



Hillside News



Headteacher Update

We have been lucky with the weather this week and the children have been outside making the most of our wonderful school grounds. This is an area I am keen to develop over the remainder of this term and into the next academic year. During the half term break we are having some tarmacking work carried out next to the tennis court area at the start of the field. This will allow an extra space for some basketball nets and more ball games. I'll share some photos once the work is complete. We are also in the process of clearing back some more of the bushes near the outside play trail and tennis court area to provide an additional outdoor area for the children to enjoy camp building, making bug hotels as well as other outside play activities.

Last Friday, our Reception children had a wonderful time at Blashford Lakes Nature Reserve learning about minibeasts and habitats. They were very lucky with the weather and thanks again for the parental support during the visit. Next week, our Year 3 and 4 children have their walk and cycle visit to the local heathland area.

This week I would like to share with you some information on Cognitive Load which is something we have been focusing on as a staff this academic year both at Hillside and across the Trust. I have created a short 5-minute video to explain a little more information here if you are interested:

<https://www.loom.com/share/0d6c6e35ba834ba4be07e4572157c9d0>

During the next half term, I am planning on creating another video on how the children learn different areas of maths across the different phases in school.

Whenever possible, I always enjoy standing on the gate at the start and end of the day and I continue to be impressed with the children's manners. I've mentioned in assemblies over this academic year how good manners are important and to say good morning and ask adults how they are doing and it's lovely to hear the children doing this each day. Well done children!

Finally, I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Healthy regards,

Mr Graves

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

Friday 19th May 2023

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<https://www.hillsidefirst.dorset.sch.uk/>

Date for your diary:

Sports Day

Wednesday 28th June AM

Further details to follow closer to the time.



WEEKLY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Little Owls – 95.7%
Tawny Owls 1 – 96.7%
Tawny Owls 2 – 95.2%
Tawny Owls 3 – 98.6%
Snowy Owls 1 – 94%
Snowy Owls 2 – 95.9%
Snowy Owls 3 – 95.1%

Whole School 95.8%

Target



The school day begins at 08:40

Gates open at 08:30

School finishes at 15:00

Exciting News!

We have a new club starting after half term...

Creative Dance



Please see further details below.

Stars of the Week

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



Our **Stars of the Week**!



Year R visiting Blashford Lakes Nature Reserve



New Club: Creative Dance Club

A poster for the Dorset Creative Dance Club. It features a young girl in a pink shirt and black skirt, smiling and holding two long, flowing ribbons (one blue/purple, one orange/yellow). The background is a light blue and white wave pattern. Text on the poster includes the club name, school name, a description of the classes, booking information, and contact details.

DORSET CREATIVE DANCE

HILLSIDE FIRST SCHOOL
AFTER SCHOOL DANCE CLUB

Fun and creative dance
classes for children
attending
Hillside First School
Starting after half term!

Booking opening soon through our website!

Monday 3pm - 4pm Reception, Years 1 & 2

Monday 4pm - 5pm Years 3 & 4

e: info@dorsetcreativedance.co.uk t: 07759 949 478
www.dorsetcreativedance.co.uk

Rippa Rugby Half term camps

A poster for Rippa Rugby Half term camps. It features a group of children in blue and red sports kits playing rugby on a grassy field. The poster includes the Rippa Rugby logo, a price tag of £25 per day, and details about the camps, including dates and venues.

