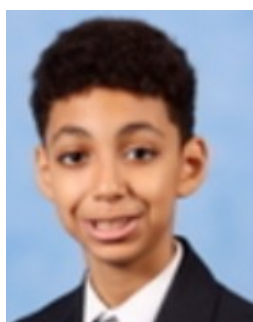
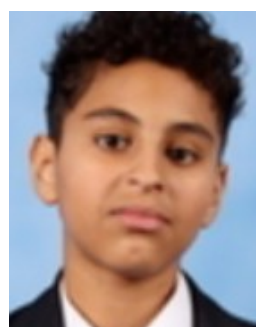


Top pupils for Sparx reader are:

Year 7: Gashbeer and Louis

Year 8: Haytham and Youness

Year 9: Massiell and Leah



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Friends and Family Bake Sale

Date for the diary: Our first 'Friends of Hurlingham' event is going to be a bake sale after school on Thursday 11th December! It is a great opportunity to support the school by baking cakes or bringing in money to buy some treats. This will also help us to raise funds to support the Jamaican Red Cross. (Please also remember to bring in some change on the day!)

The bake sale will be running after school from 3.40-5pm for students and teachers, parents are also welcome to pop in and support if you are picking up your child at the end of the day, or for any Y9 parents, please feel free to arrive at school a little earlier for Y9 parents evening, and pick up a treat!

- A reminder to clearly label any baked goods which are gluten free and dairy free to make the event as inclusive as it can be for all (+ no nuts at all please)
- Containers must also be clearly labelled with the student's name to ensure it can be easily returned



Friends of Hurlingham

Our next 'Friends of Hurlingham' PTA meeting will be on Tuesday 9th December at 5pm. If you're interested in joining or just finding out a bit more us, please come along. It's a great way to get more involved with the school community, meet other parents, and support the school! This will be a fully remote meeting. Please join using this link: <https://teams.microsoft.com/join/33902227831016?p=M6DmhQuldcf9v44zsN>

Key dates for upcoming weeks

Description	Date	Time
Whole School Assembly	Monday 8 th December	8:25-9:00
Christmas Lunch for all pupils	Thursday 11 th December	12:00-14:00
Year 9 Parents Evening	Thursday 11 th December	16:30-19:00
Friends and Family Bake Sale	Thursday 11 th December	15:40-17:00
Academy Awards Night	Monday 15 th December	17:00-18:30
Winter Concert	Wednesday 17 th December	17:00-18:00
Golden Postcard Trip	Thursday 18 th December	9:00-16:00
Last day of term– school finished at 1pm	Friday 19 th December	8:25-13:05



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Flu Vaccinations

Due to rising cases of flu and recent school closures, the NHS has requested a **second flu immunisation session** for our students. This will take place on:

Date: Tuesday, 16 December

Time: 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

Location: The Hurlingham Academy, SW6 3ED

To ensure every child is protected and to reduce health disparities, we require a **documented response from all parents/guardians** either to consent or decline the vaccination.

If you have not yet completed the consent form, please do so as soon as possible. You can:

Complete the online form here: [Vaccination UK Immunisation](https://www.vaccination.uk/immunisation)

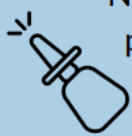
Please note:

- The nasal spray vaccine contains porcine gelatine. A pork-free injectable alternative is available.
- Young people under 16 may give or refuse consent themselves if considered competent by nursing staff.

FLU IMMUNISATION FOR PUPILS IN SCHOOL YEARS RECEPTION - YEAR 11

**Prevent your child from being seriously ill this winter!
Vaccinating is crucial in protecting them and
vulnerable friends and family from flu.**

NASAL VACCINE



No needles - just quick,
painless, effective flu
protection
(contains gelatine)

OR

THE INJECTION

We offer a **PORK-FREE,
GELATINE-FREE** injection
considered a
faith-friendly alternative.



Complete this form, even if you do not want the vaccine.

<https://nwl.schoolvaccination.uk/flu/2025/hammersmithandfulham>

Secondary School students only: Young people under the age of 16 can give or refuse consent themselves if considered competent to do so by nursing staff.



