

Hillside News

DATES TO REMEMBER



Hillside First School

where children are at the heart of everything we do



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Children return on Tuesday 5th May.

Headteacher Update Friday 1st May 2026

It has been another busy and positive week across the school. The children looked incredibly smart for their school photos on Monday, and we were fortunate to enjoy some lovely sunshine too. I hope you enjoy seeing the proofs, which should now have made their way home.

Following on from last week's mention of the London Marathon, this year's event gave us a truly historic moment in sport. Sabastian Sawe won the men's race in a remarkable world record time of 1:59:30, with Yomif Kejelcha crossing the line just seconds behind. In the women's elite race, Tigst Assefa also achieved a new women-only world record. These are outstanding accomplishments and a fantastic reflection of two of our core values in action – ambition and perseverance.

A big thank you to our PTA for their generous donation of new outdoor musical instruments for the field. The children are already enjoying them, and I look forward to sharing some photos with you next week. Thank you also for your continued support with tombola donations for our upcoming Summer Fayre as part of today's Mufti Day – it is very much appreciated.

Next week, we also look forward to marking a very special occasion as Sir David Attenborough celebrates his 100th birthday on Friday 8th May – a wonderful opportunity to reflect on his inspiring work with the natural world.

I hope you all have a lovely bank holiday weekend, and we look forward to welcoming everyone back to school on Tuesday.

Best wishes,
Mr Graves

WEEKLY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Little Owls 1	99%
Little Owls 2	100%
Tawny Owls 1	98%
Tawny Owls 2	97%
Tawny Owls 3	93%
Snowy Owls 1	97%
Snowy Owls 2	96%
Snowy Owls 3	95%

Whole School **97%**

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

We have been busy preparing for our Verwood in Bloom entry. Don't forget to plant your entry and bring it into school on the 20th June.





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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 20th June 2026.**

Please ensure the plants are child safe.

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



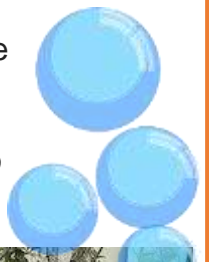
Over the Easter break, Iris learned to ride her bike independently.



We are so proud of her confidence in learning to ride her bike, and persevering and practising until she had mastered it!
Well Done Iris!

Amazing Iris, well done!

Over the Easter holidays, Charlotte had a week intensive swimming course. By the end she no longer needs arm bands and jumped into the deep end of the big pool.



She did amazingly well and has levelled up to stage 3.
Well done Charlotte!



Fantastic Charlotte, 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: "Bedwetting"

Bedwetting and daytime accidents are common and usually not a cause for concern. Respond calmly, support your child without blame or shame, and use practical strategies like adjusting fluid intake, night-time protection, and ready spare clothes. Seek medical advice only if there's pain, unusual urine, or ongoing concerns after age five, and ensure both you and your child have support.

Supporting information can be found [here](#).



Click the logo to visit the website

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 15th
PTA Event - Book & Bear Sale

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

Monday 25th to Friday 29th May
Half Term



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 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 

Friday 26th
Transfer Day

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




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





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Preloved Uniform Sale

The second hand uniform shop will be open on the 15th May straight after school in the building next to Little Owls 1 door.

We have summer dresses, PE kits, jumpers, shorts and t-shirts.

Come and grab a bargain.

Can't make it?

Request uniform on the google form:

[HERE](#)



15TH MAY

BOOK & BEAR SALE!

In the Morning & After School!

Tea & Coffee Available!

£1 Drink

BOOK & BEAR ONLY £1!

Come Along & Grab a Bargain!

VERWOOD CRICKET CLUB

ALL STARS & DYNAMO CRICKET!

ALL STARS CRICKET

DYNAMO CRICKET!

Alderholt Recreation Ground, Ringwood Road, Alderholt

★ ALL STARS CRICKET

Ages 5-8

A fun, activity-based cricket programme designed to give children their first experience of cricket in a safe and exciting environment while making new friends.

- ✓ Game-based sessions
- ✓ All skill levels welcome
- ✓ Player pack included (bat, ball, backpack & T-shirt)

SIGN UP:
ecb.clubspark.uk/AllStars/verwood

NEW PLAYERS ALWAYS WELCOME!

⚡ DYNAMOS CRICKET

Ages 8-11

Build confidence and develop cricket skills each week before finishing with a fun 60-ball countdown match.

- ✓ Skill-focused sessions each week
- ✓ Fun match play
- ✓ Personalised Dynamos T-shirt available

WHY JOIN VERWOOD CC?

- ✓ ECB qualified coaches
- ✓ Friendly family club environment
- ✓ Pathway into junior teams
- ✓ Social club and facilities for parents



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: Hillside2026
	Computer Xplorers 15:00-16:00 (Year 1-4)	Book here
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	Discover Your Imagination 15:00-16:15 (Year 1-2)	Book here
THURSDAY	Forest School 15:00-16:00	Book here
	Discover Your Imagination 15:00-16:15 (Year 3-4)	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