RIPPA RUGBY

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£25
PER DAY

**MAY-HALF-TERM 3-BALL CAMPS
OF RUGBY, FOOTBALL
AND DODGEBALL**

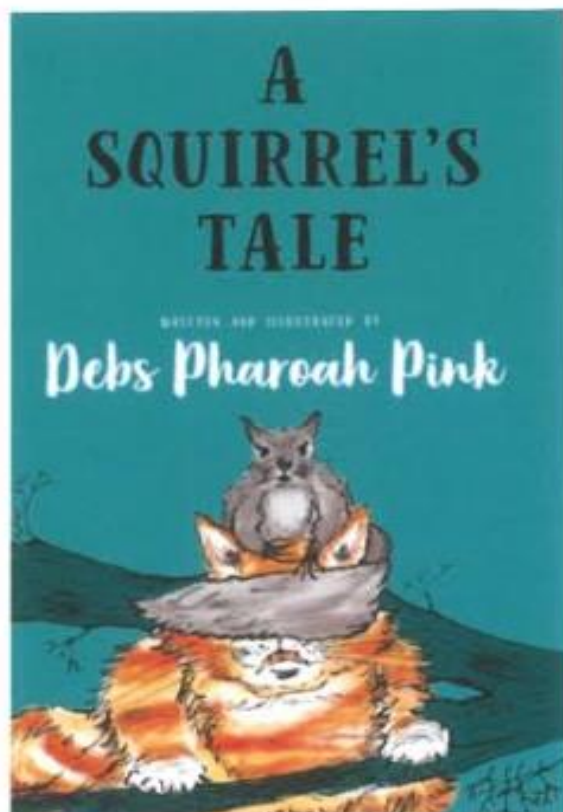
Join us for May Half-Term multi-sport camps from
9am till 4pm at the following venues and dates

Parley First School, Ferndown – 30.5.2023
Highcliffe St Mark, Highcliffe – 31.5.2023
Hillside Community First School, Verwood – 1.6.2023

Open to girls and boys from Year 1 though to Year 6 from all school
across Dorset and Hampshire.

RIPPA RUGBY

Meet the Author



Join us on Thursday 1 June to meet Debs Pharoah-Pink, author of **A Squirrel's Tale**. Hear about the adventures of Nutty Squirrel and Ginger Tom during one eventful day. Suitable for children ages 4 to 8. Limited spaces, book today.

Verwood Library

Thursday 1 June
10:30am - 12:00 noon

Children under 8 must be accompanied by a parent or carer.

For more information ☎ **01202 822972**



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Looking After Your **WELLBEING ONLINE**

We all know that taking care of our minds and bodies is essential to keep us feeling happy and healthy. The thing is, we spend so much of our time online these days that it's also important that we remember to look after ourselves in the digital world, too. Our poster has got some simple but useful tips for supporting your wellbeing while you're gaming, on social media or just using the internet.



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[@nationalonlinesafety](https://instagram.com/nationalonlinesafety)

[@national_online_safety](https://soundcloud.com/national_online_safety)

Summer term



May

Monday 1st
May Day Bank Holiday

Friday 5th
Mufti Day in exchange for tombola
donations for our Summer Fayre



Wear red, white and blue for
the King's Coronation.

Monday 8th
King's Coronation Bank Holiday

Friday 12th
Little Owls School trip
to Blashford Lakes

Tuesday 23rd
KS2 Orienteering morning

Friday 26th
Break the rules day



Monday 29th
Verwood Carnival

**Monday 29th May
to Friday 2nd June**
Half Term



June

Monday 5th
Inset Day



Friday 9th
17:00-19:30
Summer Fayre

Friday 16th
Ice-Cream Friday
Our PTA will be selling ice-creams
every Friday until the end of term

Wednesday 28th
Sports Day

UPCOMING EVENTS



July

Friday 7th
Transfer Day

Monday 10th - Wednesday 12th
Year 4 Residential Trip
to Hooke Court



Dates to be confirmed
Year 4 Leavers Assembly

Wednesday 19th
Year 4 Leavers Party

Friday 21st
Last day of term



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Clubs

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

Rippa Rugby is continuing during the Summer 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?
We 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.

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

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.


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

Log In 

HOME ABOUT TERM TIME COACHING HOLIDAY TENNIS More

This course has started, but you can book the remaining sessions.

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

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

Started 17 Apr

£50

Hillside Community First School

Available spots

BOOK NOW

Upcoming Sessions

Dates: 17 Apr 2023 - 17 Jul 2023
Total of 10 sessions