



## Upcoming Events / Key Dates

Please find details of events for the Spring Term below.

### Headteacher Update

I have again been very proud of the children this week and it's all to do with their good manners and hard work. I aim to be out on the school gate at the start and end of the day to welcome you and the children into school and to see you all off at the end of the day. I am very impressed with how many children say good morning and afternoon and ask me how I am doing. This continues around school too with more good manners and purposeful learning with the children working hard and showing pride in their work.

Year 1 and 2 have been learning about Florence Nightingale and Mary Seacole. They were also lucky enough to have a Community Nurse come into school and talk to them about how they help people in the local community!

The children were fantastic during the lockdown drill yesterday and I was super impressed with them.



Don't forget, it's the Big Walk and Wheel next week. Each day of the challenge, schools compete to see who can get the highest percentage of their children walking, using a wheelchair, scooting, or cycling to school. We will also be having our very own 'Green Trainer Award' for the class with the highest percentage!

Thanks for your support with Red Nose day today, we managed to raise **£430**.

Next week the School Parliament are visiting Verwood Town Council to meet the Mayor, Cllr Simon Gibson and Town Clerk Carrie Lloyd.

Wishing you a wonderful weekend.

Healthy regards,

Mr Graves

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

## WEEKLY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Little Owls – 93%  
Tawny Owls 1 – 86.3%  
Tawny Owls 2 – 90%  
Tawny Owls 3 – 95.2%  
Snowy Owls 1 – 94.7%  
Snowy Owls 2 – 94.5%  
Snowy Owls 3 – 92.1%

Whole School 91.9%

Target



The school day begins at 08:40

Gates open at 08:30

School finishes at 15:00

## Sponsored Bounce Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March

Don't forget to please return your sponsor forms.



Thanks for your support.

## Stars of the Week

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



Our **Stars of the Week**!



# Spring term



# UPCOMING EVENTS

## January

HAPPY ★ NEW YEAR

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup>  
INSET Day

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup>  
National Handwriting Day

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## February

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup>  
Safer Internet Day

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup>  
Celebration of Achievement Afternoon

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> - Friday 17<sup>th</sup>  
Half Term

Friday 17<sup>th</sup>  
Random Act of Kindness Day

Monday 20<sup>th</sup>  
INSET day

Monday 27<sup>th</sup>  
Parent Consultations

be kind

Thursday 30<sup>th</sup>  
Last day of term



## March

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup>  
Parent Consultations

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup>  
World Book Day  
Dress up as a character from one of your favourite books

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Mufti (£1 donation)  
School Discos

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> - Sunday 19<sup>th</sup>  
British Science Week

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup>  
International Day of Mathematics

Friday 17<sup>th</sup>  
Comic Relief

RED NOSE DAY

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup>  
World Poetry Day

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup>  
Sponsored Bounce



## April

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> - Friday 14<sup>th</sup>  
Easter Holidays



Monday 17<sup>th</sup>  
Children return to school

Friday 21<sup>st</sup>  
19:30-22:00



Bingo Night

www.hillsidefirstschool.org ~ 01202 822737 ~ office@hillsidefirstschool.org

## Clubs

### Rippa Rugby (Year 1-4) <https://www.ripparugby.co.uk/>

Rippa Rugby is continuing during the second half of the Spring Term. Please use the link above to book a space.



TO BOOK YOUR SPACE  
VISIT [RIPPARUGBY.CO.UK](https://www.ripparugby.co.uk/)



**TAG, TOUCH & CONTACT RUGBY COACHING & GAMES**

ONLY **£5** PER CHILD\*

**DESIGNED TO DEVELOP CORE RFU VALUES OF SPORTSMANSHIP, TEAMWORK, RESPECT, DISCIPLINE AND ENJOYMENT.**

For children ages 4-13 years old.



\*School subsidy may apply.

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**COACHING CONSULTANCY AVAILABLE**

**WHAT IS RIPPA RUGBY?**  
It's Tag, Touch and contact based Rugby games designed with the objective to develop skills such as catching, passing, invasion, evasion, spatial awareness and decision making. Rippa Rugby develops communication skills and improves overall fitness levels. Above all it's great fun. Our aim to make our sessions the most rewarding activity your child will participate in all week.

**WHO IS IT FOR?**  
It is for school children (both boys and girls) aged between 4 and 13 years old during the following times:

- During and after school/pre-school
- School holidays
- Rugby themed birthday parties

**HOW MUCH DOES IT COST?**  
It's only £5 per session per child per hour (school subsidy may apply). Visit our website for more information.

**OUR PHILOSOPHY**  
To develop the RFU 'Five C's' within a child in line with National Curriculum standards which includes:

- Competence and skill development
- Confidence to take part in sport and games
- Connection with other children to develop strong friendships
- Creativity to try something different and not be afraid of making mistakes
- Caring character and encouraged to support and look after each other

**COACHING CONSULTANCY**  
We also offer a coaching consultancy for teaching staff and developing coaches at competitive rates.

Provision of coaching services at Rugby themed parties.

All our coaches are DBS Cleared, First Aid trained and RFU Level 2 Experienced Age Group Coaches.

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**Tennis Club** is running again from 17<sup>th</sup> April, but this time for Year 1 and 2. Further details and how to book available here:

<https://www.live4tennis.co.uk/service-page/mon-3-4pm-hillside-first-apr-jul-23>

# Mon 3-4pm Hillside First (Apr-Jul 23)

Hillside first school years 1 & 2 only  
11 sessions 3-4pm  
Starting 17th April 2023  
Rackets available

Starts 17 Apr

£50

Hillside Community First School