

Hillside News

Hillside First School

where
children
are at
the heart of
everything we do

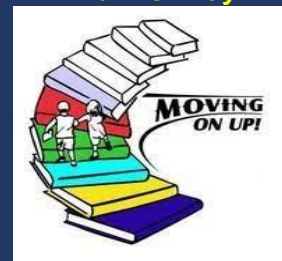


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DATES TO
REMEMBER



Friday 27th June
Transfer Day



Current Year 4 will attend
their new school on this
day

Headteacher Update Friday 13th June 2025

What a week it's been! Despite a variety of sunshine, showers, and everything in between, our school has buzzed with excitement and learning. We hope you've had a wonderful week too.

On Monday, we welcomed Stephen Gillham for a whole-school assembly on **respect** and **kindness**. He reminded us that small acts of kindness—toward ourselves, our classmates, and the adults around us—can make a big difference.

Year 1 children completed their Phonics Screening Check this week. We are incredibly proud of their progress; results will be shared in their end-of-year reports, and we expect to exceed the national average again. Congratulations to all the pupils and the Year 1 team!

Year 4 took their Multiplication Tables Check and showed significant improvement. Early indications suggest scores will once again surpass national averages—fantastic effort by everyone involved. Thank you to families for your support at home.

Next week, **Year 2** will undertake their SATs papers. While tests are just one measure of learning, these age-appropriate assessments help inform our teachers' judgments and support each child's educational journey.

Just a reminder that Sports Morning takes place on **Tuesday 24 June**—we're looking forward to welcoming families to join us for what promises to be a fun and active morning. Also on **Tuesday 24 June**, there will be an Information Evening for parents and carers of children currently in Years R–3. Two session times are available. These short meetings will share key information ahead of **Transfer Day** on **Friday 27 June**.

Thank you to everyone who joined the inaugural **Hillside Heartbeat Club** last Friday! Due to the school discs this week, the club will return next Friday, straight after school.

One of this week's highlights has been the **Hillside's Got Talent** auditions. Our performers showed tremendous courage and creativity. School Parliament members had the tough job of selecting one class representative for the whole-school showcase. Every participant will receive a certificate soon—well done to all!

Get ready to show off your best dance moves at the **school disco**. Thank you to the PTA for organising and for your support, and we look forward to a fun evening!

Wishing you a restful weekend.

Mr Graves

WEEKLY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Little Owls 1	95%
Little Owls 2	97%
Tawny Owls 1	97%
Tawny Owls 2	95%
Tawny Owls 3	96%
Snowy Owls 1	93%
Snowy Owls 2	96%
Snowy Owls 3	99%

Whole School 95%

Target



The school day begins
at 08:40

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

Sports Day Morning



Tuesday
24th June

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



Little
Owls 1
Freddie

Little
Owls 2
Ben

Tawny
Owls 1
Paisley

Tawny
Owls 2
George

Tawny
Owls 3
Chloe

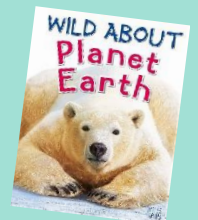
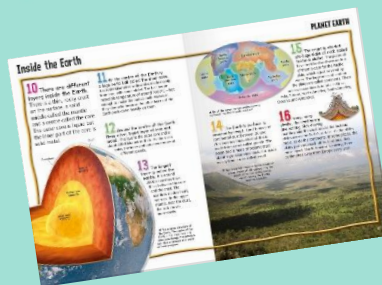
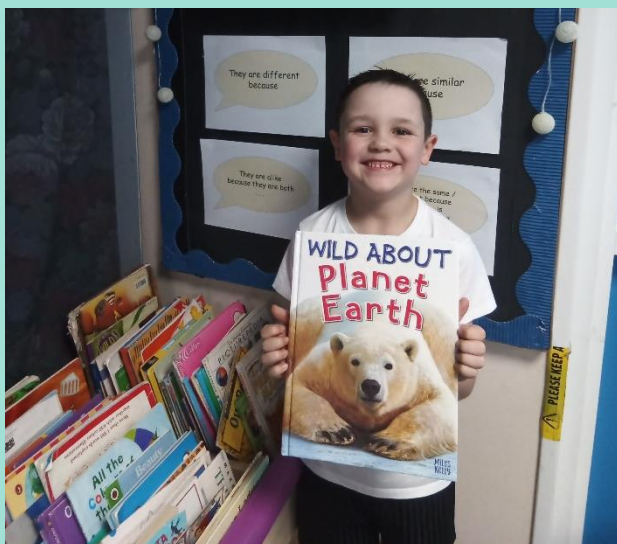
Snowy
Owls 1
Jack

