

Hillside News

DATES TO REMEMBER



Last Day of Term

Thursday 19th December – school finishes at the usual time

Children return on Tuesday 7th January 2025

WEEKLY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Little Owls 1	86%
Little Owls 2	80%
Tawny Owls 1	98%
Tawny Owls 2	93%
Tawny Owls 3	92%
Snowy Owls 1	86%
Snowy Owls 2	89%
Snowy Owls 3	97%

Whole School 90%

Target

97% +

The school day begins at 08:40

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

Party Day!



Wednesday 18th December

This is a free Mufti Day for all our children. Children are invited to wear party clothes.



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where children are at the heart of everything we do



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Headteacher Update Friday 13th December 2024

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

All our children's roles across the school have been finalised, and everyone has attended their first meetings for Librarians, Eco Warriors, School Parliament, and Play and Sports Leaders. Unfortunately, our badge supplier is experiencing some delays, so the children's badges for some roles have not yet arrived, but we hope to have them soon.

I didn't get a chance to mention the Rocksteady Music concert last Friday afternoon, which was fantastic! I was incredibly impressed with our rock stars as they showcased their singing, drumming, and guitar-playing skills in front of the whole school and parents. It was awesome to see their talent and confidence!

Earlier this week, some of our Year 3 and 4 children visited Verwood House Care Home to spread some Christmas cheer. They performed a selection of Christmas songs and enjoyed chatting with the residents over squash and biscuits. We are incredibly proud of their efforts and the joy they brought to everyone involved!

Thank you for your entries to our writing competition. After some tough deliberations, the Librarians have chosen the following stories as the winning entries:

Year 1: Peyton **Year 2:** Layla **Year 3:** Molly **Year 4:** Indie

Well done to all who took part!

Thank you to those who attended our open afternoon. It was another wonderful opportunity to look at your children's work and see what they have been learning in class.

On Wednesday morning, our Year 3 and 4 children enjoyed a very interesting assembly from Mr. John Tolley, who taught them about flags from the United Kingdom, Europe, and the United States of America. It was fascinating and engaging! To top it off, Mr. Tolley kindly gifted the children a flags jigsaw.

A big thank you to our PTA for organizing the second part of our Pyjama Movie Night for children in Years 2-4. The children were so excited and thoroughly enjoyed the movie!

Have a wonderful weekend, and I can't believe there are now only 12 sleeps until Christmas Day!

Best wishes, Mr. Graves

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.



Christmas Songs at Verwood House Care Home



Flags assembly with Mr John Tolley



Netball



Christmas Story Competition Winners



Once upon a time there was five Elves who were so cheeky that Santa made them go out of his grotto. But this is the time they come back so an elfve sends an invite.

"Hey jingles, I'm Hungry! Is there any more mince pies left in the freezer" "hang on the post is here and early lets go and take a look" so they did "Huh, were

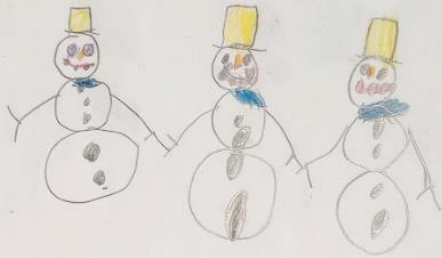
Going to Santa's grotto" said cookie. Jingles Cookie, Hungry, ^{Alan} ~~Almond~~ Fanta, you all can come back to the North pole. from Lilly the Elve. "What!" said Alan "This is the best day of my life." said Fanta.

"oh I hope santa has
left me some mince
pies for me" said Humpy
"oh I hope there's new
bells" said Jingle
So they packed there
stuff. Once they
were finished
they flew off.

"Ho! Ho! Ho! when will
weh ~~at~~ will
they be here?" said Santa
In a bit sir said
lilly the Elf. Ono
said timfy the
Elf "what?" said
Bumkin the Elf.
They're
there low on Elf
dust.

But timfy The Elf
was a cheeky Elf.
so it was a trick
when they got
there. every one
knew that it was
a trick so
they got ^{him} hunk out
of santa's grotto

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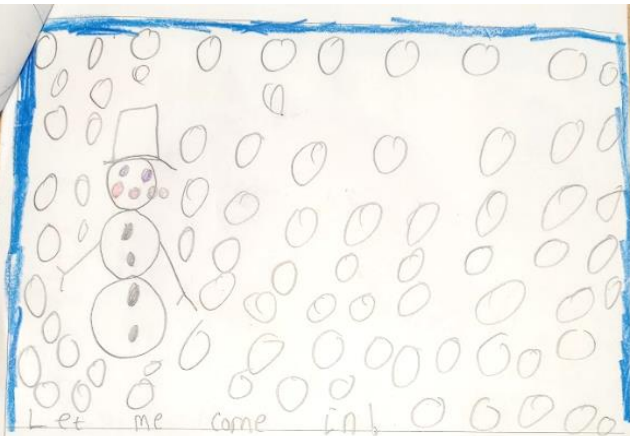


