

Hillside News

DATES TO
REMEMBER



**Celebration of
Achievement
Afternoon**

**Wednesday 16th
October**

straight after
school.

WEEKLY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Little Owls 1	96%
Little Owls 2	95%
Tawny Owls 1	98%
Tawny Owls 2	95%
Tawny Owls 3	97%
Snowy Owls 1	95%
Snowy Owls 2	91%
Snowy Owls 3	94%

Whole School 95%

Target

97% +

The school day begins
at 08:40

Gates open at 08:30
School finishes at 15:00

We are on
Facebook



<https://www.facebook.com/HillsideFirstSchool>

Hillside First School

where
children
are at
the heart of
everything we do

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Headteacher Update Friday 20th September 2024

We've had a fantastic week at school! Our Reception children are continuing with their "All About Me" topic, while Year 1 has been learning about the Creation story in Religious Education. Year 2 has been reading *The Day the Crayons Quit* and writing their own letters, which they've put in envelopes. Meanwhile, Years 3 and 4 are diving deeper into their Stone Age topic and exploring skeletons in Science. It's been an exciting time for everyone!

As we start a new term, there's always lots of news and information being sent home. I apologise if it feels overwhelming, but things should calm down now that the key start-of-year messages have been shared.

Please make sure to log in to your child's Google Classroom as soon as possible. The login details should be inside their reading records. The staff have worked hard to create a welcome presentation, which will be posted on each class's Google Classroom page. If you're having any trouble accessing it, please let us know.

In other great news—we won the **Verwood Horticulture Sunflower Competition!** We received a trophy and a £25 voucher, which we are incredibly thankful for. A big congratulations to the Reception children and staff team for their efforts!

You should have received the parent consultation letters today. This is a great opportunity to speak with your child's class teacher and see how they're settling into the academic year.

We're also excited to introduce a new feature: **Challenge Mr. Graves.** Children have the chance to win an extra 5 minutes of playtime for the whole school! This week, Year 4 is tackling a maths challenge. We've also included a fun maths game that may be best suited for Years 3 and 4. We hope you enjoy the challenge! Special thanks to Noah and Arabella for participating. You can view the video [here](#).

Additionally, we are thrilled to launch our new **Book Nook** feature, with the first edition shared below. Thanks to Mrs. Pain for organising this!

We'd also love to continue with our **Hillside Heroes** feature. If you'd like to share a photo and a short explanation of something your child is proud of—whether it's earning a swimming badge, creating artwork, learning to ride a bike, or mastering a times table—please send it to office@hillsidefirstschool.org for consideration. We'll post the submissions in the order they're received.

Finally, on a personal note, this weekend my eldest son will be leaving for university. I have mixed emotions—I'll miss him dearly, but I'm incredibly proud of him. Moments like these remind us how quickly time flies, so let's make the most of every day.

Healthy Regards,

Mr. Graves

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

Star
of the
WEEK

Tawny
Owls 1
Evren

Tawny
Owls 2
Lilly

Tawny
Owls 3
Arthur

Snowy
Owls 1
Bella

Snowy
Owls 2
Louisa

Snowy
Owls 3
Kingsley



Hot chocolate time!



The Book Nook

1st Edition!



We're excited to introduce a new feature in our newsletter, "The Book Nook"! Each week, we'll invite children to share their favourite books and authors, fostering a love of reading throughout our school community.

Arthur loves to read Marvel books. "I love reading about Groot in Guardians of the Galaxy. He has lots of adventures and he is really funny and he is cute and small. He can stretch his arms and get the bad guys."



Upcoming COMMUNITY EVENTS



Online event for schools with children's author Ruth Quayle



Our Library Service mission is to **Inspire, Connect** and **Enable** our communities



15th October 09:15 –10:00

This is an online event. [Click here to book your place.](#) Schools will be invited to join the fantastic Ruth Quayle. Have you ever wanted to see inside a writer's world? Ruth will talk about how she became an author, with pictures, props and funny stories. She will read her books aloud and answer loads of questions.

