



Friday Update

16th October 2026



It has been another busy and enjoyable week at Pinner Wood, with lots of exciting learning opportunities, memorable experiences and important conversations about keeping safe. Our Year 5 and Year 6 children welcomed a visit from the police, who spoke to them about how to stay safe online and in the wider world. These important discussions helped the children think about making sensible choices, recognising potential risks and knowing how to keep themselves safe.

Our Reception children enjoyed their Autumn Walk to Montesole Park, taking the opportunity to explore the outdoors, notice the seasonal changes and enjoy the beauty of Autumn. It was lovely to see their curiosity, enthusiasm and love of learning outside.

Meanwhile, Year 2 brought their hugely popular Great Fire of London topic to a spectacular conclusion! The children watched as their model houses were burned in our school garden, (a carefully controlled activity with close adult supervision)! This exciting, hands-on experience helped them see just how quickly fire can spread, what lessons were learned and brought their History learning to life.

As we approach half term, please remember to continue enjoying reading together at home. Just a few minutes of reading each day makes a real difference, helping children to develop their fluency, confidence, vocabulary and fostering a love of books. Talking about what you read together also helps children with comprehension, inference and prediction.

Parent and carer consultations have now begun, with our main consultation evenings taking place next Wednesday and Thursday after school. We look forward to welcoming families into school to share the children's progress, celebrate their achievements and discuss their next steps in learning.

A reminder that this half term ends on Thursday 22nd October, with the school day finishing at 3.05 p.m. for Reception and Key Stage 1 and 3.10 p.m. for Key Stage 2.

We hope you have a lovely weekend. Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Jo Bretayne

Messages:

School Car Park

Please be aware that the school car park is for use by members of **staff only**. This is **not** a parent car park. There is plenty of off-street car parking spaces for parents to use. In addition, for safety reasons please do not walk through the school car park.

NO TEACHER LED CLUBS

There will be no teacher led clubs taking place **all of next week**. This includes all morning and after school clubs. This is due to it being Parents Evening week.

NEW After School Clubs

After half term the following clubs have been added to the clubs timetable. Please book via Arbor.

- Year 5 Cooking
- Y5&6 Oddizzi Explorer Club – this club sparks a sense of adventure, nurtures geographical skills, and develops a lasting love for Geography.

October Half-Term Food Vouchers

Thank you to families who recently completed the Free School Meals eligibility checking process. The school will be issuing October half-term food vouchers next week to families who are eligible for **Targeted (benefits-related) Free School Meals**.

We have been informed by Harrow Council that children eligible under **Expanded Free School Meals** receive **free school meals during term time only** and are not eligible for holiday food vouchers.



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Christmas Fair

Book your tickets using this link!

<https://www.tickettailor.com/events/friendsopinnerwood>

BEE YOU DAY

Dress to Express: Children are invited to wear whatever makes them feel most comfortable and most like themselves! This could be a feather boa, sparkly shoes, cultural clothing, a football kit or anything else that reflects their personality.





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HOODS EDUCATE INSPIRE

BONFIRE NIGHT
NOV

MAIN MENU
Hotdog Banger (v)
topped with Cheese
and Fried Onions
or
Pizza Catherine Wheels (v)
served with Firecracker Wedges
or
Hot Potato
topped with Baked Beans (Free From*)
or
Filled Roll

SERVED WITH
Baked Beans and Corn

DESSERT
Hot Chocolate Sponge
and Chocolate Sauce

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Menus are subject to change due to supplier stock availability. * Free from the key 14 allergens and plant based/vegan

Thursday 5th November 2026
HCL **Bonfire Night** Menu –
Book your child's lunch via
Citrus

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Happy
DIWALI

MAIN MENU
Creamy Chicken Curry
served with Brown and White Rice
or
Carrot Biryani (Ve) (Free From*)

SERVED WITH
Raita and a Mixed Salad
or
Topped Jacket Potato
or
Filled Roll

DESSERT
Turmeric and
Orange Shortbread

DIWALI
NOV 9-13

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Tuesday 10th November 2026
HCL **Diwali** menu – Book your
child's lunch via Citrus



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Key dates and information this week

	Upcoming dates	Additional information
Whole School	Wed 21st Oct 3.30-6.00pm Thurs 22nd Oct 3.30-6.30pm Parent Consultations Meetings Fri 23rd Oct INSET Day Fri 6th Nov Spooky Disco Fri 4th Dec Christmas Fair	Bookable via Arbor Children with support plans will be contacted for a separate meeting No teacher led clubs School closed Tickets available – see website/email for link Information sent to parents
Nursery	Fri 13th Nov Falconry UK Owl visit	Information sent to parents
Reception		
Year 1		
Year 2	Fri 13th Nov Falconry UK Owl visit	Information sent to parents
Year 3		
Year 4	Tues 20th Oct Art Workshop at Nower Hill School	Invite only – information sent to parents
Year 5	Tues 20th Oct Art Workshop at Nower Hill School Fri 4th Dec Science Museum Wed 19th-Fri 21st May 2027 Phasels Wood Residential	Invite only – information sent to parents Information sent to parents Lunch form closes Fri 20th Nov Information sent to parents. Sign up closes on Mon 19th Oct
Year 6	Tues 20th Oct Art Workshop at Nower Hill School Tues 10th Nov Imperial War Museum Mon 5th-Fri 9th July 2027 Isle of Wight Residential	Invite only – information sent to parents Information sent to parents Lunch order closes Mon 2nd Nov
School Council		