

Hillside News

DATES TO REMEMBER



Parent Consultations
Monday 21st October

Wednesday 23rd October

Don't forget
Parents'
Evening!

WEEKLY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Little Owls 1	95%
Little Owls 2	96%
Tawny Owls 1	99%
Tawny Owls 2	96%
Tawny Owls 3	95%
Snowy Owls 1	96%
Snowy Owls 2	95%
Snowy Owls 3	95%

Whole School 96%

Target

97% +

The school day begins at 08:40

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

World Mental Health Day

Thursday 10th October



Children can wear yellow to school on this day to support this worthy cause for a suggested donation of £1 to the World Mental Health Charity via Parentmail or cash to class teacher.

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Headteacher Update Friday 27th September 2024

What a great week it's been! The weather has certainly been ideal for... ducks! We started the week with an assembly focusing on photography, inspired by the National Wildlife Photography Competition. We discussed why people enjoy taking photos and how photography has evolved over the years. I shared with the children that when I was their age, we had to take film to a shop to be developed—and we never knew exactly how the photos would turn out!

Our Reception children have been busy completing their baseline assessments, while Year 1 has been hard at work with their maths and learning all about the five senses. Year 2 has been enhancing their map skills, and Years 3 and 4 have been diving deeper into their Stone Age studies.

Looking ahead, we're excited to welcome prospective families to our first Open Morning and Open Evening on Wednesday, 2nd October. It's a fantastic opportunity to showcase our wonderful school!

I'd also like to include a quick reminder about our Drop-off Zone located at the side of the school (details below). Your cooperation is very much appreciated in keeping traffic flowing smoothly and ensuring that all children can enter school safely and swiftly

Thank you for the Harvest Festival donations we've received so far. We are still gratefully accepting more, so if you're able to contribute, please do. Further details are provided below.

From the recent parent survey, one recurring theme was support at home for managing children's emotions and emotional needs. Today, I had a meeting with a representative from the NSPCC to learn more about the work they're doing to support both children and schools. Part of this support extends to parents, and I'm sharing a link to their website below, which includes helpful videos and resources:

[Support & advice for parents | NSPCC](#)

Lastly, a reminder that if you're interested in joining our Local School Committee (LSC), please let us know by Thursday, 3rd October.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend!

Healthy regards,
Mr. Graves

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

Star
of the
WEEK

Little
Owls 1
Erika

Little
Owls 2
Arthur

Tawny
Owls 1
Blue

Tawny
Owls 2
Thomas

Tawny
Owls 3
Millie

Snowy
Owls 1
Harley

Snowy
Owls 2
Leo

Snowy
Owls 3
Alicia



Hot chocolate time!



The Book Nook



Wilbur loves reading his **Animal Encyclopedia** because it has lots of facts about common and rare animals.
His favourite is the yellow budgie!



Forest School

There was no stopping our Snowy Owls (Year 1) yesterday – Forest School went ahead, no matter the weather! The children truly demonstrated our school value of perseverance.





DROP OFF

School Drop Off Zone

If you are using all the drop off zone and are the first few cars, please could you drive to the end of the zone to allow other cars in. We have been experiencing a bit of back log of cars the last few days and it would be great to keep the traffic moving. If you need to stop and come in, then please use the parking spaces. Thanks for your support with this.

We are excited to announce that we will be hosting a special Harvest Festival for the children on **Monday 7th October**. In the spirit of giving and community, we would appreciate any food donations you can kindly spare which we will take to a local Food Bank.

If you are able to help, we kindly request donations of the following items by Friday 4th October:

- Canned goods
- Pasta sauce
- Long-life milk
- Long-life juice
- Cereal
- Biscuits
- Tea bags

Thanks in advance for your generosity and support.



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
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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

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Do you run a sports club, activity fitness group, art or craft club?

Hire our facilities

Our school hall and large outdoor space are available for hire.

Our facilities are available to book on weekday evenings, weekends and holidays.

Contact us:

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Hillside Road, Verwood, Dorset BH31 7HE

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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