



# Hillside News

Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2023

☎01202 822737

✉office@hillsidefirstschool.org

<https://www.hillsidefirstschool.org>



## Headteacher Update

This week started with a visit from the local library to launch their summer reading challenge. Our school librarians helped with the launch and then showed off our library to our visitors. Further details about the challenge are available here:

[https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/whats-on-in-dorset-libraries/childrens-activities#Summer\\_Reading\\_Challenge](https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/whats-on-in-dorset-libraries/childrens-activities#Summer_Reading_Challenge)

On Tuesday we welcomed Verwood's School Council to Hillside and a full report is detailed below.

Thank you to those of you that were able to support the children at our Sports Day on Wednesday. We were lucky with the weather and it looked like the children really enjoyed themselves. We were very pleased with how the morning went and thank you to Mrs Davis for all her hard work behind the scenes preparing and organising the event. The results were shared with the children in assembly yesterday with the winning colour this year being **Yellow**.

Yesterday, our children in Year R-3 had the opportunity for their next transition event in their new classes. Just a reminder that we've changed our transition date to Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July. Our new Reception children will still be visiting us on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July.

Well, it was certainly an eventful end to Thursday yesterday with the water leak. Thanks again for your understanding and I was pleased we were able to open as usual today.

I had the pleasure of accompanying the Year 3 and 4 children on their visit to Moors Valley today. They had a great time exploring the park and thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

Have a great weekend!

Healthy regards,

Mr Graves

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

## School Reports

These will be sent home with the children on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> July.



## WEEKLY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Little Owls – 90.4%  
Tawny Owls 1 – 92.7%  
Tawny Owls 2 – 97.0%  
Tawny Owls 3 – 95.7%  
Snowy Owls 1 – 95.3%  
Snowy Owls 2 – 94.3%  
Snowy Owls 3 – 92.3%

Whole School 94%

Target



The school day begins at 08:40

Gates open at 08:30

School finishes at 15:00

Thank you for the additional donations for our **Food Bank**.

Please feel free to access this 07:45 – 17:45 Monday to Friday.



### **Hillside First Schools' School Parliament meets Verwood First Schools' School Council...again!**

On Tuesday, 26th June, Verwood First School's School Council embarked on an exciting visit to Hillside First School. The purpose of the visit was to meet with Hillside's School Parliament, exchange ideas, and explore the school. All the children involved were exceptionally well behaved and a credit to both schools.

The meeting started with a round of introductions, allowing all children and adults present to familiarise themselves with one another again. This created a warm and welcoming atmosphere, setting the stage for constructive discussions to follow later on! Next, the children were divided into two groups and treated to a tour of Hillside First School. They then had the opportunity to explore the school.

Afterwards, over squash and biscuits, Verwood First School's School Council members shared their valuable feedback on their impressions of Hillside First School. The children commended the school grounds, the concept of mixed-age classes, and liked the Dream Big mural displayed in the school hall. Their feedback highlighted the positive aspects of Hillside's educational approach and ideas for potential improvements.

As the meeting drew to a close, the children from both schools decided they would like to work on a joint venture next academic year. This exciting prospect demonstrates their enthusiasm for working together and continuing to strengthen the relationship between the two schools. As a token of gratitude, Hillside's School Parliament reciprocated the gift they had received during their previous visit to Verwood First School. They presented Verwood's School Council with a Snowy Owl, which holds special significance as an owl is Hillside First School's logo. The owl will find its home in Verwood First School's library, symbolising the shared values and partnership between the two schools.

Overall, the joint School Council meeting between Verwood First School and Hillside First School was a resounding success. The event not only facilitated meaningful interactions between the children but also provided a platform for future collaborations and exchange of ideas. The exceptional conduct displayed by all children was a testament to the values instilled in both schools, and the event served as a springboard for future working together between the two schools.



Members of Hillside First School's School Parliament and Verwood First School's School Council



Summer Reading Challenge 2023

# Ready, Set, Read!

Presented by The Reading Agency.  
Delivered in partnership with libraries.



YOUTH  
SPORT  
TRUST

INSPIRING  
ACTIVE  
READERS

THE  
READING  
AGENCY

Illustrations by Loretta Schauer and logo artwork by Lizzie Everard. All © The Reading Agency 2023.

**RIPPA  
RUGBY**

TO BOOK YOUR SPACE  
VISIT [RIPPARUGBY.CO.UK](http://RIPPARUGBY.CO.UK)  
EMAIL [STUART@RIPPARUGBY.CO.UK](mailto:STUART@RIPPARUGBY.CO.UK)  
CALL STUART ON 07899 268265

ONLY  
**£25**  
PER DAY

## SUMMER BREAK 3-BALL CAMPS FOOTBALL, RUGBY AND DODGEBALL

Join us for our Summer 3-Ball Camps from 9am through to 4pm  
at the following venues and dates...

