

# Hillside News

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**DATES TO  
REMEMBER**



**Our Summer  
Fayre** is taking  
place on **Friday**  
**17<sup>th</sup> May 17:00 –**  
**19:30.**

We hope to see  
you there.



## Headteacher Update Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2024

It has been another exciting week here at Hillside First School, filled with enriching learning experiences for our eager children!

At the start of the week we had an extended assembly, learning about the significance of World Earth Day and celebrating St. George's Day. Additionally, our School Parliament took great pride in launching their idea...Hillside's Got Talent. The response has been great with over half the school already signed up and we look forward to the audition with all the incredible talent within our school community!

On Monday, we underwent our annual safeguarding audit conducted by the Trust lead Safeguarding Officer. I'm delighted to share that we excelled in all areas, receiving positive feedback for our commitment to safeguarding our children. In today's rapidly evolving world, safeguarding remains our top priority, and we continuously strive to uphold the highest standards.

As we continue to embrace the technological advancements of the 21st century, it's essential to equip our children with the necessary skills to navigate this digital landscape safely. I have included a [link](#) to our online safety page on the school website, featuring some valuable resources and guides for parents.

I would like to again extend my thanks to our dedicated PTA and to you for all your donations and support. Thanks to your generosity, we've recently purchased new thesauruses and dictionaries, ensuring every child in Year 3 and 4 has access to these essential learning tools. Furthermore, the addition of new musical instruments on our school field has sparked excitement and creativity among the children.

Looking ahead, I am excited to accompany our Year 4 children on their upcoming residential visit to Hooke Court. A huge thank you to Mrs. Andrews for all her organisation and to our Year 4 parents / carers for enabling this exciting opportunity for our children.

As we gear up for our upcoming Summer Fayre extravaganza, please continue to spread the word and join us for what promises to be another memorable school event.

Have a great weekend!

Healthy Regards,

Mr Graves

## WEEKLY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

|               |     |
|---------------|-----|
| Little Owls 1 | 95% |
| Little Owls 2 | 83% |
| Tawny Owls 1  | 95% |
| Tawny Owls 2  | 96% |
| Tawny Owls 3  | 89% |
| Snowy Owls 1  | 98% |
| Snowy Owls 2  | 93% |
| Snowy Owls 3  | 94% |

**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**



Please keep going  
with  
Times Table  
Rockstars and  
Numbots!

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



Hot Chocolate FriYAY!





# Celebration Assembly

## **Goodbye and Good Luck Mrs Drummond!**

During this morning's celebration assembly, we gathered to celebrate a huge moment in the life of one of our wonderful teachers. As she embarks on the incredible journey of motherhood, it is time for us to bid goodbye, albeit temporarily, to the wonderful Mrs. Drummond!

Now, I must say, there are few moments more magical than witnessing the arrival of a new little human into the world. And while we'll miss Mrs. Drummond's daily presence, we can't help but be overjoyed for her and her growing family.

We expressed a massive thank you for her dedication, passion, and laughter that she has brought into our classrooms each day.

We said to Mrs. Drummond, as she embarks on this new adventure called parenthood, "Know that your school family is here cheering you on every step of the way." She may be leaving us for a little while, but her kindness will still linger around the school walls while she's gone.

Finally, we advised Mrs. Drummond to cherish every precious moment with her little one and to make sure she comes back and visits!



## **Thank you**

Once more, our thanks go to Mayor Cllr Coombs, who visited us during this morning's Celebration assembly and generously presented us with a cheque for £250. This generous contribution follows the visit of our School Parliament to the Town Council. The children have collectively decided to allocate this donation towards some new reading books, a choice that our librarians will decide on and organise.





# Around the school this week

This week has seen a fantastic array of activities and learning across the school. Year 3 and 4 children have been learning all about the River Nile, creating engaging non-chronological reports as part of their exploration into Egyptian history. Meanwhile, in Year 2, our budding artists have been developing their observational skills by creating stunning drawings of pineapples. In Year 1, children furthered their mathematical skills through a series of challenges, while in Little Owls 1, there was a lot of excitement as they had their first ever Forest School session.

Little Owls 1 during their Forest School session



Children in Year 3 and 4 have had great fun Den building at playtimes!



Our new music instruments, kindly donated by the PTA.



Tawny Owls 3 observational drawings.







# Meet our heroes



Romeo has had the opportunity to train with Southampton FC development centre.



Logan, who had previously been too shy to join the local football team, found the courage to join 6 weeks ago.

Logan has been enjoying his training every Saturday and recently took part in his first match against Ringwood FC, and they **WON 5-4.**

Logan not only played, but he won Man of the Match!

Logan's family are so proud of him for overcoming his fears and absolutely smashing it! Logan is their Hero, always!



Romeo has played football since he could walk and has been training hard both with his Verwood team and at Southampton.



