

# Hillside News

DATES TO REMEMBER



**Parent Consultations**  
Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October

**Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October**  
*Please book if you haven't done so already.*

Hillside First School

where children are at the heart of everything we do



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## Headteacher Update Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2024

We've had a busy and exciting week at Hillside! We began with an assembly in recognition of **Black History Month**, where we celebrated the contributions of **Mary Seacole** during the Crimean War and the perseverance of **Michael Jordan** in becoming one of the greatest athletes of all time. Both serve as incredible examples of dedication and resilience.

I had another proud moment this week as I welcomed prospective parents during our **Open Morning**. It was wonderful to be greeted by so many smiles and to see our children working hard in their classrooms, showcasing what makes our school such a special place.

A big thank you to everyone who was able to join us for our **Celebration of Achievement** afternoon. It was fantastic to see so many of you exploring the children's work and celebrating their efforts. Looking ahead, we have **parent consultations** next week—a valuable opportunity to discuss how your children are settling into the new academic year and progressing in their work.

I know it may seem early, but I'd like to mention **Christmas!** I understand many of you are eager to know the dates and times for our Christmas performances. We will aim to share these with you before half term, as it's always one of the highlights of our school calendar.

Just a quick reminder: **half-term** is approaching, with the children's last day being **Friday, 25th October**. We also have an **INSET day** on **Monday, 4th November**, so the school will be closed to children on that day. We look forward to welcoming everyone back on **Tuesday, 5th November**.

I'd also like to kindly request your continued support with the **drop-off zone**. Please use the lane solely for drop-offs to help avoid traffic congestion. We've noticed some cars parking there, which has caused delays. Your cooperation would be greatly appreciated.

Finally, I want to say how impressed I've been with the children's manners when I've been out at the gate this week. Hearing "Good morning, Mr. Graves!" and seeing so many smiling faces really makes my day.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend!

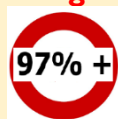
Healthy regards, Mr. Graves

## WEEKLY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Little Owls 1	87%
Little Owls 2	82%
Tawny Owls 1	95%
Tawny Owls 2	99%
Tawny Owls 3	96%
Snowy Owls 1	97%
Snowy Owls 2	97%
Snowy Owls 3	94%

Whole School 93%

Target



The school day begins at 08:40

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

**Half term**  
Monday 28<sup>th</sup> – Friday  
1<sup>st</sup> November



**INSET DAY**  
(school closed for children)



Monday 4<sup>th</sup>  
November

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



**Hot chocolate time!**



# The Book Nook



Owen's favourite book is "My First Encyclopaedia". I love this book because I get to learn about cities, our solar system and space, natural disasters, animals, human anatomy, plants, jungles and rainforests, the North and South Pole, our Earth, science, dinosaurs, how to be healthy and basically...everything!"



## Upcoming COMMUNITY EVENTS

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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Poole Forest School October  
Half Term Holiday Club  
Monday 28th Oct - Friday 1st Nov

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

BOOK ONLINE  
[www.pooleforestschool.com](http://www.pooleforestschool.com)



# Meet our heroes

Isla won 1st prize in a pebble painting competition in the Bartley Horticultural Society Village Show (This is where her grandparents live and they entered hers and her dad's pebbles).



The theme was 'Summer days'.



Isla's Dad only managed 3rd prize on the adult competition! Isla won £3!



Margot rode to school for the first time during the national ride to school week, she cracked riding her bike over the summer holidays and has tried really hard.



She really enjoyed her ride to school and is now trying to master gears and directions.

Well done Margot!

# Autumn term



# UPCOMING EVENTS

## September

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup>**  
Inset Day

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup>**  
Inset Day

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup>**  
Individual & Sibling Photographs

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup>**  
PTA AGM - new members welcome  
18:00 at Hillside First School



## December

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup>**  
Pyjama Themed Movie Night  
Year R and 1

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup>**  
Christmas Jumper Day

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup>**  
Pyjama Themed Movie Night  
Year 2-4

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> &  
Friday 13<sup>th</sup>**  
PTA Christmas Shop



**Friday 13<sup>th</sup>**  
Christmas Performances

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup>**  
Christmas Performances

**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup>**  
Christmas Performances

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup>**  
Christmas Party Day  
& Chartwells  
Christmas Lunch  
FREE Mufti day  
Children invited to  
wear party clothes

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup>**  
Last day  
of term



## October

**Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup>**  
New Parents Open Morning  
09:00 - 11:00

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New Parents Open Evening  
17:00 - 19:00

**Monday 7<sup>th</sup>**  
Harvest Assembly

**Thursday 10<sup>th</sup>**  
World Mental Health Day

**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup>**  
New Parents Open Morning  
09:00 - 11:00

**Monday 21<sup>st</sup>**  
Parent Consultations

**Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup>**  
Parent Consultations

**Monday 28<sup>th</sup> - Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November**  
Half Term



## November

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup>**  
Inset Day

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup>**  
Flu Immunisation

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup>**  
School Disco

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup>**  
Remembrance Assembly  
Anti Bullying (Friendship Week)

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup>**  
Children in Need

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup>**  
Dog's Trust Assembly and KS1 Workshops

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup>**  
Dog's Trust KS2 Workshops

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup>**  
New Parents Open Morning  
09:00 - 11:00

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup>**  
New Parents Open Morning  
09:00 - 11:00

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup>**  
Mufti Day for Christmas Tombola

**Friday 29<sup>th</sup>**  
Christmas Fayre





## 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](http://www.skillsandlearningace.com)  [enquiries@salbcp.com](mailto:enquiries@salbcp.com)



**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:**

**Hillside First School**

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For further information contact us at [office@hillsidefirstschool.org](mailto:office@hillsidefirstschool.org) or 01202 822737

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