

Hillside News

DATES TO
REMEMBER



Parent Consultations

Tuesday 21st October

Wednesday 22nd October

**Book your
appointment [here](#)**

Hillside First School

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children
are at
the **heart** of
everything we do



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Headteacher Update Friday 10th October 2025

Another super week across school - the children have been enjoying themselves and making the most of our wonderful grounds. I've said it before and I'm sure I'll say it again: it's priceless watching them play outside. We're hoping to enhance a few areas for the children with the help of donations - I'll share more details as soon as I have them.

Thank you for your harvest donations - we collected 138 kg in total! This is equivalent to feeding 13 people three meals a day for three days. Please see further details below.

Today is World Mental Health Day, an important reminder about looking after our wellbeing. When I was at school mental health wasn't talked about much, so it's great to see it getting the recognition it deserves now. The children have had assemblies and class activities on the topic this week, and we talk about wellbeing here all year round - not just once a year. I hope you've found the wellbeing section of the newsletter useful; it's been developed by Mrs Corrie and Mrs Tarrant through their hard work and commitment. Please look after yourselves both physically and mentally.

Exciting news - we'll be on the radio on Monday! I'm visiting Forest FM with Mrs Tarrant and two of our Year 4 children to promote the school and our remaining open day/evening events. Please tune in at 11:00 to hear us and show your support if you can.

Have a great weekend.

Kind regards,

Mr Graves

WEEKLY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Little Owls 1	95%
Little Owls 2	92%
Tawny Owls 1	95%
Tawny Owls 2	98%
Tawny Owls 3	98%
Snowy Owls 1	97%
Snowy Owls 2	97%
Snowy Owls 3	97%

Whole School 96%

Target



**The school day begins
at 08:40**

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



Ringwood Foodbank would like to thank...

Hillside 1st School

for the very generous donation of food from your harvest collection.

138kg of food was collected

This will feed...

13 people

3 meals a day

For 3 days

Thank you!

The Foodbank Team

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

Star
of the
WEEK

Little
Owls 1
Carter

Little
Owls 2
Iris

Tawny
Owls 1
Harry

Tawny
Owls 2
Oliver

Tawny
Owls 3
Rosie

Snowy
Owls 1
Natalie

Snowy
Owls 2
**Juke-
Lincoln**

Snowy
Owls 3
Tio



Harvest Festival

A huge thank you to everyone who donated for our Harvest Festival!

Hank from Ringwood Foodbank collected all the wonderful contributions from Hillside First and Hillside Pre-school today.

Your generosity will make a real difference to local families when the items are sorted and distributed next week. 🌱💛



At Hillside First School, we believe that looking after our mental wellbeing is just as important as looking after our physical health. For children (and adults too!), feeling calm, happy, and supported helps us all to learn and grow.

World Mental Health Day

Friday
10th
October

To help families nurture positive mental health at home, we have created a dedicated **Wellbeing** section on our school website. This space is filled with practical ideas, helpful tips, and links to trusted resources to support children's emotional development and overall wellbeing.

Each week we will feature a resource that offers expert guidance and practical parenting tips. We hope you find these suggestions helpful and supportive.

This week's focus: "Talking Mental Health"

The 'Talking Mental Health' animation [here](#) aims to give children an understanding of what mental health is and the difference between every day small feelings and big feelings.

 Anna Freud



All of the Mental Health Matters features can be found on our website [here](#).

EVENTS

Hillside First Take away Coffee Morning



Friday 24th October
8.15 to 8.45am



"Sip for Support - Only £1! 🍵"

Bring your own mug or grab a takeaway cup.
Every drink you buy helps raise
funds for our school!"



Coffee
Tea
Hot Chocolate

Oak milk available



DORSET TENNIS ACADEMY



OCTOBER HALF-TERM HOLIDAY TENNIS CAMP



Mini Tennis for children 4-8 years old
Tennis for children 9-14 years old

TUESDAY 28TH OCTOBER

2.30 – 5.30pm

On the tennis courts at Fryer Field Recreation Ground, Bond Avenue,
West Moors, Ferndown, BH22 0LJ

What's on offer

- Great coaching from LTA qualified and accredited instructors
 - Fun games, competitions and prizes
 - Rackets provided if you don't have one

What to wear/bring

- Sports kit, trainers/tennis shoes, a coat if wet
 - Snacks and drinks



SESSION(S)	PRICE
Tennis Camp	£18.00

To book a place, please visit the Dorset Tennis Academy website using the following link or google 'Dorset Tennis Academy Holiday Camps':-

<https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/DorsetTennisAcademy/Coaching/Camps>

For more information, please contact Neil Darragh, DTA Manager/Head Coach on ndarraghtennis@gmail.com

EAST DORSET YEAR 3, 5 and 5 FUN RUN

Tuesday October 21st, 2025

AT ST MICHAEL'S MIDDLE SCHOOL

Arrive 3.30pm-3.50pm

First Race – 4.00pm



Year 3, 4 and 5 are invited to enter the **EAST DORSET FUN RUN**. The fun run will be approximately 1km.
Year 3 and 4 will compete together. Year 5 will be in a separate race.

