

# Hillside News

DATES TO REMEMBER



**Half term**

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



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



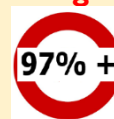
Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November

## WEEKLY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Little Owls 1	98%
Little Owls 2	95%
Tawny Owls 1	92%
Tawny Owls 2	91%
Tawny Owls 3	93%
Snowy Owls 1	99%
Snowy Owls 2	99%
Snowy Owls 3	91%

**Whole School 95%**

**Target**



**The school day begins at 08:40**

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

## Christmas Tree Donations Needed Please

Do you have an artificial Christmas tree that you could donate to the school?

We are aiming to collect at least 10 trees to help decorate for our Christmas Fayre on 29th November. Any donations would be greatly appreciated!



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## Headteacher Update Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2024

We've had a busy and exciting week at school!

On Monday, we welcomed Stephen Gillham from Bible Education Services, who delivered an engaging assembly for the children—a wonderful way to start the week. On Wednesday, we held our singing assembly, which is always a highlight! It's such a joy to hear the children singing, especially as some lead at the front while others enter the hall.

We were also pleased to host our CEO, Liz West and Chair of Trustees, Debbie Fleming OBE on Wednesday. Their visit was very positive, and they shared some encouraging feedback about the school.

As many of you know, we now have a new uniform provider. If you're unable to travel to Wimborne, we have samples of different sizes for jumpers and cardigans available at school to help with sizing.

Hopefully, you've seen the letter regarding our upcoming Christmas performances. We hope this gives you plenty of time to make arrangements to attend these festive events!

I can't believe we're already at the end of our first half-term—it's flown by! A special mention to our reception children, who have settled in brilliantly. Time really does fly!

Yesterday afternoon, Ian Domeney from the Rotary Club came to collect the Christmas shoeboxes. A huge thank you to everyone for your generous donations!



Finally, I'd like to extend a massive thank you to our dedicated staff team for their unwavering commitment, to our Local School Committee for their hard work behind the scenes, to our wonderful PTA, and to all of you—parents, carers, grandparents, friends of the school, and volunteers. And of course, a big thank you to our incredible children, who are truly the heartbeat of our school!

Wishing you all a wonderful and restful half-term!

Best wishes, Mr Graves

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



**There was no Star of the Week assembly this week,  
but it will resume after the half-term break.**

A festive poster for Christmas performances. The background is dark blue with white snowflakes and a yellow crescent moon. Several yellow stars with blue outlines are hanging from the top. In the bottom left corner, there are several wrapped gifts in various colors (purple, blue, yellow, orange) with ribbons. The text is white and centered.

## Christmas Performances

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December**  
09:15 – Little Owls Nativity  
13:45 – Year 1/2 Christmas Concert

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December**  
09:15 – Year 3/4 Christmas Concert  
13:45 – Little Owls Nativity

**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December**  
09:15 – Year 1/2 Christmas Concert  
13:45 – Year 3/4 Christmas Concert

Tickets available in the shop on Parentmail from  
18:00 on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November

# The Book Nook



In Little Owls we have some lovely new books. They are story books, but they help us with maths too. The children chose their favourite and explained why they liked them:

***I liked the button book because it had lots of buttons to sort in it.***  
***I liked the cars in the Beep Beep Vroom Vroom and the patterns they made.***  
***Seaweed soup was good because I liked the characters and they were funny.***  
***I loved the patterns on the socks in a pair of socks.***

Emelia donated 25cm of her beautiful hair to the Little Princess Trust, an organisation that makes wigs for children and young people who have lost their hair.

What a fantastic achievement! We are all incredibly proud of Emelia's generous and thoughtful gesture—it's a true act of kindness.

Her actions are a wonderful example of compassion and giving back to others.





# Meet our heroes

We are super proud of Bailey and his many achievements. Here are some of them.



Bailey loves nature and being kind to others.



Bailey enjoys swimming and has achieved ducklings 4.



Bailey is kind and thoughtful. Here he is calming his cats before moving house.

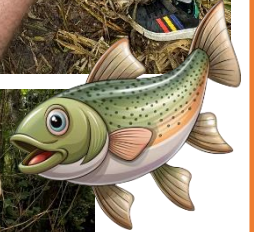


Bailey loves reading and learning and particularly enjoys drawing and writing.

Well done Bailey!



Louis and Luke love going fishing, on their last trip they both made their first catch each and Louis also got a Jar full of Minnows!



They both caught a trout each too. In the photos they are wearing their old PE t-shirts that they tie dyed!



All fish were returned safely to the river!

Fantastic, well done Louis and Luke.

## A Huge Thank You to Ross Mearns and Ross Property Services!

We would like to extend a massive thank you to Ross Mearns of Ross Property Services (Unit 1, 28 Black Moor Road, Ebblake Industrial Estate, Verwood, Dorset, BH31 6BB). Ross generously upgraded part of our playfort free of charge, and we are incredibly grateful for his kindness and support.

Contact:

T: 07534 791900

E: ross@marchwood.co.uk

Your generosity has made a big difference, and it is greatly appreciated by everyone at the school!

Before



After



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# 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:**

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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)