

Hillside News

DATES TO
REMEMBER



Children Return

Wednesday
23rd April



Hillside First School

where
children
are at
the heart of
everything we do



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Headteacher Update Friday 4th April 2025

That's a wrap – another term has come to an end, and we have achieved so much! This week, the school buzzed with creativity as our children enjoyed making Easter cards, puppets, sewing projects, pinch pots, and leaf pots. It's wonderful to see them exploring and developing their artistic talents. Meanwhile, our Eco Warriors were busy ensuring we use electricity responsibly, picking up litter, and conducting a survey—more details will be shared after Easter.

We are thrilled to announce that our Sponsored Bounce raised an incredible **£1,400** for the school. Thank you for your ongoing support, and we hope your child also came home with their very own Easter egg, courtesy of our PTA.

I also wish to inform you that Mrs Sarah Childs will be leaving us after Easter, with her last day being Friday 25th April, as she has accepted a new role elsewhere. Her departure will be a significant loss for Hillside, as she has consistently gone above and beyond in supporting our school and our children. We are immensely grateful for her dedication and the positive impact she has had on our community. I have begun the challenging task of recruiting a suitable replacement, and I know you will join me in wishing Sarah every success in her new role.

Looking ahead to next term, we have several exciting events planned. Our Year 4 residential trip is scheduled for some of our Year 4 children from 23rd to 25th April; I will attend while Mrs. Pain will be in charge during my absence. We will also commemorate VE Day on 8th May—please remember to send in your family's memories and experiences of World War II, as these stories are a wonderful way to preserve our history. In addition, our Summer Fayre is set for 16th May.

As we conclude this term, I would like to say **thank you** - to you - our supportive community, our dedicated staff, the local school committee, our PTA, all our volunteers, and our incredible children.

Wishing you all a wonderful Easter break, and we eagerly anticipate welcoming everyone back on Wednesday 23rd April.

Happy Easter!

Mr. Graves

WEEKLY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Little Owls 1	94%
Little Owls 2	96%
Tawny Owls 1	100%
Tawny Owls 2	92%
Tawny Owls 3	97%
Snowy Owls 1	98%
Snowy Owls 2	96%
Snowy Owls 3	94%

Whole School 95%

Target



The school day begins
at 08:40

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

Happy Easter



An Easter Fact

Cadbury's makes 500 million Creme Eggs every year!

If you piled them on top of each other, it would be 10 x higher than Mount Everest.

The Birmingham factory produces 1.5 million Creme Eggs every day, and the Creme Egg is the most popular egg-shaped chocolate in the world.

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



Little
Owls 1
Harrison

Little
Owls 2
Torie

Tawny
Owls 1
Dominic

Tawny
Owls 2
Olliver

Tawny
Owls 3
Hollie

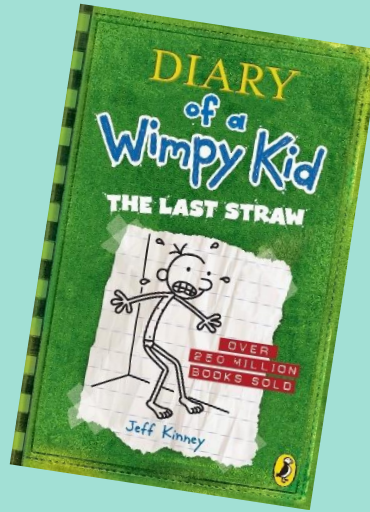
Snowy
Owls 1
Athena

Snowy
Owls 2
Noah

Snowy
Owls 3
Millie



The Book Nook



Snowy Owls 3 - Willow

Willow is enjoying reading **Diary of the Wimpy Kid - The Last Straw**. 'This book is really fun and it has lots of pages so it is taking a long time to read! I love the pictures in it and I keep wanting to read more and more.'

Willow's favourite character is Manny as he makes up new words and is really silly!



