

# Hillside News

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



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DATES TO  
REMEMBER



Children in Year 1 –  
4 return to school  
on  
Thursday 5<sup>th</sup>  
September.



## Headteacher Update Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2024

### Assembly Theme: Togetherness

This week's assembly focused on togetherness. We explored the 'Nanzones' initiative by Asda, designed to bring lonely elderly people together to watch the Men's European Football Championship. As part of National Loneliness Week, Asda is providing complimentary food and drink in these Nanzones. We also discussed what children can do if they know someone who is lonely or if they are feeling lonely themselves. More details can be found [here](#). In addition, I hope you enjoyed the match on Wednesday evening, and good luck to the Men's England football team for the final on Sunday!

### Celebration of Achievement Afternoon

Thank you to everyone who attended our final Celebration of Achievement afternoon for this academic year. It was wonderful to see such a good turnout and have the opportunity to connect with you all.

### Final Transition Event

Our final transition event took place on Tuesday, providing children another opportunity to visit their new classrooms in preparation for September. During transition, I conducted an activity with the children emphasising the power of effective feedback and how it can help them improve. This was tied to an activity of drawing a butterfly. Please see some of the results below.

### Eco Warriors' Community Efforts

Despite the rain, our Eco Warriors ventured out into the local community to display the winning Eco Posters from our recent competition. Thank you to the local businesses that allowed us to put up the posters, and a special thanks to Costa for the kind donation of hot chocolates to keep the children fuelled, and to Castleman Estate Agents for the key rings! When you're out and about, see if you can spot our posters. We received numerous compliments about the children's exemplary behaviour, which was great to hear. Well done, Eco Warriors! We are super proud of you all.

### Congratulations to Miss Zachariades

A huge congratulations to Miss Zachariades, who has successfully completed her two-year Early Career Teaching Programme with flying colours. This achievement is a testament to her hard work and dedication.

### Year 4 Leavers Activities

With one full week to go, which will be filled with Year 4 Leavers activities, it is an emotional time for both children and adults. Our Year 4 children have been amazing, and we look forward to celebrating their achievements as we wish them well on their next adventure. Year 4 parents and carers, please bring plenty of tissues for the leaver's assembly next week.

Have a great weekend.

Healthy regards,

Mr. Graves

## WEEKLY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Little Owls 1	97%
Little Owls 2	96%
Tawny Owls 1	92%
Tawny Owls 2	92%
Tawny Owls 3	90%
Snowy Owls 1	87%
Snowy Owls 2	96%
Snowy Owls 3	95%

