

# Hillside News

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**DATES TO  
REMEMBER**



**Remembrance Assembly**  
Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November

**Friendship (Anti-Bullying)  
Week**  
w.c. 13<sup>th</sup> November

**Odd Socks Day**  
Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November

**Children in Need**  
Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November  
Children can wear spots and  
non-school uniform

## Headteacher Update 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2023

I hope you had a wonderful half-term break! It has been a joy to welcome the children back this week. We started off with a whole-school assembly to revisit our three school rules, British Values, and our core school values.

Across the school, the children have been fully engaged in their learning once again. Our Reception children have been busy creating fantastic firework pictures, making rockets, and delving into the world of numbers, with a special focus on the number 5. Year 1 has kicked off their new topic, 'Welcome to Verwood,' and had a fun time locating Verwood on a map. Meanwhile, Year 2 has been immersed in a variety of traditional tales and will soon focus in more depth on the story of The Three Little Pigs. Year 3 and 4 have continued their fascinating journey through Roman history, delving into column method subtraction.

Over the half-term break, work has commenced on the fencing around the school perimeter, and we're excited to announce that our outdoor Reception area has been extended, providing even more space for the children to explore and learn. I've included a couple of photos below for you to see the progress.

We have a bustling half-term ahead of us leading up to Christmas, with a host of exciting events and activities planned for the children. I want to ensure you have all the details well in advance. I apologise for the number of Parentmails, but it's important to me that you have access to key information. Additionally, you can find upcoming events in the weekly newsletter and important dates listed along the side. Please don't hesitate to get in contact if you need any further clarification.

This week, the children have been putting themselves forward if they are interested in becoming a member of the School Parliament. Next Tuesday, we will hold our Polling Day for the children to vote for their class representatives. Each class will have two children who will meet with me fortnightly, and during our initial meeting, we will hold a vote for our Prime Minister, Deputy Prime Minister, and Chairperson. This coincides with UK Parliament week, which runs from November 6<sup>th</sup> to the 12<sup>th</sup>.

On Monday, November 6<sup>th</sup>, we will hold a Remembrance Day assembly. We extend an invitation to children who are part of the Girlguiding or Scouting movements to come to school wearing their respective uniforms, whether it be Rainbow, Brownie, Guide, Beavers, Cubs, or Scouts. Together, we will observe a two-minute silence to honour the brave soldiers who sacrificed their lives for our freedom.

Please note that I will be out of the school on Thursday and Friday next week, as I will be attending a local leadership conference. Mrs. Pain will be in charge during my absence and will lead the Celebration Assembly on Friday.

Wishing you a fantastic weekend, hopefully with some improved weather.

Healthy regards,

Mr Graves

## WEEKLY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Little Owls 1	76%
Little Owls 2	60%
Tawny Owls 1	100%
Tawny Owls 2	93%
Tawny Owls 3	97%
Snowy Owls 1	97%
Snowy Owls 2	92%
Snowy Owls 3	95%

**Whole School 90%**

**Target**



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

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November**



Children can wear odd  
socks with the rest of  
their school uniform as  
part of Friendship (Anti-  
Bullying) week.

[Website Link](#)

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



**Hot chocolate time!**





## Reception Children

Our children in Reception have been thoroughly enjoying their new Veterinary Surgery role play area!



## Running Club

Thank you for all your responses.

This will start on Tuesday 7th November and run every Tuesday until the end of term. Feel free to turn up whenever convenient if you are interested.

07:55: Meet at the school to drop off bags, etc.

08:00: Begin our run along the roads near the school, eventually leading to the heath.

08:25: Return to school, collect belongings, and head to class.

Each child must be accompanied by an adult who will run alongside them and take sole responsibility for their child throughout the session.

Hopefully, see you on Tuesday.



## Rotary Club Christmas Shoebox Appeal

A HUGE thank you for all the Christmas shoeboxes that we have received to date for the Rotary Club Christmas Shoebox appeal.

[Rotary Christmas Shoebox Appeal](#)





Despite Storm Ciarán, our Snowy Owls I children embraced the challenge this afternoon during their first Outside Adventures/Forest School session. They enthusiastically tackled a range of activities, from skilfully sawing and drilling wood to fashion necklaces, to expressing their creativity with tree clay designs. Unfazed by the rain, they enjoyed their culinary exploration in the mud kitchen, and even embarked on a few scavenger hunts. Their adventurous spirit shone through! Well done children in Snowy Owls I and thanks to Cara from Poole Forest School for delivering the session.





### School site update

Work started during the half term holiday with the fencing upgrade. Here is a photo from our extended Reception outside area:



We will now be working on developing this extra outside area with the children.

Have your child lost their drinks bottle? If one of these belongs to your child, they are currently in our office, where you can collect them.



## *Christmas Performances*

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

### **Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December**

09:15 - Year 3/4 Christmas Concert

13:45 - Year 1/2 Nativity & Carols

### **Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December**

09:15 - Year 1/2 Nativity & Carols

13:45 - Little Owls Nativity

### **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup>**

Inset Day

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup>**

Inset Day

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup>**

Individual & Sibling Photographs

**Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup>**

New Parents Open Morning  
09:30 - 11:30

**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup>**

KS2 classes - Solar Farm Visit

## October

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup>**

New Parents Open Morning  
09:30 - 11:30

**Monday 9<sup>th</sup>**

Harvest Assembly

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup>**

World Mental Health Day

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup>**

PTA Event - School Disco

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup>**

Parent Consultations

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup>**

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**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup>**

Year 3 / 4 trip to Fishbourne

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup>**

PTA Event - Craft Friday

**Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> - Friday 27<sup>th</sup>**

Half Term

**Monday 30<sup>th</sup>**

Inset Day



## November

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup>**

Remembrance Assembly

**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup>**

New Parents Open Evening  
17:00 - 19:00

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup>**

New Parents Open Morning  
09:30 - 11:30

**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup>**

Friendship Week Assembly

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup>**

Flu Immunisation

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup>**

Children in Need

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup>**

Reception, Year 1 and 2 Movie Night

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup>**

Mufti day in exchange for tombola prizes for the Christmas Fayre

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup>**

Year 3 and 4 Movie Night

## December

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup>  
& Friday 8<sup>th</sup>**  
PTA Christmas Shop



**Friday 8**

Christmas Fayre

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup>**

Christmas Performances

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup>**

Christmas Performances

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup>**

Christmas Performances

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup>**

Christmas Party  
FREE Mufti day  
Children invited to  
wear party clothes

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup>**

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

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

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

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

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.  
est. 2019

**FOREST SCHOOL POOLE**

BOOK ONLINE  
<https://forms.gle/o2kopN9sqFkATPWw5>  
[www.pooleforestschool.com](http://www.pooleforestschool.com)  
[marina@pooleforestschool.com](mailto:marina@pooleforestschool.com)

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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