

# Hillside News

Hillside First School

where  
children  
are at  
the heart of  
everything we do



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DATES TO  
REMEMBER



Start of Summer  
Term 2

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June

## WEEKLY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

|               |     |
|---------------|-----|
| Little Owls 1 | 94% |
| Little Owls 2 | 93% |
| Tawny Owls 1  | 91% |
| Tawny Owls 2  | 97% |
| Tawny Owls 3  | 97% |
| Snowy Owls 1  | 97% |
| Snowy Owls 2  | 93% |
| Snowy Owls 3  | 95% |

Whole School 95%

Target



The school day begins  
at 08:40

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

## Headteacher Update Friday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2025

What a week we've had at Hillside! Our Reception children enjoyed their very first school trip—travelling by coach to Blashford Lakes Nature Reserve. While there, they went bug hunting and bird watching, and their impeccable manners and curiosity impressed the reserve staff.

Meanwhile, our Year 2 scientists went onto the heath and were sweeping for invertebrates and identifying their finds. They then enjoyed a classification game, sorting each creature into its correct animal group. It was wonderful to see their teamwork and enthusiasm in action.

Back in February we celebrated Children's Mental Health Week (3–9 February), and this week we're shining the spotlight on Mental Health Awareness Week (12–18 May), whose theme is "Community." It's so important to look after your own mental wellbeing and to reach out for support when you need it. Here at Hillside we're always ready to listen—please do get in touch if there's anything we can do to help. You'll also find helpful resources here:

<https://www.mentalhealth.org.uk/explore-mental-health/get-help>

Exciting news—our annual Sports Morning will take place on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> June. Keep an eye out for further details from Miss Zachariades before half term. Our School Parliament is also hard at work organising Hillside's Got Talent, please check out their promotional video [here](#).

Finally, thank you for all your support in the run-up to this evening's Summer Fayre (5–7:30 pm). A huge shout-out to the PTA for their incredible efforts—it's going to be a fantastic event! Enjoy your weekend, and we'll see everyone back in school on Monday.

With best wishes,

Mr Graves



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

**Star**  
of the  
**WEEK**

Little  
Owls 1  
**Kenzie**

Little  
Owls 2  
**Asier**

Tawny  
Owls 1  
**Oliver**

Tawny  
Owls 2  
**Luis**

Tawny  
Owls 3  
**Poppy**

Snowy  
Owls 1  
**Isaac**

Snowy  
Owls 2  
**George**

Snowy  
Owls 3  
**Isaac**



# Year R Blashford Lakes and Year 2 Heathland Walk



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# The Book Nook



## Tawny Owls I

Charlie chose "Funnybones" because it is full of silly skeletons that make him laugh. Charlie especially likes the animal skeletons and the bone song they sing.

**School Nursing Team**

0-19 CYP Public  
Health Service

## Parent drop-in

**NHS**  
Dorset HealthCare  
University  
NHS Foundation Trust

Your next drop-in will be on:

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> May**

**2.15pm-3.00pm**

**Hillside First School**

Your school nursing team can provide non-judgemental and confidential support and advice about:

Healthy lifestyle advice

Emotional health and well-being support

Bedwetting and toileting

Nutrition and growth

Sleep advice

Signposting to various services

Parenting advice

Behaviour support

You can contact us via

- School nursing admin hub on 01929 557 558

- Parentline advice 5-19 texting service on 07312263131

- Website at [www.dorsethealthcare.nhs.uk/school-nursing](http://www.dorsethealthcare.nhs.uk/school-nursing)

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We provide a confidential service. This means that you can discuss personal information in confidence. We will not discuss your personal information with anyone else without your permission. This includes parents and teachers. We would only pass on your information in order to protect you or someone else from serious harm. Whenever possible we would discuss this with you first.

# Summer term

# UPCOMING EVENTS



## May

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup>**  
May Day Bank Holiday

**Friday 2<sup>nd</sup>**  
Mufti Day in exchange for tombola donations for our Summer Fayre

**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup>**  
Little Owls School Trip  
(Blashford Lakes)



**Friday 16<sup>th</sup>**  
**17:00 - 19:30**  
Summer Fayre



## June

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup>**  
PTA Event - Ice-Cream Sale  
*To be purchased in advance in Arbor*

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup>**  
PTA Event  
Someone Special Shop  
Purchase a gift for a special person on Father's Day

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup>**  
PTA Event - Ice-Cream Sale  
*To be purchased in advance in Arbor*

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup>**  
PTA Event  
Mufti Day & School Disco  
Reception - Year 1 15:00-16:30  
Year 2 - Year 4 17:00-18:30

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup>**  
PTA Event - Ice-Cream Sale  
*To be purchased in advance in Arbor*

**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup>**  
Sports Day

**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup>**  
PTA Event - Ice-Cream Sale  
*To be purchased in advance in Arbor*

