

Hillside News

DATES TO REMEMBER



Monday 3rd – Friday 7th February

Children's Mental Health week



WEEKLY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Little Owls 1	97%
Little Owls 2	94%
Tawny Owls 1	96%
Tawny Owls 2	98%
Tawny Owls 3	97%
Snowy Owls 1	93%
Snowy Owls 2	99%
Snowy Owls 3	96%

Whole School 96%

Target

97% +

The school day begins at 08:40

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

Our 3 school rules:



Ready



Respect



Engagement

Headteacher Update Friday 17th January 2025

This week has flown by!

We started the week revisiting New Year's resolutions. Some children shared their goals and reflected on their progress so far, while others talked about setting new ones. We also had discussions about the government's drive to build new homes and explored what it's like to live in Verwood, as well as what makes a home special to them.

It has been a busy and exciting week across the school:

Reception children enjoyed exploring the great outdoors in their very own forest school area, where they created some wonderfully imaginative and creative "food concoctions."

Year 1 have been hard at work learning about numbers up to 20 and beyond during their maths lessons.

Year 2 had an amazing Forest School session and even got to toast marshmallows as part of their activities.

Year 3 and 4 have been diving into their new topic, *Rock, Relics, and Rumbles*. They linked their learning to the story *Pebble in My Pocket*, which follows the journey of a pebble over millions of years, and they have been analysing the properties and types of different rocks.

Our school parliament members were officially presented with their badges in Monday's assembly and have been wearing them with pride! In a meeting this week, they shared some exciting plans for the term, including a potential visit to the Mayor of Verwood and organizing "Hillside's Got Talent" after half-term. Further details will follow once they finalise their plans.

We also want to highlight the importance of online safety, one of the key focuses in our Computing curriculum. Online access is now everywhere, which brings wonderful opportunities but also potential risks. This week, our Trust's Safeguarding Lead shared some important information about Roblox, which we've included [here](#) for your reference.

Finally, please see the schedule below for updated dates for the rest of the Spring Term, including Parent Consultation evenings.

We hope you all have a fantastic weekend!

Best wishes, Mr. Graves, Headteacher

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



The Book Nook



Willow, Tawny Owls 2: Zog and the Flying doctors by Julia Donaldson is my favourite book because I like it when they help the animals. My favourite bit is any bit with Zog in it because I love dragons. I like it when he uses his fire to light the campfire. I like both the Zog books and the films too!

Meet our School Parliament!

Harrison, Felicity, Evie, Aria, Paisley, Ellie, Olliver, Gracie, Oscar, Layla, Mia, Jayden, Alicia, Leo (Prime Minister) and Isaac (Chairperson).



Spring term



UPCOMING EVENTS

January

HAPPY ★ NEW ★ YEAR

Monday 6th
INSET Day



February

Monday 3rd
Year 3 Snowy Owls School Trip
(Winchester Science Museum)

Thursday 6th
Year 4 Snowy Owls School Trip
(Winchester Science Museum)

Monday 3rd - Friday 7th
Children's Mental
Health Week

Friday 7th
NSPCC Number Day

Tuesday 11th
Safer Internet Day

Monday 17th - Friday 21st
Half Term

Monday 24th
INSET day

Tuesday 28th
PTA Event
Mufti Day & School Disco
Reception - Year 1 15:00-16:30
Year 2 - Year 4 17:00-18:30



March

Week Commencing
Monday 3rd
World Book Day
week of celebrations

Tuesday 4th
Parent Consultations
(15:30-19:00)

Wednesday 5th
Parent Consultations
(15:30-17:30)

Thursday 6th
World Book Day
Dress up as a character
from one of your favourite books

Friday 14th
Sponsored Bounce

Friday 21st
Comic Relief

Monday 24th
PTA Event
Someone Special Shop
Purchase a gift for a special
person on Mother's Day



WORLD
BOOK
DAY



RED
NOSE
DAY



April

Monday 7th to
Monday 21st April
Easter
Holidays

Tuesday 22nd
INSET Day

Wednesday 23rd - Friday 25th
Year 4 Residential Trip
(Hooke Court)



Monday 28th
Class and Year 4
leavers photographs





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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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: Hillside2025!!

Bookings now open through our website!

Mondays 3pm Reception, Years 1 & 2

Mondays 4pm Years 3 & 4

e: info@dorsetcreatedance.co.uk t: 07759 949 478
www.dorsetcreatedance.co.uk

A photograph of five young girls in purple long-sleeved shirts and black leggings performing a dance on a stage. They are holding long, colorful ribbons (blue, green, yellow, purple) that are trailing behind them in the air.

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

A graphic design for a school club poster. The background is a dark green color. At the bottom, there are several stylized, dark green silhouettes of evergreen trees of varying heights and shapes.