

Hillside News

**DATES TO
REMEMBER**



Tuesday 10th October
World Mental Health Day

Friday 13th October
PTA School discos after
school
15:00 – 16:30: Year R – I
17:00 – 18:30: Year 2, 3
and 4

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everything we do



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WEEKLY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Little Owls 1	99.6%
Little Owls 2	97%
Tawny Owls 1	97.9%
Tawny Owls 2	92.2%
Tawny Owls 3	92.4%
Snowy Owls 1	93%
Snowy Owls 2	94.8%
Snowy Owls 3	97.4%

Whole School 96%

Target



Gates open at 08:30
Gates close at 08:40
The school day begins
at 08:40
School finishes at 15:00

Headteacher Update

We have had another fantastic week at school, with a continued focus on our core values during assembly. This time, we delved into the significance of respect, a principle that is in both one of our school rules and British Values. We engaged in thoughtful discussions about what respect really means, its importance, and the ways in which we can show respect both within ourselves and to others.

On Wednesday morning we held our first open morning for prospective parents for the next academic year. I was very proud walking around our school, with happy, engaged children, enjoying their learning. We received lots of positive feedback which was great to hear.

In our Reception classes, our young learners have been immersed in listening to poems, starting learning some of the initial sounds in phonics and recognising patterns! Meanwhile, in Year 1, there has been a focus on writing and the use of adjectives and I have been very impressed with how hard they have all been working. Year 2 children have been enhancing their geographical skills with map work by using keys and looking at compass directions. They have also been learning about the weather in different parts of the United Kingdom. In a fascinating educational visit, Year 3 and 4 children paid a visit to the local solar farm in Verwood. The magnitude of this facility, equivalent to 64 football pitches, boasting over 70,000 individual solar panels, and providing renewable energy for approximately 8,500 homes, left both children and adults in awe. A huge thank you to Tracy Linney from the Earth Energy Education team for making this visit possible. Tracy has also been following up with workshops in class today.

Looking ahead to next Wednesday at 11:00, two Year 4 students and I will be featured on Forest FM radio, where we plan to discuss and promote our school. Please tune in if you are available at this time and I'll be sure to share a recording of the session once it is available.

As a bit of a tradition now, I must once again acknowledge the Men's England rugby team. They secured an impressive victory against Chile last weekend and are now gearing up to take on Samoa on 7th October. In addition, the Women's England rugby team are playing Canada this Saturday. Wishing them both the best of luck!

Have a great weekend.

Healthy regards,
Mr Graves

**World Mental Health
Day**
Tuesday 10th October



Children can wear yellow
to school on this day to
support this worthy cause
for a suggested donation of
£1 to the World Mental
Health Charity via
Parentmail or cash to class
teacher.

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



Little Owls have started joining us in assemblies this week and will have their first stars of the week next Friday!



Hot chocolate time!



A few pictures from the Year 3 / 4 educational visit to the Verwood Solar Farm.



School Drop Off Zone

If you are using all the drop off zone and are the first few cars, please could you drive to the end of the zone to allow other cars in. We have been experiencing a bit of back log of cars the last few days and it would be great to keep the traffic moving. If you need to stop and come in, then please use the parking spaces. Thanks for your support with this.

We are excited to announce that we will be hosting a special Harvest Festival for the children on **Monday 9th October**. In the spirit of giving and community, we would appreciate any food donations you can kindly spare which we will take to a local Food Bank.

If you are able to help, we kindly request donations of the following items by Friday 6th October:

Canned goods
Pasta sauce
Long-life milk
Long-life juice
Cereal
Biscuits
Tea bags

Thanks in advance for your generosity and support.





Please make a note of these upcoming events in your diary

Autumn term

UPCOMING EVENTS

September

Friday 1st

Inset Day

Monday 4th

Inset Day

Monday 18th

Individual & Sibling Photographs



Wednesday 27th

New Parents Open Morning
09:30 - 11:30

Thursday 28th

KS2 classes - Solar Farm Visit

October

Tuesday 3rd

New Parents Open Morning
09:30 - 11:30

Monday 9th

Harvest Assembly

Tuesday 10th

World Mental Health Day

Friday 13th

PTA Event - School Disco

Monday 16th

Parent Consultations

Wednesday 18th

Parent Consultations

Thursday 19th

Year 3 / 4 trip to Fishbourne

Friday 20th

PTA Event - Craft Friday

Monday 23rd - Friday 27th

Half Term

Monday 30th

Inset Day



November

Monday 6th

Remembrance Assembly

Wednesday 8th

New Parents Open Evening
17:00 - 19:00

Monday 13th

New Parents Open Morning
09:30 - 11:30

Tuesday 14th

Friendship Week Assembly

Thursday 16th

Flu Immunisation

Friday 17th

Children in Need

Friday 17th

Reception, Year 1 and 2 Movie Night

Thursday 23rd

PTA Event

Mufti day in exchange for tombola
prizes for the Christmas Fayre

Friday 24th

Year 3 and 4 Movie Night



December

**Thursday 7th
& Friday 8th**
PTA Christmas Shop



Friday 8

Christmas Fayre

Friday 8th

Christmas Jumper Day
Children can wear a
Christmas jumper along
with non-school uniform

Monday 11th

Christmas Performances

Tuesday 12th

Christmas Performances

Wednesday 13th

Christmas Performances

Thursday 14th

Christmas Party
FREE Mufti day
Children invited to
wear party clothes

Thursday 14th

Last day
of term



After School Clubs

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Monday 4pm - 5pm Years 3 & 4

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Hillside First School are pleased to offer the following clubs:

Monday

15:00-16:00 – Computer Explorers (Year 3-4)
15:00-16:00 – Creative Dance (Year R-2)
16:00-17:00 – Creative Dance (Year 3-4)

Tuesday

08:00-08:30 – Sports & Fitness Breakfast Club
12:00-12:30 – Sports & Fitness Lunch Club
15:00-15:50 – After School Football Club
~~15:00-16:00 – Tennis (Year 2-4)~~

Thursday

15:00-16:00 – Rugby (Year R-4)

Friday

Lessons in school – Rocksteady
15:00-16:00 – Computer Explorers (Year 1-2)
15:00-16:00 – Dodgeball (awaiting booking details from BRS). Starting after half term.

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AFTER SCHOOL TECH CLUB

Computer Xplorers



15:00-16:00
MONDAY Y3-4
FRIDAY Y1-2

£8 per session
10% OFF for siblings

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