

# Hillside News

DATES TO REMEMBER



Class and Year 4 Leavers Photos will take place on **Monday 27<sup>th</sup> April.** Children to be in full school uniform on this day, even if it is their scheduled PE day.

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## Headteacher Update Friday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2026

This week has flown by, and the summer term is now in full swing. It has been lovely to see the children making the most of the field at playtimes and working hard in their learning.

Staff have also been busy implementing some of the revised approaches to writing from our recent INSET day, with positive results. There has been a real purpose across the classrooms, and the children have been working very hard.

Our assembly on Monday focused on our values of ambition and perseverance. We learned about Eileen Hieron, aged 82, who is set to complete her tenth marathon and will be taking part in the London Marathon on Sunday. She only started running in her seventies and completed her first marathon at the age of 74. We talked about how she has inspired others and how age does not have to limit what we try to achieve. With ambition and perseverance, new beginnings are always possible.

A reminder that Fraser Portraits will be in school on Monday, so please ensure children come in full school uniform. We also have a mufti day on Friday in exchange for tombola prizes for our summer fayre.

Have a great weekend!

Best wishes,  
Mr Graves

## WEEKLY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

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

Whole School 96%

Target



The school day begins at 08:40  
Gates open at 08:30  
School finishes at 15:00



## Celebration Assembly

Celebration Assembly will continue to take place on Thursdays during the summer term.

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





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# Verwood in Bloom



Celebrating the community's creativity and love of gardening

The theme for this year's competition is Upcycling, encouraging everyone to find inventive and sustainable ways to reuse and repurpose materials in their garden designs.

**We have some exciting competitions we would like you to get involved with:**

- Create a display at home and bring it in for judging as part of a school competition. This will also contribute to our entry in the Verwood in Bloom competition. **Entries to be in by 20<sup>th</sup> June 2026.**

*Please ensure the plants are child safe.*

[www.rhs.org.uk/garden-inspiration/design/child-friendly-plants](http://www.rhs.org.uk/garden-inspiration/design/child-friendly-plants)

- An after school club in late spring, to design and create flower displays for the school grounds. Details to follow...
- Inter class competition to grow the best marigolds in an upcycled pot.





# Meet our heroes

Lucius was recently awarded the Terry Treds award.

This is what is Rugby Coach said about him:

*"we are super proud of Lucius being awarded the U7 Terry Treds award at his Rugby Club. T.R.E.D.S are the Core Values of Rugby at Wimborne Rugby club and stand for Teamwork, Respect, Enjoyment, Discipline and Sportsmanship."*



*"Lucius brings the best of rugby Treds values to the U7s team every week. He shows real teamwork, always backs others up, and gives his all, whether he is carrying the ball himself or setting someone else up to score. Well done Lucius."*

On top of that, Lucius also received player of the match this weekend.



**Amazing Lucius, well done!**

Isla received her Red Stripe Belt at her Kickboxing grading recently.



To achieve this, Isla had to show technical ability, control, commitment and respect in all lessons (as well as during her exam). She also had to show strength and good fitness levels by doing push ups, star jumps and crunches.

We are so very proud of her.



**Fantastic Isla, well done!**



# Mental Health Matters



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.

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: "My child is lying"

Lying is a normal part of child development, often linked to fitting in, seeking attention, or avoiding trouble. Respond calmly, understand their reasons, and encourage honesty by praising them when they own up. Modelling honesty yourself helps reinforce that being truthful is valued and safe.

Information and video can be found [here](#).



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

# Summer term



# UPCOMING EVENTS

## May

**Friday 1st**  
Mufti Day in exchange for tombola donations for our Summer Fayre

**Monday 4th**  
May Day Bank Holiday

**Wednesday 13th**  
Year 1 & Year 2 School Trip  
(New Forest Wildlife Park)



**Friday 22nd**  
**PTA Event**  
Someone Special Shop  
Purchase a gift for a special person on Father's Day.  
Closing date to purchase on Arbor



## June

**Friday 5th**  
Summer Fayre  
17:00 - 19:30

**Friday 5th**  
PTA Event - Ice-Cream Sale  
To be purchased in advance in Arbor

**Friday 12th**  
PTA Event - Ice-Cream Sale  
To be purchased in advance in Arbor

**Friday 19th**  
PTA Event  
Mufti Day & School Disco  
Reception-Year 1 15:00-16:30 / Year 2-4 17:00-18:30

**Friday 19th**  
PTA Event  
Someone Special Shop Gifts Delivered Today

**Friday 19th**  
PTA Event - Ice-Cream Sale  
To be purchased in advance in Arbor

**Tuesday 23rd**  
Sports Day

**Wednesday 24th**  
Year 3/4 School Trip to Marwell Zoo

**Thursday 25th**  
PTA Event - Ice-Cream Sale  
To be purchased in advance in Arbor

**Friday 26th**  
Transfer Day



## July

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

**Friday 3rd**  
PTA Event  
Break the Rules Day  
50p per rule purchased in advance on Arbor



**Friday 10th**  
PTA Event - Ice-Cream Sale  
To be purchased in advance in Arbor

**Thursday 16th**  
Year 4 Leavers Party  
17:00 - 19:30

**Friday 17th**  
PTA Event - Ice-Cream Sale  
To be purchased in advance in Arbor

**Monday 20th**  
Year 4 Leavers Assembly  
14:00

**Wednesday 22nd**  
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	<b>Creative Dance</b> 15:00-16:00 (Year R-2) 16:00–17:00 (Year 3-4)	Book <a href="#">here</a> for Year R-2 Book <a href="#">here</a> for Year 3-4 Password: <b>Hillside2026</b>
	<b>Computer Xplorers</b> 15:00-16:00 (Year 1-4)	Book <a href="#">here</a>
TUESDAY	<b>BRS Sports &amp; Fitness Breakfast Club</b> 08:00-08:30 (Year R-4)	Book via Arbor app
	<b>BRS Sports &amp; Fitness Lunch Club</b> 12:00-12:30 (Year R-4)	Book via Arbor app
	<b>BRS After School Football Club</b> 15:00-16:00 (Year 1-4)	Book via Arbor app
WEDNESDAY	<b>Discover Your Imagination</b> 15:00-16:15 (Year 1-2)	Book <a href="#">here</a>
THURSDAY	<b>Forest School</b> 15:00-16:00	Book <a href="#">here</a>
	<b>Discover Your Imagination</b> 15:00-16:15 (Year 3-4)	Book <a href="#">here</a>
FRIDAY	<b>Rocksteady Music School</b> Lessons take place in school	Book <a href="#">here</a>

## 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)