Snowy
Owls 2
Harlo

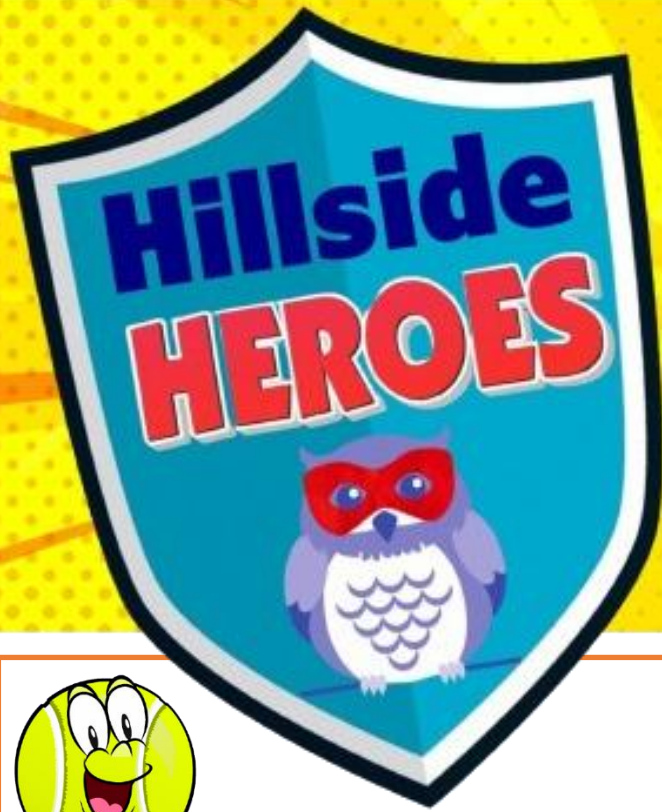
Snowy
Owls 3
Jason



The Book Nook



Henli loves to read "Wild about Planet Earth" - I like it because it has loads of facts about animals and the world. The most interesting page is all about Icy Depths and tells you about animals that live deep in the sea. There is information about the viperfish - it can bite your head off in one bite and its teeth are invisible in the dark!



Meet our heroes



Zack recently competed in a parent and child tennis tournament. Zack won 5 games and lost 2 and came third overall.



Zack only started tennis in September last year and has progressed really quickly and is now in the academy team.

He's much better than Mum and Dad now.



**Fantastic Zack,
well done!**

On a dog walk recently, Harley helped rescue a flightless baby jackdaw. He is continuing to look after him and help feed and water him for his release today.

He was very brave and carried him most of the way home chatting to him to keep him calm.



Harley loves his animals, his cats, dogs and his fish (which he has kept his fish so well maintained they have had 3 babies that are doing well)

I am so proud of him and his will to learn and his hands-on help with the animals and trying new things.



**Amazing Harley,
well done!**



Summer term

UPCOMING EVENTS



May

Monday 5th
May Day Bank Holiday

Friday 2nd
Mufti Day in exchange for tombola
donations for our Summer Fayre

Tuesday 13th
Little Owls School Trip
(Blashford Lakes)



Friday 16th
17:00 - 19:30
Summer Fayre



June

Friday 6th
PTA Event - Ice-Cream Sale
To be purchased in advance in Arbor

Friday 13th
PTA Event
Someone Special Shop
Purchase a gift for a special person on Father's Day

Friday 13th
PTA Event - Ice-Cream Sale
To be purchased in advance in Arbor

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

Friday 20th
PTA Event - Ice-Cream Sale
To be purchased in advance in Arbor

Tuesday 24th
Sports Day

Thursday 26th
PTA Event - Ice-Cream Sale
To be purchased in advance in Arbor

Friday 27th
Transfer Day



July



Tuesday 1st
Year 2 School Trip
(Upton Country Park)



Thursday 3rd
PTA Event - Ice-Cream Sale
To be purchased in advance in Arbor

Thursday 3rd
PTA Event
Break the Rules Day



Friday 11th
Year 4 Leavers Service

Friday 11th
PTA Event - Ice-Cream Sale
To be purchased in advance in Arbor

Thursday 17th
17:00 - 19:00
Year 4 Leavers Party

Friday 18th
PTA Event - Ice-Cream Sale
To be purchased in advance in Arbor

Monday 21st
Year 4 Leavers Assembly 14:00

Wednesday 23rd
Last day of term



Hillside Ice Cream Fridays

£1 per treat

Week 1 - 6th June - Fruit Splits

Week 2 - 13th June - Rainbow Lollies

Week 3 - 20th June - Bubblegum Swirl

Week 4 - 26th June - Fab

Week 5 - 3rd July - Cola Bottles

Week 6 - 11th July - Rockets

Week 7 - 18th July - Strawberry Cone

We will be selling one type of lolly each week.
Pre Orders only on Arbor plus note the deadline date is the Sunday before the sell each week.

The PTA will be serving
Hot and Cold drinks
on 24th June for Sports Day

We will be open from 8.45 am
to 9.05 am
and also during the break.

All Drinks £1

BREAK the RULES DAY

Here's how it works

Rules to be broken include:

- No nail varnish
- No trainers
- No crazy hair
- No different glasses
- No temporary tatoos
- No unhealthy snacks
- No juice drinks
- No teddies
- No make-up or face paint
- No hats

When?
Thursday
3rd July
2024

For one day only you can choose how many rules you want to break.
50p PER RULE
Can be pre booked and paid for on Arbor.
GO NUTS BREAK THEM ALL.