The event is aimed at primary aged children

St Michael's Church
CHILDRENS FREE
LIGHT PARTY
SUNDAY 27TH OCTOBER 2024
TIME: 12PM - 2PM
NO HALLOWEEN COSTUMES / CHILDREN TO BE SUPERVISED
ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH PARISH CENTRE
MANOR RD, VERWOOD BH31 6DZ
MUSIC | GAMES | FOOD
BOOKING VIA EMAIL MANDATORY BY 18TH OCTOBER
EMAIL: MARINA
STMICHAELS.CHILDRENSWORKER@GMAIL.COM

Autumn term



UPCOMING EVENTS

September

Tuesday 3rd
Inset Day

Wednesday 4th
Inset Day

Monday 16th
Individual & Sibling Photographs



Thursday 19th

PTA AGM - new members welcome
18:00 at Hillside First School



October

Wednesday 2nd
New Parents Open Morning
09:00 - 11:00

Wednesday 2nd
New Parents Open Evening
17:00 - 19:00

Monday 7th
Harvest Assembly



Thursday 10th
World Mental Health Day

Wednesday 16th
New Parents Open Morning
09:00 - 11:00

Monday 21st
Parent Consultations



Wednesday 23rd
Parent Consultations

Monday 28th - Friday 1st November
Half Term



November

Monday 4th
Inset Day

Thursday 7th
Flu Immunisation

Friday 8th
School Disco

Monday 11th
Remembrance Assembly
Anti Bullying (Friendship Week)

Friday 15th
Children in Need



Monday 18th
Dog's Trust Assembly and KS1 Workshops

Tuesday 19th
Dog's Trust KS2 Workshops



Wednesday 20th
New Parents Open Morning
09:00 - 11:00

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Friday 22nd
Mufti Day for Christmas Tombola

Friday 29th
Christmas Fayre

December

Wednesday 4th
Pyjama Themed Movie Night
Year R and 1



Friday 6th
Christmas Jumper Day

Wednesday 11th
Pyjama Themed Movie Night
Year 2-4

**Thursday 12th &
Friday 13th**
PTA Christmas Shop



Friday 13th
Christmas Performances

Monday 16th
Christmas Performances

Tuesday 17th
Christmas Performances

Wednesday 18th
Christmas Party Day
& Chartwells
Christmas Lunch
FREE Mufti day
Children invited to
wear party clothes

Thursday 19th
Last day
of term



FREE Online Courses for Parents/Grandparents/Carers

Family Learning bring you these great FREE adult courses to help you support and enable your child's future academic and social success

Course Code	Course Title	Day	Start Time	End Time	Start Date	End Date	Wks
FN1631G	Family Learning: Autism Awareness	Tue	10:00	13:00	10/09/2024	10/09/2024	1
FN1655G	Family Learning: Introduction to Psychology	Mon	18:30	20:30	16/09/2024	21/10/2024	6
FN1633G	Family Learning: Autism Awareness	Tue	18:00	21:00	17/09/2024	17/09/2024	1
FN1679G	Family Learning: Supporting Your Own Mental Wellbeing	Thu	18:00	21:00	19/09/2024	19/09/2024	1
FN1708G	Family Learning: Understanding Your Child's Behaviour	Tue	18:30	20:30	01/10/2024	22/10/2024	4
FN1707G	Family Learning: Understanding Your Child's Behaviour	Tue	10:00	12:30	01/10/2024	22/10/2024	4
FN1704G	Family Learning: Understanding and Supporting your Child's Mental Health	Thu	18:30	20:30	03/10/2024	24/10/2024	4
FN1681G	Family Learning: Supporting Your Own Mental Wellbeing	Tue	18:00	21:00	05/11/2024	05/11/2024	1
FN1637G	Family Learning: Autism Awareness	Tue	10:00	13:00	05/11/2024	05/11/2024	1
FN1639G	Family Learning: Autism Awareness	Thu	18:00	21:00	07/11/2024	07/11/2024	1
FN1710G	Family Learning: Understanding Your Child's Behaviour	Tue	10:00	12:30	19/11/2024	10/12/2024	4
FN1705G	Family Learning: Understanding and Supporting your Child's Mental Health	Tue	18:30	20:30	19/11/2024	10/12/2024	4
FN1711G	Family Learning: Understanding Your Child's Behaviour	Thu	18:30	20:30	21/11/2024	12/12/2024	4

Book your place now by contacting the below

01202 123444  www.skillsandlearningace.com  enquiries@salbcp.com

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 (Year R-4)

12:00-12:30 – Sports & Fitness Lunch Club (Year R-4)

15:00-15:50 – After School Football Club (Year 1-4)

Friday

Lessons in school – Rocksteady

15:00-16:00 – Dodgeball /Bench ball (Year 1-4)



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 t: 07759 949 478
www.dorsetcreativedance.co.uk

POOLE FOREST SCHOOL
HILLSIDE

Thursday after school. Cook on the campfire, learn to use tools, build dens, nature crafts. Woodland games and challenges.

Bookings being taken@
www.pooleforestschool.com