

Hillside News

'Where children are at the heart of everything we do'

**DATES TO
REMEMBER**



Half Term next week

**Monday 19th February
INSET Day**

**Tuesday 20th February
Children return to
school**



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Headteacher Update 9th February 2024

As we wrap up another thrilling half term, let's take a moment to reflect on the remarkable journey our children are on. I'm incredibly proud of our children for their commitment to learning and life, making each day at school a wonderful experience.

A sincere thank you for your ongoing support, a crucial factor in our shared success for our children. I would also like to recognise our dedicated staff team and thank them all for their outstanding efforts.

During this week's assembly, Stephen Gilham from Bible Education Services shared insights on teamwork, connecting a biblical narrative to the essence of being a good team player in everyday life.

We were visited by Amanda Davies, Corporate Director for Education and Learning at Dorset Council, and Beth Whitaker, Principal Lead - Best Education for All. Their tour of the school and discussions on education were met with praise for our school and the active engagement of our children.

Our Reception children immersed themselves in learning about Chinese New Year, creating their own Chinese Dragon and crafting lanterns. They even had a special visit from Janet, our School Crossing Patrol Officer, to learn about road safety. Year 1 and 2 children enjoyed a Victorian Day, and your support in dressing for their special day is appreciated. From chanting times tables to outdoor drill activities, they had a memorable experience. Year 3 and 4 children have engaged in a lively Samba drumming session with Dorset Music Works.

Thank you to everyone who attended Parents Evening, providing an excellent turnout. It was wonderful to share updates on your child's progress.

Congratulations to the winners of our NSPCC Number Day, who were recognised with special certificates during our Celebration Assembly earlier today.

As we approach the half term break, I extend my warm wishes for a fun and enjoyable break. I look forward to welcoming you back on Tuesday 20th February.

Healthy regards

Mr Graves

Good luck to the Men's England Rugby team in their next match against Wales in the Six Nations!



WEEKLY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Little Owls 1	93%
Little Owls 2	82%
Tawny Owls 1	93%
Tawny Owls 2	93%
Tawny Owls 3	93%
Snowy Owls 1	95%
Snowy Owls 2	98%
Snowy Owls 3	91%

Whole School 93%

Target



Gates open at 08:30

Gates close at 08:40

**The school day begins
at 08:40**

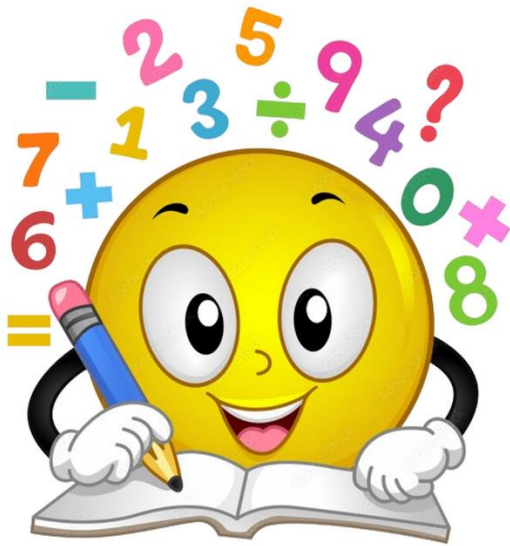
School finishes at 15:00



We've had a very enthusiastic star with Times Table Rockstars and Numbots, very impressive!

Congratulations to the following children for being our
latest **Stars of the Week**:





