

Hillside News



**DATES TO
REMEMBER**



Tuesday 12th December
Celebration of Achievement
Afternoon
15:00 – 16:00 straight after
school

Thursday 14th December
Christmas Party Day

Headteacher Update 8th December 2023

The festive spirit has continued to take pace throughout our school this week, as our children added the final touches to their Christmas performances with dress rehearsals for the rest of the school to enjoy.

A heartfelt thank you to our wonderful PTA, whose dedication has once again shone brightly, this time through the running of our Christmas shop that delighted our children.

I hope you had the chance to experience the magic of our, "We Wish You a Merry Christmas" presentation. Our children showcased their talents, bringing some festive cheer. If you haven't had the opportunity to watch it yet, please follow the link [here](#).

Our Christmas writing competition has concluded, and I extend my thanks for the numerous entries we received. Mr. Pain and our dedicated librarians now face the challenging task of judging the entries, with the winners to be announced early next week. The children with the winning entries will have a special purpose as they visit patients at the stroke unit at Bournemouth Hospital. We are also hopeful that they will spread joy at Verwood Care Home by reading their stories to the residents there.

A massive thank you to Goadsby for their generous donation of our real-life Christmas tree! We deeply appreciate their continued support.

A huge thank you to Mr. West for organising and delivering our first ever parent/child Maths Information event. Presentation slides have been sent through ParentMail, and we welcome any questions you may have. Your engagement and support are invaluable to us.

In a delightful Hillside first, two enchanting reindeer paid a visit to our school today! This magical experience, made possible by the tireless efforts of Tracy Pearson, brought joy to both our children and staff team. Please find further details below.

As we approach our eagerly awaited Christmas Fayre from 17:00 – 19:30 this evening, we hope to see you there. A special thank you to the tireless efforts of the PTA team, whose weeks of organisation contribute significantly to raising funds for our school.

Wishing you and your family a fantastic weekend.

Healthy regards,

Mr Graves

WEEKLY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Little Owls 1	91%
Little Owls 2	88%
Tawny Owls 1	97%
Tawny Owls 2	96%
Tawny Owls 3	96%
Snowy Owls 1	95%
Snowy Owls 2	96%
Snowy Owls 3	93%

Whole School 94%

Target



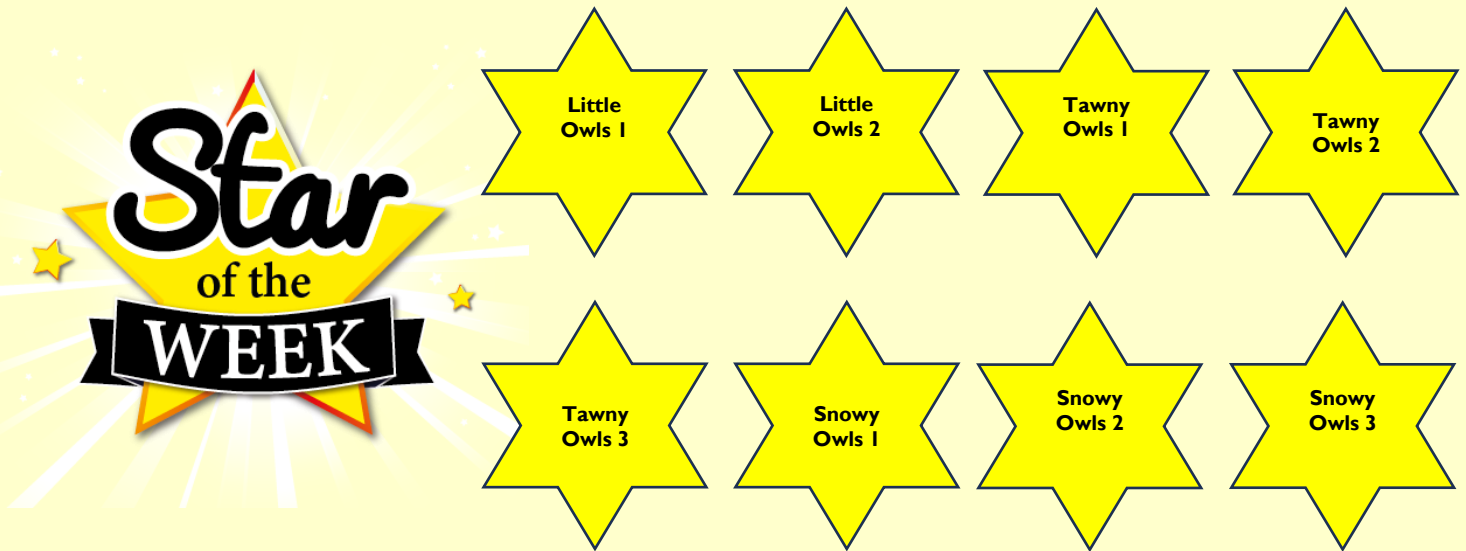
Gates open at 08:30
Gates close at 08:40
The school day begins
at 08:40
School finishes at 15:00

**Celebration of
Achievement
afternoon**



Please join us on
Tuesday 12th
December straight
after school by
visiting your
children's and other
classrooms across
the school.

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



No Star of the week this week due to dress rehearsals and Christmas Fayre preparations.

