

Hillside News

DATES TO REMEMBER



Hillside First School

where children are at the heart of everything we do



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Half Term
Monday 25th to
Friday 29th May

Headteacher Update Friday 8th May 2026

I hope you all had a lovely Bank Holiday weekend and managed to enjoy some of the sunshine; we were certainly lucky with the weather overall!

This week has flown by again and it has been another positive one in school. On Wednesday, I led an assembly focused on Sir David Attenborough and his incredible life and work. Today marks his milestone 100th birthday, which is an amazing achievement. We spent time reflecting on his contributions to wildlife and nature, as well as thinking about how important it is to look after our planet. The children came up with some brilliant ideas about how they can help, including picking up litter, sticking to paths in places such as forests and woodland areas, and not wasting water.

I also had a meeting on Wednesday with our Prime Minister, Willow, Deputy Prime Minister, Mia, and Chairperson, Joshua. They were making decisions on behalf of the children about some new playtime equipment that will be purchased using a recent donation to the school. They are looking forward to sharing their decisions in an assembly once everything arrives. They also asked if any families have small toy cars at home that are no longer used, we would gladly welcome any donations. The children really enjoy racing them along the guttering and through the pipes outside! If you are able to help, please drop them into the front office.

Thank you as well for all of the tombola donations ahead of our Summer Fayre on 5th June; they are very much appreciated.

A date for your diary: we will once again be opening our classroom doors on Wednesday 20th May, straight after school, for our Celebration of Achievement afternoon. We look forward to welcoming families in to see the children's hard work and successes.

Have a great weekend!

Best wishes, Mr Graves

WEEKLY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Little Owls 1	98%
Little Owls 2	95%
Tawny Owls 1	98%
Tawny Owls 2	98%
Tawny Owls 3	97%
Snowy Owls 1	96%
Snowy Owls 2	99%
Snowy Owls 3	94%

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**:



Our Year 4 children, who recently visited the Houses of Parliament, were delighted to receive a handwritten certificate from Simon Hoare MP as a memento of their visit. Many thanks to Simon Hoare MP for such a thoughtful gesture.





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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:

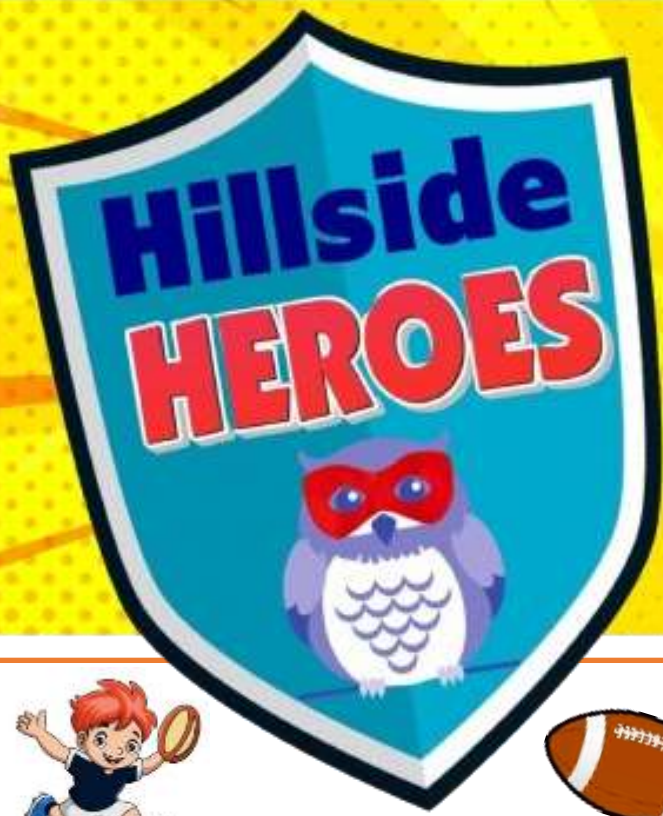
- Create a display at home and bring it in for judging as part of a school competition. This will also contribute to our entry in the Verwood in Bloom competition. **Entries to be in by 20th June 2026.**

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



Finley was awarded 'player of the week' for Rugby Tots over the weekend.



Honey recently achieved her 'Marathon' milestone at Junior park run.



We are so proud of her and her dedication!



Fantastic Honey, well done!



Amazing Finley, 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 topic is co-parenting after separation and going through a break up.**



"Co-parenting"

Co-parenting after separation involves working together to provide stability and support for your child. Establish clear agreements, communicate calmly, and focus on your child's well-being, creating routines and plans that prioritize their happiness and consistency. Taking care of your own emotions helps you parent more effectively.

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



Resources and activities to help your child with worries and anxieties can be found [here](#).

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



"Break-ups"

During a breakup, support your child by keeping them out of adult conflicts, encouraging safe contact with both parents, and listening to their feelings without judgment. Offer simple explanations about changes, reassure them it's not their fault, and give extra comfort as they adjust.

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



Summer term



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

UPCOMING EVENTS




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!

VERWOODIANS
ON WASTE

REDUCE | REUSE | INSPIRE

FREECYCLE

NEXT EVENT

7 JUNE

REUSE

DOWNLOAD THE MAP AND
BROWSE FOR FREEBIES
10AM - 4PM

Add a subheading REHOME

YOUR UNWANTED ITEMS
EASILY FROM YOUR
DRIVEWAY

REGISTER

YOUR ADDRESS AT
WWW.

VOWVERWOOD.COM



SAVE THE
PLANET





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