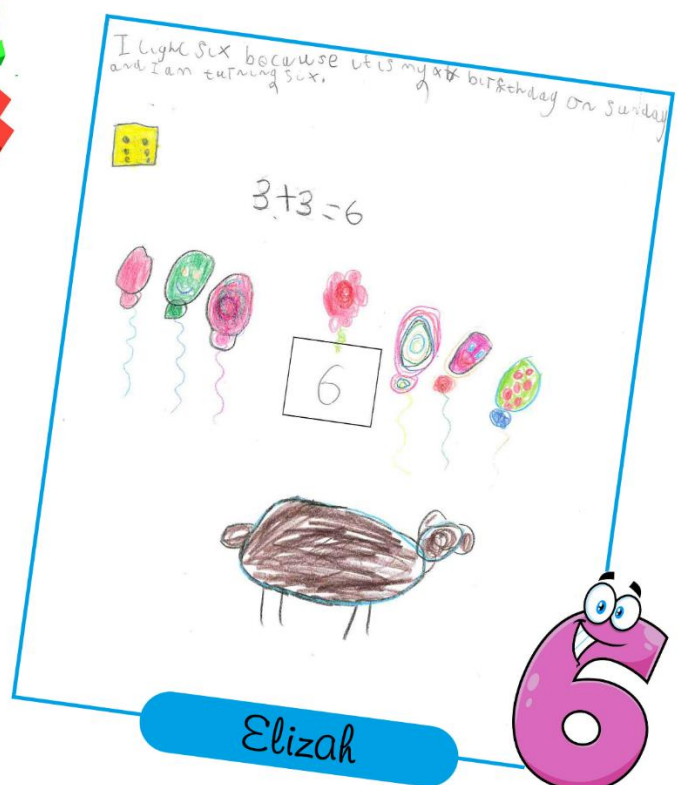
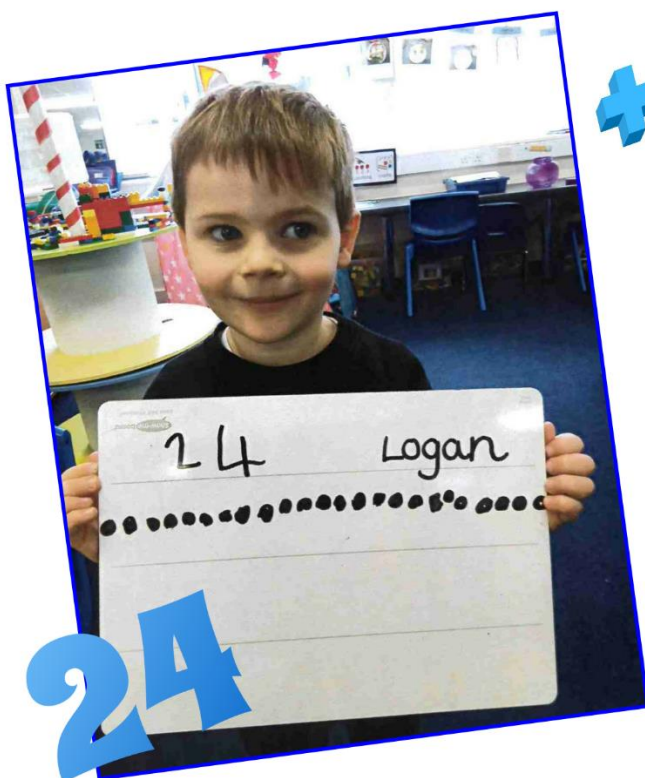
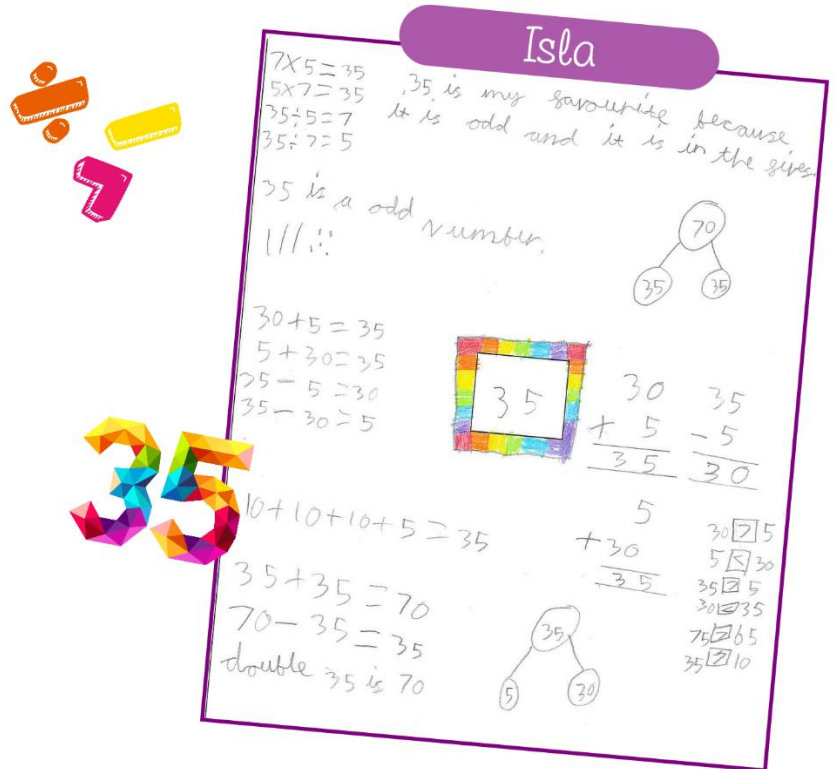
Number Challenge Competition

We have all enjoyed celebrating Number Day recently, starting with an assembly and engaging in fun number-themed activities.