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We endeavour to come to your child's school twice. If your child is absent or unable to be vaccinated at school, they can still receive this important vaccine by attending one of our community clinics for the vaccine.

Details of these can be found on our website or you can contact the team above.

Your consent will remain in place for the entire flu season. If your child misses a first visit, you do not need to complete a second form.

LEARN MORE 

<https://www.schoolvaccination.uk/flu>
www.youtube.com/@vaccinationuk

PRIVACY POLICY

Our 2024/25 policy can be viewed here: www.schoolvaccination.uk/privacy-policy.
For data protection queries, please contact: dpo@vaccinationuk.co.uk



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q. WHY ARE CHILDREN BEING OFFERED THE FLU VACCINE?

Flu can make children feel very unwell and can sometimes lead to serious complications like pneumonia or ear infections. Some may even need hospital treatment. It's especially important for children with long-term conditions like asthma or diabetes, as flu can be more dangerous for them.

Q. HOW DOES THE FLU VACCINE FOR CHILDREN WORK?

The nasal spray contains weakened flu viruses that help your child build protection without causing illness. Because flu strains change each year, the vaccine needs to be given annually. Most children only need one dose.

Q. IS THE FLU VACCINE SAFE FOR CHILDREN?

Yes, it has a very good safety record and has been used for over 10 years in countries like the US without any major concerns. All vaccines available in United Kingdom must pass strict safety testing before being approved for use. The Medicines and Healthcare Products Regulatory Agency (MHRA) only approve vaccines that have gone through rigorous safety testing measures. The regulators continually monitor them all the time.

Q. SHOULD ANYONE NOT HAVE THE VACCINE?

Let us know if your child:

- Has a severe allergy to eggs, gelatine, or certain antibiotics
- Has recently had severe asthma symptoms or is wheezy on the day
- Has a seriously weakened immune system

Also, after vaccination, children should avoid close contact with people who have very weak immune systems for about two weeks—everyone else is fine to be around.

CONSENT INFORMATION

The consent form needs to be signed by a person with parental responsibility which includes:

- Mother: automatic
- Father: if married to the mother either when baby is born or marries subsequently
- Unmarried father: if name appears on birth certificate (since 1/12/03) or legally acquired
- Others: if parental responsibility is legally acquired
- Parental Responsibility Agreement: signed, properly witnessed and sent for registration to Principle Registry or the Family Division (High Court)
- Residence Order: granted by the Court

Please note that young people under the age of 16 can give or refuse consent if considered competent to do so by nursing staff.

Q. NATURAL IMMUNITY

While natural immunity from the flu can occur, it's not generally considered better than vaccine-induced immunity. Natural infection carries the risk of severe illness and complications, whereas the flu vaccine offers protection with significantly less risk. Natural immunity can be long-lasting against specific strains, but we know that the flu virus changes (mutates) overtime so natural immunity to one strain might not protect against a different strain that emerges later. Vaccines are a safer and more reliable way to protect against a wider range of flu viruses.

Flu vaccines are updated for each winter to give protection against the strains of flu that are most likely to be going around. For this reason, we strongly recommend that even if your child was vaccinated last year, they should be vaccinated again this year.

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Q ARE THERE ANY SIDE EFFECTS?

Side effects from the nasal spray are usually mild and short-lived. These may include a runny or blocked nose, headache, reduced appetite, or a slight temperature. Paracetamol or ibuprofen can help if needed.

Q WE DO NOT EAT PORK PRODUCTS. CAN MY CHILD HAVE A DIFFERENT FLU VACCINE?

Yes. There is an injectable flu vaccine is available that contains no pork (porcine gelatine).

While the nasal spray is generally more effective and painless, we respect your preferences. Just complete the consent form for the injection—no need to fill out both.

Q MY CHILD NEEDS A DIFFERENT VACCINE

If your child needs another vaccine you can speak to our team or attend one of our community clinics, all information can be found on our website:

www.schoolvaccination.uk/catch-up-clinics

Q I HAVE MORE QUESTIONS

We run Q&A webinars which address frequently asked questions and gives parents an opportunity to ask their questions. You can find information and how to join on our website.



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