Whole School 93%

Target



Gates open at 08:30

Gates close at 08:40

The school day begins  
at 08:40

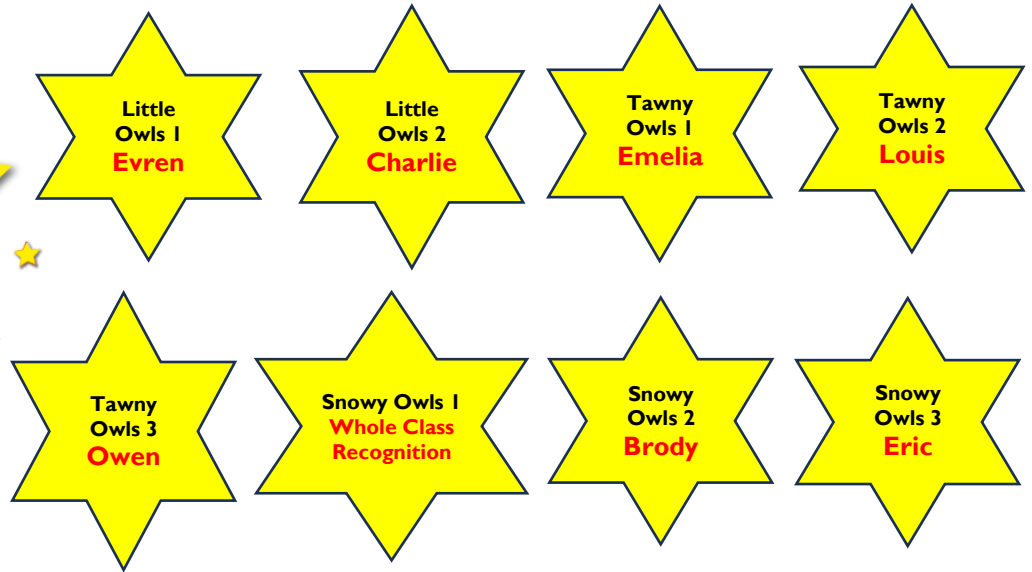
School finishes at 15:00

Tuesday 23rd  
July



Children finish at 3pm  
as usual.