Please arrive at 3.50pm at St Michaels Middle School.

Parents are required to stay on site whilst their child participates.

To enter scan the QR code and fill in the form.



Scan me to enter

Organiser: Mrs Katrina Cole, School Games Organiser

sgo4eastdorset@gmail.com

Schools will be told if event is cancelled.



Youth Riders is a free-to-join skatepark group in Ringwood & Verwood.

Our aim is to create a positive and supportive environment for young people to learn new skills, connect with friends, and have fun using the skatepark.

We foster a safe and encouraging space to develop skills, socialise, and enjoy scootering, biking and boarding.

We have fortnightly meets and also arrange events and competitions to build confidence and team spirit

Follow the QR code to sign up via  Spond
or email Charly.Keith@youth-riders.org.uk



Youth Riders is a registered charity with Charity number 1212183



 **Hillside First School**
'Where children are at the heart of everything we do'

FOR CHILDREN STARTING SCHOOL IN SEPTEMBER 2026

Open Days

Wednesday 1st October - 09:00
Wednesday 15th October - 17:00
Tuesday 11th November - 09:00

Scan the QR code below to book your place or complete the booking form on our website.



We are very proud of our school. We would love to show you around and let you see what we do and how we learn.

There will be a presentation at 09:00 and 17:00 by our Headteacher, Mr Graves followed by a school tour.

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 **SCAN ME!**

 **Hillside Pre-School**
Celebrating 35 Years
Verwood
Established 1990



WE ARE NOW TAKING BOOKINGS FOR CHILDREN STARTING SCHOOL IN SEPTEMBER 2026 & 2027

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

   

You're invited to Let's Talk SEND Week 2025!



Let's TalkSEND Week is back this October, offering a series of events designed to create open, honest conversations between children, families, and the professionals who support them.

This collection of events is organised in partnership with:

- **Dorset Council**
- **NHS Dorset**
- **Dorset Parent Carer Council (DPCC)**
- **SENDIASS**

Whether you're looking for advice, information, or simply a chance to connect with others, **Let's Talk SEND Week** is here to support you.

For more information and details about the SEND drop in session, please follow the link [here](#).



Meet our heroes



Jayden learnt a new trick at the skate park this weekend.



Fantastic Jayden, well done!



Everley achieved her 10m award recently!
We are very proud of her!



Amazing Everley, well done!



Autumn *term*

UPCOMING EVENTS



September

Wednesday 3rd

Inset Day

Thursday 4th

Inset Day

Friday 5th

Inset Day

Thursday 18th

PTA AGM - new members welcome
18:00 at Hillside First School

Tuesday 23rd

Individual & Sibling Photographs



October

Wednesday 1st

New Parents Open Morning
09:00 - 11:00



Friday 3rd
PTA Event

Mufti Day & School Disco
Reception - Year 1 15:00-16:30
Year 2 - Year 4 17:00-18:30

Monday 6th

Harvest Assembly



Friday 10th

World Mental Health Day

Wednesday 15th

New Parents Open Evening
17:00 - 19:00

Monday 20th

Year 3/ 4 trip to Fishbourne
Roman Palace

Tuesday 21st

Parent Consultations

Wednesday 22nd

Parent Consultations



**Monday 27th -
Friday 1st
Half Term**



November

Monday 3rd

Inset Day

Wednesday 5th

PTA Event
Movie Night
Year R and Year 1

Monday 10th

Remembrance Assembly

Monday 10th - Friday 14th
Anti Bullying (Friendship Week)

Tuesday 11th

New Parents Open Morning
09:00 - 11:00

Friday 14th

Children in Need

Wednesday 19th

PTA Event
Movie Night
Year 2, Year 3 & Year 4



Friday 21st

Mufti Day in exchange for tombola
donations for our
Christmas Fayre

Friday 28th

PTA Event
Christmas Fayre



December

**Thursday 11th &
Friday 12th**
PTA Christmas Shop



Friday 12th

Christmas Jumper Day
Children can wear a
Christmas jumper along
with non-school uniform



Friday 12th

Christmas Performances

Monday 15th

Christmas Performances

Tuesday 16th

Christmas Performances

Wednesday 17th

Christmas Party Day & Chartwells
Christmas Lunch
FREE Mufti day
Children invited
to wear party
Clothes.

Thursday 18th

Last day
of term





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 (Year 3-4)	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 (Year 1-4)	Book here
THURSDAY	Forest School 15:00-16:00	Book here
FRIDAY	Rocksteady Music School Lessons take place in school	Book here

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