

Hillside News

DATES TO REMEMBER



Christmas Fayre



Friday 29th November
17:00 – 19:30

WEEKLY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Little Owls 1	96%
Little Owls 2	84%
Tawny Owls 1	99%
Tawny Owls 2	99%
Tawny Owls 3	95%
Snowy Owls 1	97%
Snowy Owls 2	97%
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

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 22nd November 2024

It has been an exciting week at Hillside!

We held our final open morning for prospective parents joining us in September. I was again incredibly proud to showcase our wonderful school, and I'm grateful to the children who helped during the events. To thank them, we enjoyed hot chocolate and biscuits together—please see the photo below!

Dogs Trust Visit

This week, we welcomed the Dogs Trust, who delivered a whole-school assembly and engaging workshops for every class. The children learned about responsible dog ownership, safety around dogs, and how the human-dog bond can bring joy and enrichment to our lives (something I can personally attest to as a dog owner!). The workshops were a fantastic opportunity to educate and inspire our children.

Forest School Update

We're thrilled to announce the addition of new seating in our Forest School area, providing a welcoming and practical space for outdoor learning. A huge thank you to everyone who made this possible—see the photo below.

Friendship Week Poster Competition

Our Friendship Week poster competition had so many incredible entries that it was hard to choose the winners! The winning designs will be displayed across the hall for everyone to admire—congratulations to our talented artists.

School Parliament Elections

Voting for our School Parliament took place this week, and the results will be announced during Monday's assembly. Well done to all the candidates for their enthusiasm and participation!

PTA Christmas Fayre

Our PTA has been busy putting the finishing touches on our **Christmas Fayre**, which will take place next Friday. We hope to see as many of you there as possible for a festive and fun-filled event.

Snow Day Fun

The snow brought plenty of excitement yesterday! We made sure all the children had the chance to enjoy the wintery weather safely, and it was wonderful to see so many happy faces.

Thank you for your continued support, and have a wonderful weekend.

Best wishes,
Mr. Graves

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



Hot chocolate time!



The Book Nook



I like One Word Sophia because it has my name in it. This book is about a girl called Sophia who really, really wants a giraffe for her birthday. She keeps asking with lots of long words but she only needed to use the word 'Please'. It is telling children that they should use their manners.

I like it because it is funny and has silly pictures. My favourite part is when she says she could sell the giraffe poop! I think you will love this book.

If you're planning to purchase books as gifts through Scholastic, please consider selecting our school at checkout. Doing so will help raise valuable funds for us!



<https://shop.scholastic.co.uk/spend-your-rewards>

FREE books for your school

Every order over £10 earns 20% of the order value back to your chosen school in FREE BOOKS

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Friendship Week Poster Competition

As part of Friendship Week, the children designed wonderful Friendship Posters. After much deliberation, one poster from each class was selected to represent their group. These posters will be proudly displayed throughout the school.

Congratulations to our winners:

Little Owls 1: Felicity
Tawny Owls 1: Tommy
Tawny Owls 3: Millie
Snowy Owls 2: Ryley

Little Owls 2: Lily
Tawny Owls 2: Sophia
Snowy Owls 1: Jessica
Snowy Owls 3: Molly



🌲 Forest School Update 🌲

We're excited to share that our Forest School area received a special delivery last weekend—new seating! A huge thank you to Mr. Steven Barnes, Miss Anna Roik, and Mrs. Tracy Pearson for their hard work and dedication in making this happen. The new seating will make our outdoor learning space even more inviting for the children.

Thank you for helping us grow our Forest School! ✨



✨ A Big Thank You to Our Children Helpers! ✨

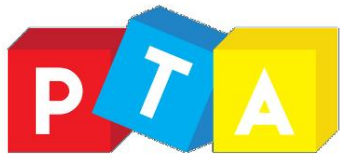
A huge well done to all the children who helped during our Open Morning and Evening! Your warm welcomes, friendly smiles, and enthusiasm made such a positive impression on our visitors. You've made us all proud—thank you for being fantastic ambassadors for our school!



❄️ Snow Much Fun! ❄️

The school was buzzing with excitement yesterday as the snow brought a touch of magic to our day! The children (and staff!) thoroughly enjoyed this wonderful experience.





Christmas Fundraisers



Hillside Christmas Raffle

Tickets are £1 each
Friends and Family can purchase them through your Parentmail account
or with a Raffle Ticket Book

1st Prize £250 Amazon Voucher
2nd Prize Bouncy Castle Hire
3rd Prize Book and Bucket Cheese Hamper
We also have days out and many other prizes up for grabs

The draw will take place at the Christmas Fayre on the 29th of November.
By purchasing a ticket you give permission to pass your details onto the PTA

Hillside First School Christmas Fayre All Welcome

50p Entry
Children free

29th November 5pm to 7.30pm

With lots to do including
Santa Storytelling
Elfs Crafts
Tree Trail
Mrs. Claus Baking
Games Tombolas
Cake sale
Food and Drink
Stalls
and lots more



Hillside Christmas Fayre 29th November from 5pm

Santa and Co



You can now prebook your
Santa visit on Parentmail

Tickets cost £5 each and this includes
Storytelling with Santa and Chocolate Coins.
Decorating cookie with Mrs. Claus
Magical Crafts with the Elfs.

Tickets can be purchased on the night at £6

Siblings are welcome to attend too.

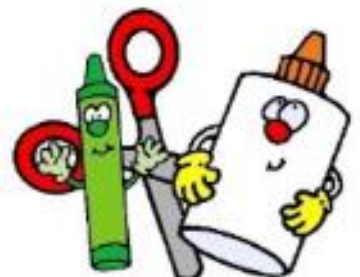


Saturday 7th December



10:30 am - 12 noon

Verwood Methodist Church



Join Nick The Vic, Suzannah & the fab **TREE HOUSE** team for a morning full of fun Christmas craft activities. Make some great decorations for the church tree - and some for your own. Expect cool craft, Christmas music, drinks & biscuits - and all for FREE! To register a place please visit: www.nickthevic.co.uk

and click on 'Crafty Christmas'
Hope to see you there!



Verwood Methodist Church
Vicarage Road
Verwood BH31 6DR



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



December

Wednesday 4th
Pyjama Themed Movie Night
Year R and 1

Friday 6th
Christmas Jumper Day
Rocksteady Performance 14:15

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



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

Friday 22nd
Mufti Day for Christmas Tombola

Friday 29th
Christmas Fayre



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





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

Hillside Road, Verwood, Dorset BH31 7HE

For further information contact us at 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 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