Parley First School  
Glenmoor Road, West Parley, BH22 8QE  
Tuesday 25th July 2023  
Tuesday 1st August 2023  
Tuesday 8th August 2023  
Tuesday 15th August 2023  
Tuesday 22nd August 2023

Highcliffe St Mark Primary  
Greenways, Highcliffe, Christchurch, BH23 5AZ  
Thursday 27th July 2023  
Thursday 3rd August 2023  
Thursday 10th August 2023  
Thursday 17th August 2023  
Thursday 24th August 2023

Open to boys and girls from school years 1 through to 7

TO BOOK YOUR SPACE  
VISIT [RIPPARUGBY.CO.UK](http://RIPPARUGBY.CO.UK)  
EMAIL [STUART@RIPPARUGBY.CO.UK](mailto:STUART@RIPPARUGBY.CO.UK)  
CALL STUART ON 07899 268265

**RIPPA  
RUGBY**

**Available during the next academic year, during and after the school day:**

# PIANO/KEYBOARD LESSONS

LESSONS FOR YOUR CHILD



**Kate Hawker**  
PIANO TEACHER

**Would you like to learn how to play the piano or keyboard?**

- With an expert knowledge of music both practical and theory.
- Able to tailor lessons to meet students' diverse needs as well as being engaging and fun.
- Play for pleasure or follow graded examinations (ABRSM)



**Music Teacher for  
36 years in Dorset Schools  
Student Mentor  
ECT Mentor**

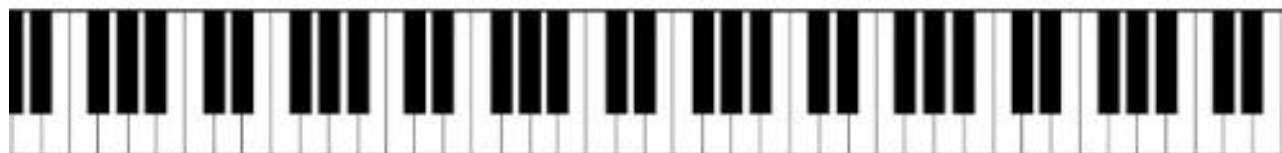
## The benefits of playing piano

Music lessons can help develop your child's reading and mathematical skills.

Research shows it also develops their concentration, listening, creativity and increases confidence and self-esteem.

For more information contact Kate Hawker -

Email: [hawkerk1@gmail.com](mailto:hawkerk1@gmail.com) • Or call: 07798 794947





# Summer term



## May

**Monday 1<sup>st</sup>**  
May Day Bank Holiday

**Friday 5<sup>th</sup>**

Mufti Day in exchange for tombola donations for our Summer Fayre



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

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup>**

King's Coronation Bank Holiday

**Friday 12<sup>th</sup>**

Little Owls School trip to Blashford Lakes

**Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup>**

KS2 Orienteering morning

**Friday 26<sup>th</sup>**

Break the rules day



**Monday 29<sup>th</sup>**

Verwood Carnival



## July

**Monday 10<sup>th</sup>**  
Transfer Day

**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup>**  
Year 4 Leavers Party

**Monday 17<sup>th</sup> - Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup>**  
Year 4 Residential Trip to Hooke Court



**Friday 21<sup>st</sup>**  
Last day of term



## June

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup>**  
Inset Day

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup>**  
17:00-19:30  
Summer Fayre

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup>**

Ice-Cream Friday

Our PTA will be selling ice-creams every Friday until the end of term

**Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup>**  
Sports Day

**Friday 30<sup>th</sup>**  
KS2 Trip to Moors Valley



[www.hillsidefirstschool.org](http://www.hillsidefirstschool.org) ~ 01202 822737 ~ [office@hillsidefirstschool.org](mailto:office@hillsidefirstschool.org)

## 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.



**RIPPA RUGBY**

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.

TO BOOK YOUR SPACE  
VISIT [RIPPARUGBY.CO.UK](https://www.ripparugby.co.uk/)  
EMAIL [STUART@RIPPARUGBY.CO.UK](mailto:STUART@RIPPARUGBY.CO.UK)  
CALL STUART ON 07899 268265

### New Club: Creative Dance Club

Booking now open via:

[www.bookwhen.com/dorsetcreativedance](http://www.bookwhen.com/dorsetcreativedance)

Password: Hillside2023



**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](mailto:info@dorsetcreativedance.co.uk) t: 07759 949 478  
[www.dorsetcreativedance.co.uk](http://www.dorsetcreativedance.co.uk)