The children were given the task of creatively showing their favourite number.

Well done to everyone who took part. Selecting our winners proved to be quite a challenge. Our winning class entries can be seen below.

Congratulations!





Meet our heroes



Recently Lilianna got a red belt in her karate classes.

This is her 3rd belt and she is on the great path to achieve a black belt in the future which is one of her biggest goals.



Lilianna with her sensei Tom.



Ava has been super helpful around the home recently. She has made her bed, tidied her room and did the vacuuming. Well done Ava!



THE Victorian School

The children have enjoyed spending the day at Victorian School. They have looked at artefacts, played Victorian games and even had a go at Victorian learning.

The staff also go into character as Victorian teachers and a fun day was had by all.



Tawny 3 class photo



Tawny 2 handwriting lesson



Teaching the play leaders how to play in and out the dusty bluebells



Demonstrating a typical washday



Tawny 1 class photo

Spring term



UPCOMING EVENTS

January

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Tuesday 2nd
INSET Day

Tuesday 23rd
National Handwriting Day

February

Friday 2nd
NSPCC Number Day



Monday 5th
Parent Consultations



Tuesday 6th
Safer Internet Day

Wednesday 7th
Parent Consultations

Monday 5th - Friday 9th
Children's Mental Health Week

Monday 12th - Friday 16th
Half Term

Monday 19th
INSET day

Friday 23rd
PTA Event - School Disco



Monday 26th
Tawny Owls 3 School Trip
(Museum of East Dorset)



Tuesday 27th
Tawny Owls 1 School Trip
(Museum of East Dorset)

Wednesday 28th
Tawny Owls 2 School Trip
(Museum of East Dorset)



March

Week Commencing Monday 4th
World Book Day
week of celebrations

Thursday 7th
World Book Day
Dress up as a character
from one of your favourite books



WORLD BOOK DAY

Friday 15th
Comic Relief

RED NOSE DAY

Friday 15th
Sponsored Bounce

Friday 22nd
PTA Event - Craft Friday

Monday 25th
Snowy Owls School Trip (Marwell Zoo)



Thursday 28th
Inset Day



April



Friday 29th March to Friday 12th April
Easter Holidays

Monday 15th
Children return to school

Friday 19th
PTA Event
break the rules day



Monday 22nd



Class and Year 4
leavers photographs

After School Clubs

Hillside First School are pleased to offer the following clubs:

Monday

15:00-16:00 – Computer Explorers (Year 3-4)

15:00-16:00 – Creative Dance (Year R-2)

16:00-17:00 – Creative Dance (Year 3-4)

Tuesday

07:55-08:20 – Running club

08:00-08:30 – Sports & Fitness Breakfast Club

12:00-12:30 – Sports & Fitness Lunch Club

15:00-16:00 – After School Football Club

Wednesday

15:00 – 16:00 – Creative Club

Thursday

15:00-16:00 – Forest School (Year R-4).

Friday

Lessons in school – Rocksteady

15:00-16:00 – Computer Explorers (Year 1-2)

DORSET CREATIVE DANCE HILLSIDE FIRST SCHOOL
AFTER SCHOOL DANCE CLUB

Fun and creative dance classes for children attending Hillside First School
Password for booking: Hillside2023!

Booking opening soon through our website!

Monday 3pm - 4pm Reception, Years 1 & 2
Monday 4pm - 5pm Years 3 & 4

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AFTER SCHOOL TECH CLUB Computer Xplorers

15:00-16:00
MONDAY
Y3-4
FRIDAY
Y1-2

£8 per session
10% OFF for siblings

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HILLSIDE FIRST SCHOOL   

Running Club on Tuesday mornings before school

Please feel free to turn up whenever convenient if you are interested.

07:55: Meet at the school to drop off bags, etc.

08:00: Begin our run along the roads near the school, eventually leading to the heath.

08:25: Return to school, collect belongings, and head to class.

Each child must be accompanied by an adult who will run alongside them and take sole responsibility for their child throughout the session.

Hopefully, see you on Tuesday.



Poole Forest School After School Club at Hillside
Thursday 11th January - Thursday 21st March

Tools, shelter building, bushcraft, natural crafts, campfire, cooking and much more. Ofsted registered for ages 5-11. Accept childcare vouchers.

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