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



Hot Chocolate FriYAY!

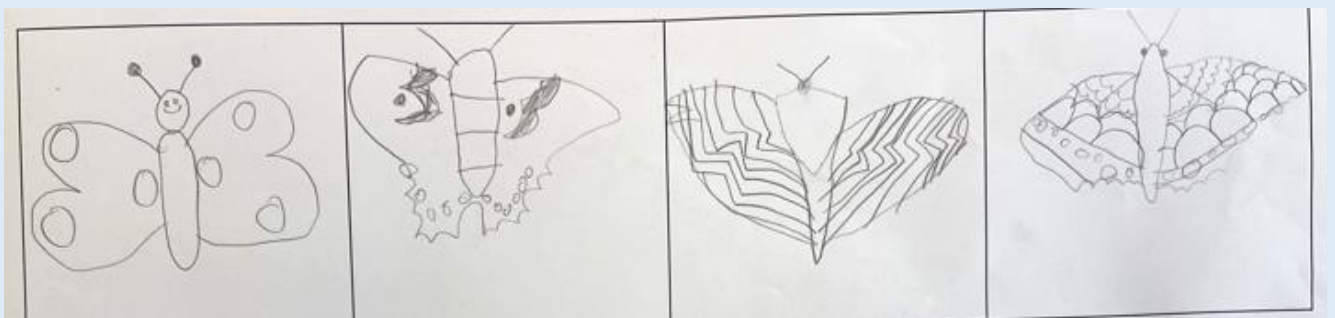
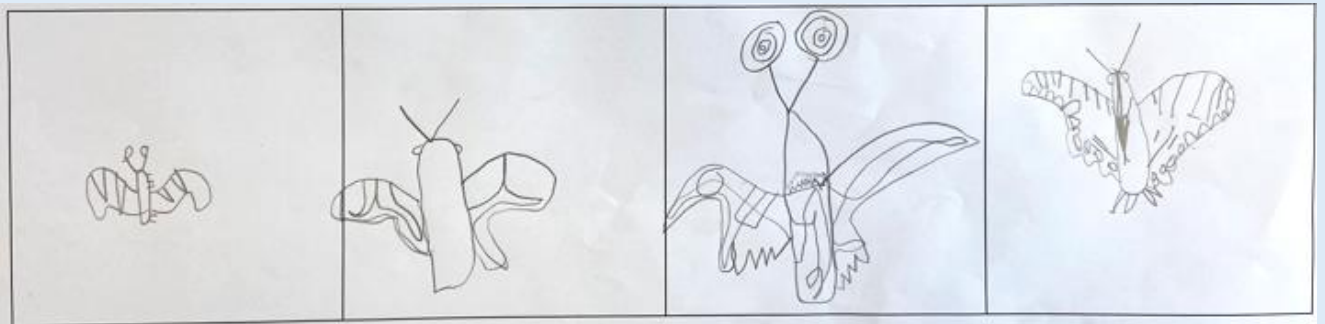
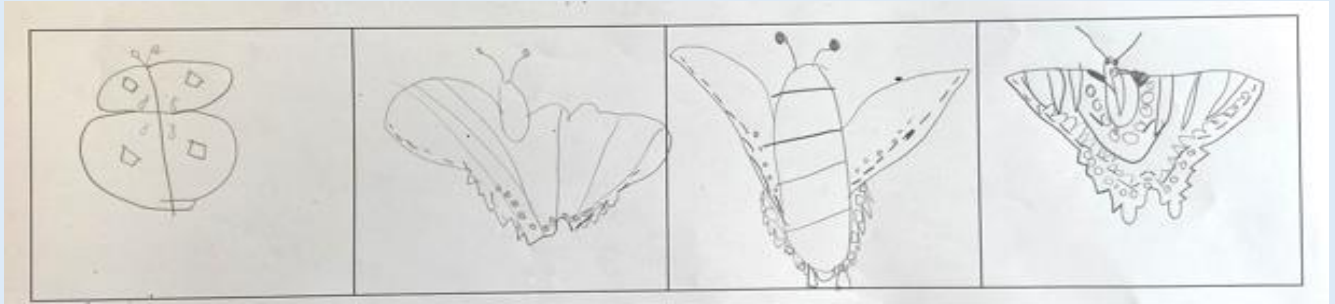
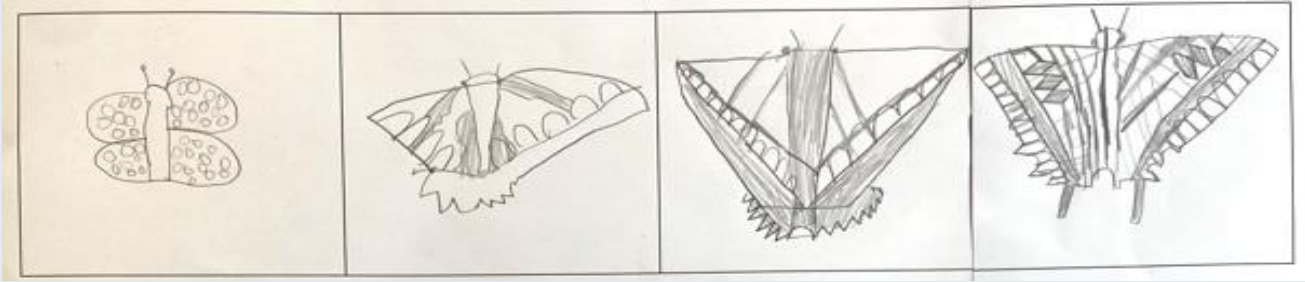