Hillside's Creative Side

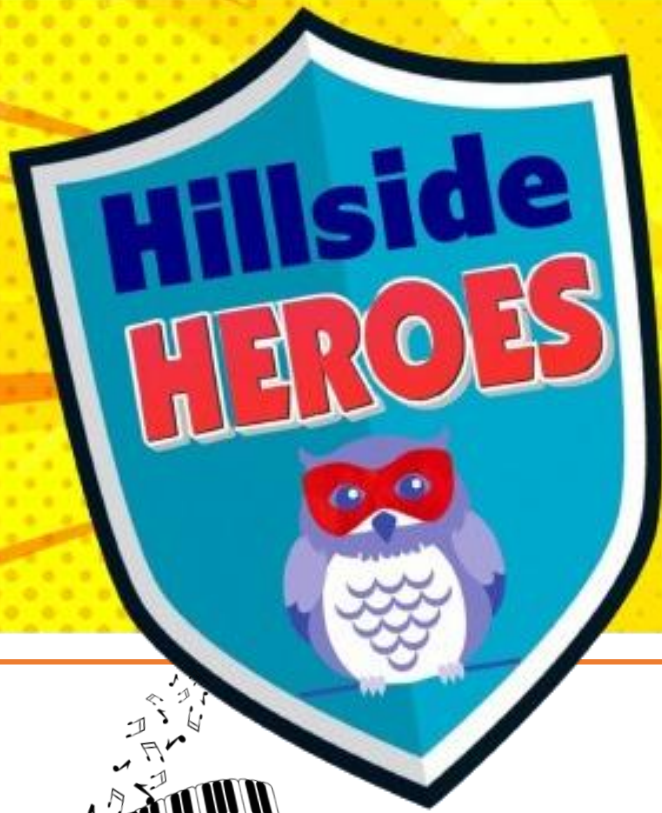


VOW

**VERWOODIANS ON WASTE
WELCOMES YOU**

Providing practical solutions and inspiration to
reduce

waste <https://www.vowverwood.com/events>



Meet our heroes



Isla performed her first concert with the band Freezing Hawk Dragons after only four lessons with Rock Steady. Well done Isla

ISLA
is a
Keyboardist
in the band...

FREEZING HAWK DRAGONS

Amazing Isla, well done!

Lyra took part in her first Musical Theatre show on Sunday, she took to the stage with confidence and wasn't phased in the



We were so proud of her performance and she absolutely loved it.

Fantastic, well done Lyra!

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 10th
Year 1 School Trip
(Museum of East Dorset)

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



Friday 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

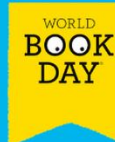


Tuesday 4th
Parent Consultations
(15:30-19:00)



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



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



STEP INTO A WORLD OF

MAKE
BELIEVE

AND
WONDER

-AT-

HILLSIDE COMMUNITY
CIRCUS

joining

JULY 13TH
FROM 1PM

AT HILLSIDE FIRST SCHOOL,
VERWOOD, BH31 7HE

PURCHASE YOUR TICKETS NOW
FOOD AND DRINK WILL BE AVAILABLE BEFORE THE EVENT
AND DURING THE BREAK.

[HTTPS://WWW.TICKETSOURCE.CO.UK/HILLSIDE-COUNTY-FIRST-SCHOOL-PTA](https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/hillside-county-first-school-pta)





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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**WE ARE
NOW TAKING BOOKINGS
FOR CHILDREN
STARTING SCHOOL IN
SEPTEMBER 2026**

Hillside Pre-School is open term time, Monday - Friday and accepts children with both 15 and 30 hour funding. We have a Breakfast Club running from 7:45am, and After School Club running from 3pm, for both Hillside First and Pre-School children.

To book a tour of our wonderful setting, which opened in April 1990, contact Mrs Ford on:

01202 820 679

Email: office@hillsidepreschool.org

or visit: www.hillsidepreschool.org

Click on the icons for a quick link to our social media pages, website and email →



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@dorsetcreativedance.co.uk t: 07759 949 478
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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