

Hillside News

DATES TO
REMEMBER



Hillside First School

where
children
are at
the heart of
everything we do



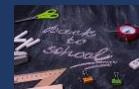
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Last Day of Term

Thursday 19th
December

Children return on
Tuesday 7th January
2025



WEEKLY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Little Owls 1	93%
Little Owls 2	92%
Tawny Owls 1	97%
Tawny Owls 2	99%
Tawny Owls 3	93%
Snowy Owls 1	90%
Snowy Owls 2	93%
Snowy Owls 3	92%

Whole School 93%

Target

97% +



The school day begins
at 08:40

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

Headteacher Update Friday 6th December 2024

A huge thank you to everyone who attended our Christmas Fayre on Friday, including all the stallholders, volunteers, staff, children, PTA members, parents, and the local community. A special thanks to the PTA for organizing such a fantastic event. We are thrilled to share that we raised over **£2,500** - an incredible achievement!

We are now in full swing, putting the final touches on our Christmas performances. The children are very excited to share these with you before the end of term.

On Wednesday, our Year 4 children performed a **Ukulele concert** for the school. This marked the culmination of a term's work learning the instrument with Mr. Arthur from Dorset Music Works. A big thank you to Mr. Arthur and Dorset Music Works for making this opportunity possible.

Christmas cards are being written and delivered across the school through our **Christmas Post Box**. Some of our Year 4 children are working hard sorting and delivering these each day. Please ensure that children's names and classes are clearly written on the envelopes to help us get them to the right recipients.

We've noticed a few tops and coats left behind in the hall or outside during playtime, but without names on them, it's tricky to return them to their owners. Please ensure your child's name is clearly marked on their clothing so we can reunite lost items with their owners.

On Wednesday, we had our first **Christmas Movie Pyjama Night** straight after school. A big thank you to our PTA for organizing this cosy and fun event!

Finally, today we were treated to a very special surprise—**two alpacas** visited the school, courtesy of our PTA (special thanks to Tracy)! The children were absolutely thrilled, and it was a truly magical moment for everyone.

Have a wonderful weekend, and I can't believe there are only **19 sleeps** until Christmas Day!

Best wishes,

Mr. Graves

Celebration of Achievement afternoon



Please join us on
**Tuesday 10th
December** straight
after school by
visiting your
children's and other
classrooms across
the school.

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



Star of the Week will return in the New Year, as the hall is currently being used for rehearsal practice in preparation for our Christmas shows.



Year 4's Ukulele Concert



We had a delightful surprise visit from Moses, Jack, and Charlie this morning, much to the excitement of our children! Hillside Pre-School also joined in the fun, making it a truly memorable experience. A huge thank you to Alpaca Walks and our incredible PTA for making this wonderful event possible for everyone.



The Book Nook



Little Owls 1

We have loved reading Peace at Last because it is really funny. We really liked that Mr Bear couldn't sleep because of all the noises in and around his house.

By the end we all felt a bit sorry for Mr Bear!

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>

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Christmas at Hillside



**HAPPY
HOLIDAYS!**



Christmas Holidays

Last day of term: **Thursday 19th December**

Children return to school on: **Tuesday 7th January 2025**



Christmas Shop
Thursday 12th December
Friday 13th December

Buy Christmas gifts for parents, carers, grandparents at £2.50 each. Limited to 2 per child. Available to purchase in the shop on Parentmail

Christmas Party

Wednesday 18th December

FREE MUFTI

Children are invited to wear Christmas party outfits on this day.



Christmas Performances

Friday 13th December

09:15 - Little Owls Nativity

13:45 - Year 1/2 Christmas Concert

Monday 16th December

09:15 - Year 3/4 Christmas Concert

13:45 - Little Owls Nativity

Tuesday 17th December

09:15 - Year 1/2 Christmas Concert

13:45 - Year 3/4 Christmas Concert



All tickets have now been allocated.
We look forward to seeing you at the performances.



Mufti PJ's Day

Wednesday 11th December
3.00pm-5.00pm Years 2, 3 and 4



Tickets can be purchased via ParentMail.

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

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
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





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