# Eco Warrior Visit



# Feedback

Children received feedback on their designs before drawing their butterflies again, progressing from left to right.





# Meet our heroes

Clay is super proud of himself for completing his stage 6 swimming recently.

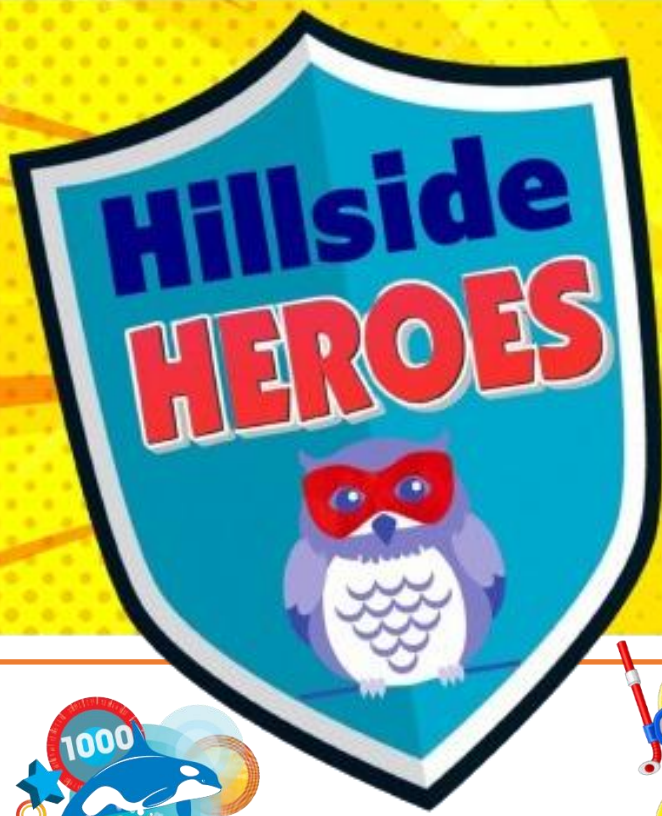


Millie is very proud of herself for completing stage 4 in swimming recently. Fantastic, Millie!



Well done, Clay!





# Meet our heroes



We are very proud of Oscar for swimming 1000 metres. Recently, during Stage 6, Oscar completed a test session where he swam 40 lengths, equivalent to 1000 metres. Just a couple of months ago, he managed 800 meters.



We were all very impressed with his quick progress in such a short time.

Fantastic achievement, well done Oscar!



Isla completed stage 3 swimming lessons a few weeks ago and is already 46% through Stage 4.



Isla also received her water safety certificate recently.



Well done Isla!  
We are very proud of our little dolphin.



# Summer term



## 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*

### Friday 28<sup>th</sup>

Transfer Day

# UPCOMING EVENTS



## 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

*To be purchased in advance on  
ParentMail*



### Friday 12<sup>th</sup>

14:00 - 15:00

PTA Event - Children's Bingo



### Thursday 18<sup>th</sup>

17:00 - 19:00

Year 4 Leavers Party



### Friday 19<sup>th</sup>

14:00

Year 4 Leavers Assembly

### Friday 19<sup>th</sup>

PTA Event - Ice-Cream Sale

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ParentMail*



### 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

## Thursday

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

## Friday

Lessons in school – Rocksteady



**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 are now taking bookings for the **Autumn Term 2024:**



[Link to booking](#)

# Upcoming COMMUNITY EVENTS



**ST MICHAELS CHURCH  
SUMMER  
PARTY**

ALL WELCOME FOR FUN, FOOD, DRINKS AND MORE

**FRIDAY 26TH JULY 2024 3PM-5PM**

ST MICHAELS CHURCH PARISH HALL  
MANOR ROAD, VERWOOD, BH316DZ

CHILDREN MUST BE SUPERVISED BY AN ADULT AT ALL TIMES

**FREE - PLEASE EMAIL TO BOOK  
BY 18TH JULY 2024**

STMICHAELS.CHILDRENSWORKER@GMAIL.COM

Join Nick The Vic & the TREE HOUSE Team at Verwood Methodist Church for some fun in the sun in the Summer Holidays ...



**TREE HOUSE  
FUN GAMES  
MORNING**

**SATURDAY 10TH AUGUST  
10:30 AM - 12:00 PM**

Games in the garden for children at school aged 4-11 years



Parachute Games!



Water Games!



Lollies & Ice Cream!

If your child would like to come then please email Suzannah (treehouse@nickthevic.co.uk) by Wednesday 31st July to register a place. There is no charge for this event.

Parents will sign their children in and out but will not be able to stay for the duration of the event. TREE HOUSE is a part of the children and youth ministry of Verwood Methodist Church. All our team are Safeguarding-trained and DBS-verified in accordance with the Safeguarding Policy of the Methodist Church.

For more info please contact Suzannah or check out the website below.

Verwood Methodist Church, Vicarage Road, BH31 6DR

[www.nickthevic.co.uk/treehouse](http://www.nickthevic.co.uk/treehouse)



## 'Marvellous Makers' Summer Reading Challenge starts from 6<sup>th</sup> July

**Summer Reading Challenge 2024**  
Delivered in partnership with libraries

**Marvellous Makers**



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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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