# Fundraising



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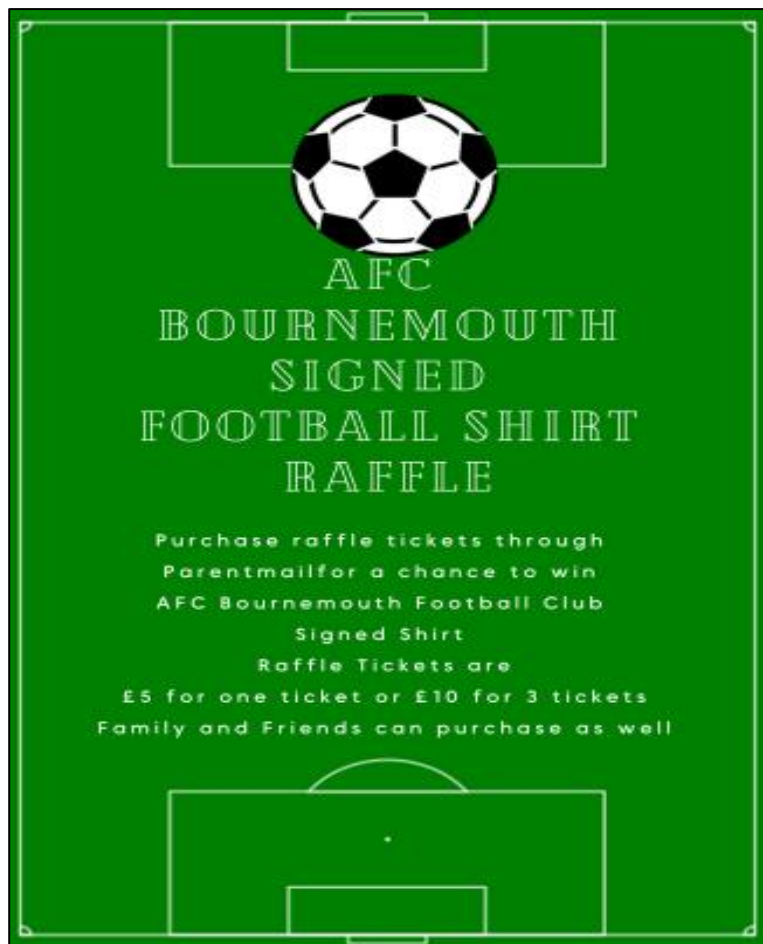
## Hillside First School Fayre

17th May 5pm to 7.30pm

£1 entry  
Children are free

All Welcome  
Bring Friends and Family

LIVE MUSIC  
BBQ  
Bouncy Castle  
Rides  
Games  
Stalls  
Bar  
Raffle  
and much much more



## AFC BOURNEMOUTH SIGNED FOOTBALL SHIRT RAFFLE

Purchase raffle tickets through Parentmail for a chance to win AFC Bournemouth Football Club Signed Shirt

Raffle Tickets are  
£5 for one ticket or £10 for 3 tickets  
Family and Friends can purchase as well



## Hillside First School School Raffle

17th May 7.30pm

Tickets are £1 each and will be drawn at the Fayre. They can be purchased either on Parentmail or from a Raffle Book which be going home in your child's book bag.

Family and Friends are welcome purchase as well.

Thank you for your support.



## Mufti Day 10th May

The children are invited to wear Mufti in exchange for items for Hillside Fayre. Each class has a set theme

Little Owls: Sweets, Chocolates  
Tawny Owls 1: Stationary Packs  
Tawny Owls 2 and 3: Sweets, chocolates  
Snowy Owls: Alcohol

We would like to thank you for your kind donations to help support the Fayre

If you have any new unwanted Teddies or New Toys we would be grateful for the donations

# Summer term

# UPCOMING EVENTS



## May

**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> - Friday 3<sup>rd</sup>**

Year 4 Residential Trip  
to Hooke Court



**Monday 6<sup>th</sup>**

May Day Bank Holiday

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup>**

Mufti Day in exchange for tombola  
donations for our Summer Fayre

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup>**

Little Owls School Trip (Blashford Lakes)

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup>**

17:00 - 19:30  
Summer Fayre

**Monday 27<sup>th</sup> to  
Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May**

Half Term



## June

**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup>**

World Environment Day

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup>**

PTA Event - Ice-Cream Sale

*To be purchased in advance on ParentMail*

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup>**

PTA Event - School Disco

**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup>**

PTA Event - Ice-Cream Sale

*To be purchased in advance on ParentMail*

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup>**

Inset Day

**Friday 28<sup>th</sup>**

PTA Event - Ice-Cream Sale

*To be purchased in advance on ParentMail*



## July

**Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Sports Day

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup>**

PTA Event - Ice-Cream Sale

*To be purchased in advance on  
ParentMail*

**Friday 12<sup>th</sup>**

PTA Event - Ice-Cream Sale

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**Friday 19<sup>th</sup>**

PTA Event - Ice-Cream Sale

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**Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup>**

Last day of term





# After School Clubs

Hillside First School are pleased to offer the following clubs:

## Monday

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

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

## Tuesday

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 (Year 1 and 2)

15:00 – 16:15 – Rippa Rugby (tbc) (Year R – 4)

## Thursday

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

## Friday

Lessons in school – Rocksteady

**RIPPA RUGBY**

TO BOOK YOUR SPACE  
VISIT [RIPPARUGBY.CO.UK](http://RIPPARUGBY.CO.UK)



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**DORSET CREATIVE DANCE**

HILLSIDE FIRST SCHOOL  
AFTER SCHOOL DANCE CLUB

Fun and creative dance classes for children attending Hillside First School  
Password for booking: Hillside2024!!

Bookings now open through our website!

**Mondays 3pm Reception, Years 1 & 2**

**Mondays 4pm Years 3 & 4**

e: [info@dorsetcreativedance.co.uk](mailto:info@dorsetcreativedance.co.uk) t: 07759 949 478  
[www.dorsetcreativedance.co.uk](http://www.dorsetcreativedance.co.uk)

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

est. 2019

**FOREST SCHOOL**  
**POOLE**

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# Hillside Pre-School & Early Learning Group



## WE ARE TAKING BOOKINGS FOR SEPTEMBER 2024

Hillside Pre-School is open term time, Monday - Friday and accepts children with both 15 and 30 hour funding. We have a Breakfast Club running from 7:45am, and After School Club running from 3pm, for both Hillside First and Pre-School children.

To book a tour of our wonderful setting, contact Mrs Ford on:

**01202 820 679**

Email: [office@hillsidepreschool.org](mailto:office@hillsidepreschool.org)

or visit: [www.hillsidepreschool.org](http://www.hillsidepreschool.org)

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