Yesterday, we said goodbye to Mrs. Timmins, who has been an important part of our staff for the last two years. She is leaving our school to embark on a full-time teaching assistant position at Emmanuel Middle School.

Mrs. Timmins has been instrumental in various capacities, leading Tawny Owls 2 during lunchtimes, offering dedicated 1:1 support for a child in the afternoons, and occasionally providing additional teaching assistant support.

Her commitment and contributions have been invaluable, and we extend our heartfelt appreciation for her dedication to our school community.



We had some special visitors at school today...Jingles and Prancer!

All our children got to meet the reindeer and learnt some interesting facts, such as:

- Reindeer antlers are found on both males and females.
- Their sense of sight and hearing aren't brilliant, relying mainly on their sense of smell.
- When they walk they click...it's a tendon in their foot passing over a bone! This also helps them locate their herd in blizzards!

A massive thank-you to Tracy Pearson, our PTA chair, for organising everything and to <https://nandjheavyhorses.co.uk/> for making this possible.



On Tuesday, some of our Year 4 children visited Verwood Care home to bring some Christmas cheer by singing some Christmas carols. The children also spoke to some of the residents after their performance. This added an extra layer of meaning to this festive visit, creating lasting memories for both our children and the residents of Verwood Care Home.





A very big 'Thank You' to Goadsby for their generous donation of our real-life Christmas tree!

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A festive poster for the Verwood House Care Home Christmas Fair. The top features the text "VERWOOD HOUSE CARE HOME" in green and "CHRISTMAS FAIR" in large red letters, flanked by hanging Christmas ornaments. Below this is the text "Join us for afternoon full of festive activities!". The center of the poster is dominated by a large illustration of several wrapped Christmas gifts in red, green, and gold paper with various patterns. The bottom section has a red background with the date and time "9th of December 2-5pm" in white script. Below this is the address "Verwood House care home 42-44 Ringwood Road Verwood, Dorset BH31 7AH". At the bottom, it lists "Christmas stalls | drinks | games" and states "FREE ENTRY". A final note at the very bottom says "Please note: some stall holders will only accept cash payments". The poster is decorated with snowflakes, a snowman, and candy canes.

Christmas at Hillside

Hillside First School
Christmas Fayre
All Welcome

8th December 5pm to 7.30pm

With lots to go including
Santa Storytelling
Life Crafts
Mrs. Claus Baking
Games, Tombolas
Cake sale
Food and Drink
Stalls
and lots more




Christmas Shop
Thursday 7th December
Friday 8th December

Buy Christmas gifts for parents,
carers, grandparents at £2.50 each.
Limited to 2 per child. Available to
purchase in the shop on Parentmail




Christmas Party
Thursday 14th December
FREE MUFTI
Children can wear
their Christmas
party outfits



Christmas Holidays

Last day of term:
Thursday 14th December

Children return to school on:
Wednesday 3rd January 2024



Christmas Jumper Day Friday 8th December



Children can
wear a Christmas
jumper to school with
non-school uniform

Christmas Lunch Wednesday 13th December



Book your festive
lunch with
Chartwells by
Sunday 26th
November

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.



Spring term



UPCOMING EVENTS

January

HAPPY ★ NEW ★ YEAR

Tuesday 2nd
INSET Day

Tuesday 23rd
National Handwriting Day



February

Friday 2nd
NSPCC Number Day



Monday 5th
Parent Consultations



Tuesday 6th
Safer Internet Day

Wednesday 7th
Parent Consultations

Monday 12th - Friday 16th
Half Term

Monday 19th
INSET day

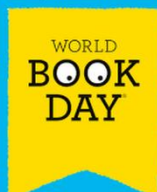
Friday 23rd
PTA Event - School Disco



March

Week Commencing
Monday 4th
World Book Day
week of celebrations

Thursday 7th
World Book Day
Dress up as a character
from one of your favourite books



Friday 15th
Comic Relief



Friday 15th
Sponsored Bounce

Friday 22nd
PTA Event - Craft Friday

Thursday 28th
Inset Day



April



Friday 29th March to
Friday 12th April
Easter
Holidays

Monday 15th
Children return to school

Friday 19th
PTA Event
break the rules day



Monday 22nd



Class and Year 4
leavers photographs

After School Clubs

DORSET CREATIVE DANCE

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AFTER SCHOOL DANCE CLUB

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

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

07:55-08:20 – Running club
08:00-08:30 – Sports & Fitness Breakfast Club
12:00-12:30 – Sports & Fitness Lunch Club
15:00-16:00 – After School Football Club

Wednesday

15:00-16:00 – Creative Club (Year 3-4)

Thursday

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

Friday

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

Poole Forest School After School Club at Hillside
Thursday 11th January - Thursday 21st March

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/VRb1265DTXSsvk8y5>
www.pooleforestschool.com
marina@pooleforestschool.com

CODING | GAME DESIGN | ANIMATION

AFTER SCHOOL TECH CLUB

Computer Explorers

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

£8 per session
10% OFF for siblings

CLICK OR TAP HERE TO BOOK NOW

HILLSIDE FIRST SCHOOL

Running Club on Tuesday mornings before school

Please 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.