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup>**  
Transfer Day



## July



**Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup>**  
Year 2 School Trip  
(Upton Country Park)



**Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup>**  
PTA Event - Ice-Cream Sale  
*To be purchased in advance in Arbor*

**Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup>**  
PTA Event  
Break the Rules Day



**Friday 11<sup>th</sup>**  
Year 4 Leavers Service

**Friday 11<sup>th</sup>**  
PTA Event - Ice-Cream Sale  
*To be purchased in advance in Arbor*

**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup>**  
**17:00 - 19:00**  
Year 4 Leavers Party

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup>**  
PTA Event - Ice-Cream Sale  
*To be purchased in advance in Arbor*

**Monday 21<sup>st</sup>**  
Year 4 Leavers Assembly 14:00

**Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup>**  
Last day of term



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)






**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](mailto:office@hillsidepreschool.org)  
or visit: [www.hillsidepreschool.org](http://www.hillsidepreschool.org)

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



## Instrument Hire to Young People

**DORSET MUSIC SERVICE**

- Did you know Dorset Music Service directly hire a wide range of instruments to children and young people at a low cost? .
- Prices start from as little as £63 per year, dependant on the instrument.
- Funding support is available to cover up to 100% of the cost for eligible pupils
- You can collect/return by appointment from our Blandford office.
- All instruments are in top condition as our specialist technician ensures they are well maintained.
- Hire is on an annual basis from the month of hire.
- For questions email [dorsetmusicservice@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:dorsetmusicservice@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk)
- You can request an instrument online via our website; [www.dorsetandsomersetmusichub.org.uk](http://www.dorsetandsomersetmusichub.org.uk)

**Navigate to Parents and Carers/Instrumental Learning**

|                  |               |                      |
|------------------|---------------|----------------------|
| Viola            | French Horn   | Alto Saxophone       |
| Violin           | Tenor Horn    | Clarinet             |
| Classical Guitar | Trombone      | Flute                |
| Electric Guitar  | Trumpet       | Euphonium            |
| Bass Guitar      | Baritone Horn | Oboe                 |
| Cello            | Tuba          | Piccolo              |
| Double Bass      | Bass Trombone | Specialist Clarinet  |
|                  | Cornet        | Bassoon              |
|                  |               | Specialist Saxophone |





Scan me!

## RUN JUMP THROW

### ATHLETICS FESTIVAL Y3 Y4

**VENUE - St Michaels Middle School Field**  
**DATE - Monday 16th June 2025**  
**ARRIVE - 3.45pm - 4.10pm**  
**REGISTRATION CLOSSES AT 4.15pm**  
**EVENT FINISHES - 5.30pm**

Children will compete against the stopwatch or tape measure to gain performance points.  
**Competitive events - 50m Sprint, 400m run, Standing long jump, howler throw.**  
**Optional events - speed bounce, running long jump, chest push.**

**SCAN THE QR CODE TO ENTER**



Hillside First School offers a wide range of after-school clubs to enrich children’s learning and creativity beyond the classroom. From sports and dance to music and computing, there’s something for every child's interest and development.

| Day              | Club   | Booking Information   |
|------------------|--|---|
| <b>MONDAY</b>    | <b>Creative Dance</b><br>15:00-16:00 (Year R-2)<br>16:00-17:00 (Year3-4)   | Book <a href="#">here</a> for Year R-2<br>Book <a href="#">here</a> for Year 3-4<br>Password: <b>Hillside2025!!</b> |
| <b>TUESDAY</b>   | <b>BRS Sports &amp; Fitness Breakfast Club</b><br>08:00-08:30 (Year R-4)   | Book via Arbor app  |
|                  | <b>BRS Sports &amp; Fitness Lunch Club</b><br>12:00-12:30 (Year R-4)       | Book via Arbor app  |
|                  | <b>BRS After School Football Club</b><br>15:00-16:00 (Year 1-4)            | Book via Arbor app  |
| <b>WEDNESDAY</b> | <b>Computer Xplorers</b><br>15:00-16:00 (Year3-4)<br>16:00-17:00 (Year1-2) | Book <a href="#">here</a>   |
| <b>THURSDAY</b>  | <b>Forest School</b><br>15:00-16:00  | Book <a href="#">here</a>   |
| <b>FRIDAY</b>    | <b>Rocksteady Music School</b><br>Lessons take place in school             | Book <a href="#">here</a>   |
|                  | <b>Dodgeball</b><br>15:00-16:00 (Year1-4)                                  | Book via Arbor app  |

## Hillside Pre-School Breakfast & After School Club

Hillside Pre-School also offers a **Breakfast Club** and **After School Club** for children attending Hillside First School and Hillside Pre-School.

- Breakfast Club runs daily from 07:45
- After School Club is available:
  - Monday to Thursday: 15:00-18:00
  - Friday: 15:00-17:00



For more information, please contact Hillside Pre-School on 01202 820679 or visit [www.hillsidepreschool.org](http://www.hillsidepreschool.org)