



Hillside News



Headteacher Update

Welcome back to the final half term of the academic year! I hope you had a lovely week and a chance to make the most of the wonderful weather. I thoroughly enjoyed attending the Verwood Carnival on Bank Holiday Monday and we won the 'Best Decorated Float'! A huge thank-you to the PTA for organising everything and well done to all the children and adults taking part! Our new playground area has been completed which the children have been enjoying this week:



We have cleared some more of the area behind the tennis court. This is an area we are developing for outside learning:



I would really appreciate some help clearing more of this area out on Wednesday 21st June 17:00 – 19:00 if anyone is available (even for 10-15 minutes) please? If you can help please could you let the office know.

The last half term is always a busy one with lots on! We have the Year 1 and 2 visits to Russell Cotes museum, Sports Day, reports, Year 4 residential visit to Hooke Court, Year 3 and 4 visit to Moors Valley, Year 4 Leavers Assembly as well as a number of other exciting events.

I hope to welcome as many of you as possible shortly at our Summer Fayre and a huge thanks to the PTA for organising everything!

Have a great weekend.

Healthy regards,

Mr Graves

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

Friday 9th June 2023

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

Date for your diary:

Sports Day

Wednesday 28th June AM



WEEKLY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Little Owls – 92.9%
Tawny Owls 1 – 88.3%
Tawny Owls 2 – 90%
Tawny Owls 3 – 89.3%
Snowy Owls 1 – 96.1%
Snowy Owls 2 – 92.9%
Snowy Owls 3 – 89.2%

Whole School 91.2%

Target



The school day begins at 08:40

Gates open at 08:30

School finishes at 15:00

We are continuing our focus on British Values this half term and please send in any entries to the competition. I have included a reminder of the details below:

We would like each year group to think of a character to go with a British Value and send in a picture of them along with their name e.g. Terry the Turtle of Tolerance. We have split the British Values as follows:

Year R: Respect

Year 1: Tolerance

Year 2: Rule of Law

Year 3: Liberty

Year 4: Democracy



*Please could you send your designs into school by **Monday 12th June**.*

Stars of the Week

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



Our **Stars of the Week**!







Attendance

Thank you for your support in ensuring your child's attendance in school and being on time every day. Good attendance in school is a top priority and our expectation is that pupils attend school every day for every session. We believe that regular, uninterrupted attendance secures the best possible learning achievement for all our children and we are committed to working in partnership with families to achieve this. We of course understand that children will be poorly on occasions and unable to attend school.

Schools are expected to monitor all pupils' attendance records closely and to pass these on to the receiving school when pupils transfer.

Understanding Your Percentage Attendance

100%	0 days missed	Fantastic attendance!	
99%	2 days missed	Well done—you are at or above the School Target	
98%	4 days missed		
97%	6 days missed		
96%	8 days missed	At 96% and below you are just below target—make sure you do not miss any more days	
95%	10 days missed		
94%	12 days missed		
93%	14 days missed	At 93% and below your attendance is becoming worryingly low.	
92%	16 days missed		
91%	18 days missed		
90%	19 days missed	At 90% and below you are Persistently Absent—school will support you and your family to help this improve	
89%	21 days missed		
88%	23 days missed		
87%	25 days missed		
86%	27 days missed		
85%	29 days missed		

Make every school day count!

Maddison Year 3

Well done to Maddison, who had her hair cut during half term, to donate to the little princess Trust, inspired by Lake, who did it last year.



Tennis Experience at Emmanuel Middle School

Just before half term we took a team of Year 4 children to Emmanuel Middle School for a tennis skills experience morning. All the children represented the school fantastically well and took part in different games with some other local schools and the Emmanuel Middle School Sports Leaders.



Verwood Carnival



Eco Warriors

The Eco Warriors enjoyed making bug hotels this week! They will be checking to see if they have any customers next week!



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Kate Hawker
PIANO TEACHER

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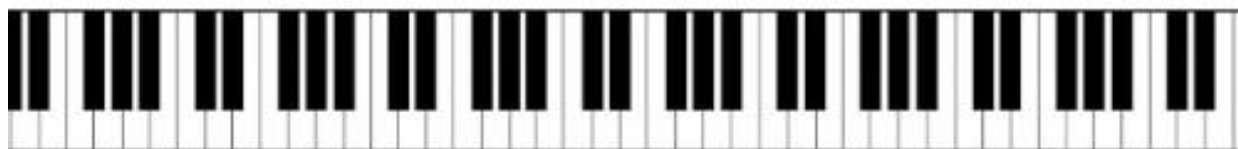
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Summer term



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.



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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!

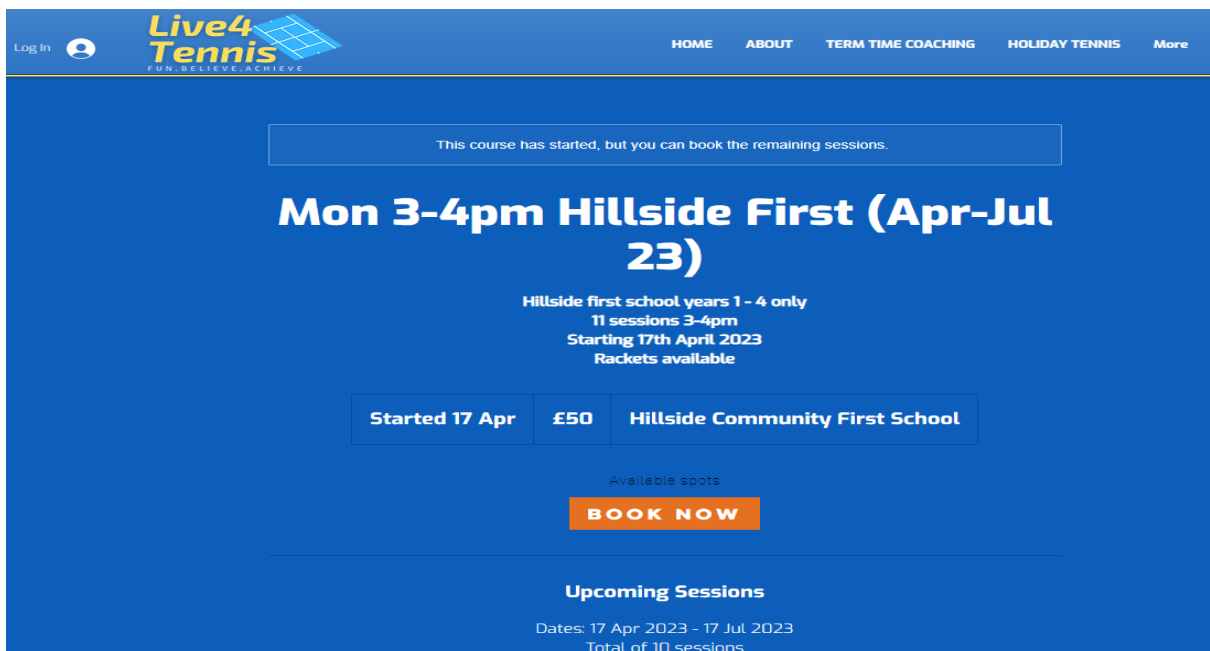
Booking opening soon through our website!

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

Monday 4pm - 5pm Years 3 & 4

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Tennis Club



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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