

Hillside News

**DATES TO
REMEMBER**



INSET Day

Monday 30th October

Children Return

Tuesday 31st October

Children in Need

Friday 17th November

Hillside First School

where
children
are at
the **heart** of
everything we do



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Headteacher Update 20th October 2023

I can't believe that we are at the end of the first half term of the new school year. It has certainly been filled with lots of fun and learning.

This week, we kicked off with an assembly dedicated to Black History Month. We learnt about the inspiring journey of Marcus Rashford, both on the sports field as well as his charity work and everything he has achieved with free school meals.

In Reception, children have been actively engaging in a variety of autumn-themed activities, both indoors and outdoors, while also progressing in their phonics, focusing on initial sounds. Meanwhile, Year 1 and 2 children have been writing sentences inspired by autumn, using their senses to enhance their writing. In an exciting educational visit, Year 3 and 4 children went to the Fishbourne Roman Museum as part of their Roman studies, this allowed them the opportunity to deepen their understanding as well as thoroughly enjoying the experience.

Once again, I like to say thank you for your generous harvest donations. Below, you'll find a poster from the Trussell Trust food bank, expressing their thanks and detailing the amount of food contributed. Your contributions will make a significant difference for families in need.

While it might feel early to mention it, we wanted to provide you with ample notice for our upcoming Christmas performances. Please find the dates below. Details regarding ticket bookings will be sent out after the half term break.

Over the half term holiday, we're excited to inform you that we'll be commencing the installation of new perimeter fencing in specific areas of the school. This enhancement will primarily focus on the sides of the field bordering the heathland. Additionally, we're expanding the Reception children's outdoor area, offering them even more space to explore and play. This project will continue into the next half term. Once it's completed, I'll be sure to update you and share some photos so you can see the positive changes that have taken place.

Have a great half term!

Healthy regards,

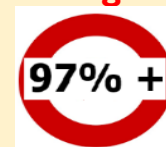
Mr Graves

WEEKLY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Little Owls 1	95%
Little Owls 2	90%
Tawny Owls 1	99%
Tawny Owls 2	87%
Tawny Owls 3	89%
Snowy Owls 1	88%
Snowy Owls 2	95%
Snowy Owls 3	94%

Whole School 92%

Target



Gates open at 08:30

Gates close at 08:40

**The school day begins
at 08:40**

School finishes at 15:00

**Good luck to the
Men's England
Rugby Team in
the Rugby World
Cup semi-final
this weekend.**



England
Rugby

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



Hot chocolate time!





We are very proud of all our children and everything they have achieved during this first half term. Thank you for all your support and we would like to wish all our families a lovely half term and look forward to welcoming you back on Tuesday 31st October.
From all the team at Hillside First School.

Sumdog Maths Contest Year 1 - 4 RESULTS



South West England Sumdog Maths Contest

Fantastic news! We're proud to announce that we had two children in the top 3 and two classes in the top 10! This competition spanned across the entirety of South West England, with 1,111 children and 136 classes participating. A big thank you and congratulations to everyone who took part!

Mr West, Maths Leader

Position	Class	School	Score
1st	Leon A	Pimperne Primary	978
2nd	Olivia M	Hillside Community First School	957
3rd	Ryley P	Hillside Community First School	954

Position	Class name	Score
1st	Class 3, St-Wenn School	500
2nd	5, Pimperne Primary	391
3rd	Year 3, Connor Downs Academy	348
4th	6, Pimperne Primary	346
5th	Snowy 2, Hillside Community First School	327
6th	4, Pimperne Primary	299
7th	P5, Truro High School	267
8th	Snowy 3, Hillside Community First School	260
9th	Merlin, Lytchett Matravers Primary School	254
10th	Sparrows, Preston Primary School Academy	221



Olivia and Ryley



A selection of the hedgehogs made by the talented children in **Reception**.

We are really impressed with their work!

Ringwood Foodbank would like to thank

Hillside First School

for your very generous donation of food from your recent Harvest collection. (October 2023)

171.65 kg of food

was collected - a wonderful effort by everyone.

This will feed

17 people

3 meals a day

for at least 3 days

while they are in a crisis situation.

Thank you.

The Foodbank Team



Christmas Performances

Our Christmas performances will be held on the following dates in December:

Monday 11th December

09:15 - Year 3/4 Christmas Concert

13:45 - Year 1/2 Nativity & Carols

Tuesday 12th December

09:15 - Year 1/2 Nativity & Carols

13:45 - Little Owls Nativity

Wednesday 13th December

09:15 - Little Owls Nativity

13:45 - Year 3/4 Christmas Concert

Tickets are £1 per person and limited to 2 per family due to the capacity of the hall.

Tickets will go on sale on ParentMail during November.



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

DORSET CREATIVE DANCE

HILLSIDE FIRST SCHOOL
AFTER SCHOOL DANCE CLUB

Fun and creative dance classes for children attending Hillside First School
Password for booking: Hillside2023!

Booking opening soon through our website!

Monday 3pm - 4pm Reception, Years 1 & 2
Monday 4pm - 5pm Years 3 & 4

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Poole Forest School After School Club at Hillside
Thursday 2nd November- Thursday 7th December

Tools, shelter building, bushcraft, natural crafts campfire cooking and much more. Ofsted registered for ages 5-11. Accept childcare vouchers

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FOREST SCHOOL POOLE

BOOK ONLINE
<https://forms.gle/o2kopN9sqFkATPWw5>
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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

Thursday

15:00-16:00 – Rugby (Year R-4)
15:00-16:00 – Forest School (Year 1-4).
Starting after half term.

Friday

Lessons in school – Rocksteady
15:00-16:00 – Computer Explorers (Year 1-2)
15:00-16:00 – Dodgeball

CODING | GAME DESIGN | ANIMATION

AFTER SCHOOL TECH CLUB

Computer Xplorers

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

£8 per session
10% OFF for siblings

CLICK OR TAP HERE TO BOOK NOW

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Department for Education