Peyton

once upon a time there were three
 little snowman. one day
 the first little snowman
 met a girl with some
 ginger bread. Please can
 I have some ginger bread to
 make a house? The next
 day the second snowman
 met a boy. Please can



I have some snow to
 make a house yes said
 the boy. The next day
 the little snowman met a
 man with some presents. Please
 can I have some
 presents to make
 a house. Yes said the man.
 one day along came a big bad
 snowman. He moaned and he groaned



Let me come in.
 The next day the big
 bad snowman went to
 the second little
 snowman's house. The next
 day the big bad ^{snowman} went
 snowman's house. He moaned
 and groaned. Let
 me come in.



yes said the snowman. He
 in righted his steps
 to the disco then
 they can play together.
 Then they got ginger
 bread cars with lights.
 very Merry Christmas.

Indie 503

The Elf That Saved Christmas

One day, there was an elf named Nigel. He was a pink elf. There was a green creature named the Grinch. He was the one who wanted to ruin Christmas, but Nigel wouldn't let that happen. So the next day Nigel was just walking through the village then saw the Grinch ruining Christmas. Nigel was very upset and angry. He could not let that happen so he walked to the Grinch and said "Stop that right now."

Then the Grinch got scared of Nigel and ran away, but Nigel followed him. The elf shouted "Stop" but Grinch didn't. So elf was so

angry and disappointed. The elf got gaster and gaster until he caught the Grinch. He said, "How dare you steal Christmas!" angrily. He took Grinch home to Santa, the Grinch's least favourite person in the world. Santa said, "Why are you stealing Christmas?"

The Grinch said, "Nothing." He was silent. Santa yelled, "Why are you not talking to me?"

Then suddenly Nigel let go of the Grinch so elf followed him. Then the Grinch stopped. Nigel said, "How about you get a present too. I'll ask Santa. Finally, Nigel went home in a joyful mood."

Mood. Then Nigel asked Santa, "Can Grinch have a Christmas present please?"

Santa yelled, "Yes of course!" in a jolly mood.

Then the Grinch went home hoping that he would get a Christmas present. The next morning, Christmas day came. The Grinch rushed downstairs and looked in his living room and there was some Christmas presents for the Grinch. He was so excited. Then Santa got home and Nigel had the best Christmas ever. Santa enjoyed his cookies and milk.

Nigel enjoyed looking after the reindeers and Christmas. The reindeers enjoyed their carrots. Every in the village was asleep then Nigel flew over to the Grinch's to see if he was happy with all of presents. Then the Grinch got all ready for bed. Nigel watched that and watched him go into bed. The Grinch was so happy and all the rest in the village was happy too.

THE END



Meet our heroes

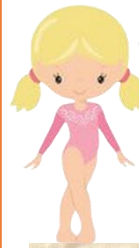


Indiana swam amazingly in his lesson this December, earning his 200m distance badge!



Fantastic, well done Indiana!

On Sunday 8th December, Gracie took part in her first gymnastics competition.

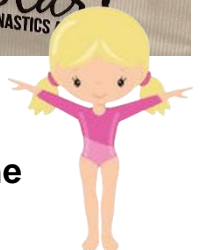


She took part in a floor sequence and the vault and she achieved 5th overall.

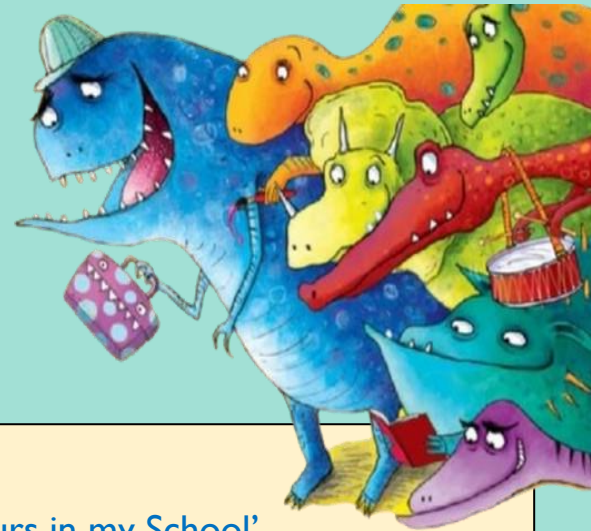
We are all very proud of her.



Amazing, well done Gracie!



The Book Nook



Tawny Owls I

Lucius enjoyed reading the book 'Dinosaurs in my School' by Timothy Knapman and Sarah Warburton.

"I really like this book because I love dinosaurs and the teachers don't know they are in the school. I really like the part when the Spinosaurus steals the goal posts! It is a really funny book, it makes me laugh."

SUPPORT AVAILABLE FOR

Christmas

The Christmas period can be a very exciting but often stressful time of the year for many people. It can be a time with lots of change, social interaction and expectations. The National Autistic Society and The Autism Awareness Centre have put together a brief list of resources and tips that may prove helpful in making this festive period as special and stress free as possible. Please click on the logos below for further information.

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.

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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