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)



School Nursing Team

0-19 CYP Public Health Service

Parent drop-in



Dorset HealthCare University
NHS Foundation Trust

Your next drop-in will be on:

Wednesday 18th June

2.00pm-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

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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.

Join Nick The Vic & the TREE HOUSE Team at Verwood Methodist Church for some fun in the sun in the Summer Holidays ...



TREE HOUSE FUN GAMES MORNING

SATURDAY 16th AUGUST
10:30 AM - 12:00 PM

Games in the garden for children at school aged 5-12 years



Parachute Games!



Water Games!



Ice Cream!

If your child would like to come then please email Suzannah (treehouse@nickthevic.co.uk) by Friday 1st August to register a place. There is no charge for this event.

Parents will sign their children in and out but will not be able to stay for the duration of the event. TREE HOUSE is a part of the children and youth ministry of Verwood Methodist Church. All our team are Safeguarding-trained and DBS-verified in accordance with the Safeguarding Policy of the Methodist Church.

For more info please contact Suzannah or check out the website below.



Verwood Methodist Church, Vicarage Road, BH31 6DR

www.nickthevic.co.uk/treehouse



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



Joining the Summer Reading Challenge

Children sign up through their local library and receive a sticker booklet. They set a reading goal and borrow books of their choice during the summer, collecting special stickers. Children who complete the Challenge are presented with a medal when they have read 6 books, and a certificate is sent to school in the Autumn term.

The Challenge starts on Saturday 5 July



How the Summer Reading Challenge benefits children:

- significantly improves reading confidence and independence
- ensures students are ready for their return to school, preventing the summer reading 'dip'
- aids the successful transition between year groups and key stages

Schools online author event with Gareth P. Jones to launch Story Garden

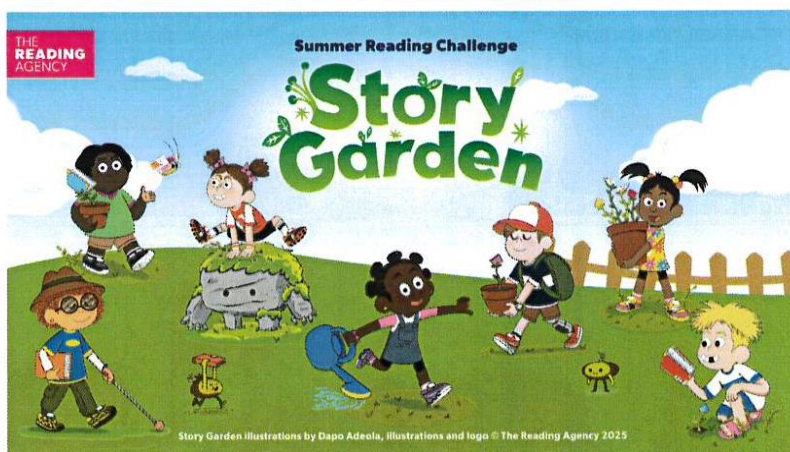
Thursday 3 July 9.15 - 9.45 am



[Book your place for our online launch event](#)

What next

- display posters in your school
- send a newsletter to parents and carers with information about the Challenge
- talk to students about Story Garden during assembly time
- visit the Summer Reading Challenge School Zone for more information and free resources



2025 Summer Reading Challenge, Story Garden - Adventures in nature and the great outdoors

This year's exciting theme will inspire children to tap into a world of imagination through reading, exploring the magical connection between storytelling and nature.

The Summer Reading Challenge is a FREE holiday activity for children. It's all about reading for fun, aiming to improve children's reading skills and confidence.



We value your support in helping us to promote the Summer Reading Challenge and therefore we will be pleased to:

- attend an assembly to talk about the Summer Reading Challenge
- provide an electronic promotional flyer for emailing to parents and carers
- provide a PowerPoint presentation to explain the Summer Reading Challenge to children in an assembly or classroom situation. We will notify you when it is available

To ensure all children hear about Story Garden, library staff would be delighted to visit an assembly to talk to children about the Summer Reading Challenge.

Assembly visits are available between 23 June and 16 July

[Book your assembly visit](#)



The Summer Reading Challenge is developed by The Reading Agency and delivered in partnership with public libraries.



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
MONDAY	Creative Dance 15:00-16:00 (Year R-2) 16:00-17:00 (Year3-4)	Book here for Year R-2 Book here for Year 3-4 Password: Hillside2025!!
TUESDAY	BRS Sports & Fitness Breakfast Club 08:00-08:30 (Year R-4)	Book via Arbor app
	BRS Sports & Fitness Lunch Club 12:00-12:30 (Year R-4)	Book via Arbor app
	BRS After School Football Club 15:00-16:00 (Year 1-4)	Book via Arbor app
WEDNESDAY	Computer Xplorers 15:00-16:00 (Year3-4) 16:00-17:00 (Year1-2)	Book here
THURSDAY	Forest School 15:00-16:00	Book here
FRIDAY	Rocksteady Music School Lessons take place in school	Book here
	Dodgeball 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