

# Hillside News



## Hillside Values

- Trying our best every day.
- Kindness and honesty always.
- Working as a Hillside Team.
- Using good manners.

### Headteacher update

In Nursery the children have been busy using counting cubes to measure the three bears, comparing amounts using language of more or less. They have also had a great time at their pyjama party making and tasting porridge. The children have done an amazing job of remembering the characters and the sequence of events from the story of Goldilocks.

In Reception we have been learning all about man-made and natural materials in preparation for our walk to the Hogsback next week. In Literacy we have been drawing story maps of the story Handa's Surprise and in maths we have been learning about 4 sided shapes.

Year 1 have started reading the story Lost and Found and have been learning it through their class story maps. In maths they have been learning all about 2D and 3D shapes. In science they have been exploring what the different animal groups look like. A definite highlight was the amazing pantomime on Thursday!

In Year 2, the children have been learning how to add and subtract two-digit numbers across a ten. Everyone worked incredibly hard and tried their very best. We are so proud of their fantastic learning this week!

Have an enjoyable weekend.

Mrs Rebecca Fennell



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## General Information

### **Christmas Surprise Room**

From Monday 2nd December, we are inviting children to bring in an unwrapped gift for our Christmas Surprise Room. We welcome all suitable donations, though we kindly ask that no alcohol is sent in.

To take part, children must donate a gift by Thursday 11th December and pay £2 via Arbor. Those who have done so and have donated a gift will visit the Surprise Room on Tuesday 16th December to choose a special present for someone at home. Children will have the opportunity to choose from the donated items, so they may bring home something different from what you contributed.

We would also be very grateful for parent volunteers to help on the day. If you are able to support us, please contact the school office.

### **Activity Costs**

The in-school pantomime was fantastic this week! The children thoroughly enjoyed the traditional tale of Snow White and loved getting the chance to take part in the panto.

We would like to remind families that, although contributions are voluntary, this year we had a significant number of parents and carers who did not contribute. Unfortunately, enrichment events like this cannot continue in the future unless we receive enough contributions to cover the costs.

Thank you to those who supported the event—we truly appreciate it.

### **After-School Activity Clubs – January**

Details and booking links for the after-school activity clubs starting in January have been sent to all parents and carers this week. The clubs available are as follows:

**Mondays:** Gymnastics [click to book](#)

**Tuesday:** Streetdance [click to book](#)

**Tuesday:** Year 1 Computer Club – Book via Arbor

**Thursday:** Drama/Performing arts

**Thursday:** Football [click to book](#)

**Friday:** Football [click to book](#)

Spaces are limited and will be offered on a first-come, first-served basis.

### **Xmas Lunch**

The Christmas themed lunch menu will be available on School Grid. This will be shown alongside your child's allergy menu and will allow you to choose any of the options from either menu. Please be aware that there may be elements of the Christmas menu your child will not be able to eat due to their allergy, however the cook will serve a version of the Christmas lunch with your child's allergy elements removed.

### **Wraparound Care**

Please ensure that all sessions for Breakfast Club and After-School Club are booked in advance. Both clubs are now extremely busy and are regularly reaching full capacity. If we are at capacity and your child has not been pre-booked, we cannot guarantee that they will be able to attend.

### **Post Box for Christmas Cards**

The Hillside Christmas Post Box will be up and running next week in the main reception area. If children would like to post Christmas cards to their friends, they can pop them into the box and we will make sure they are delivered to the correct class.

Please remember to clearly write the **child's name and class** on each envelope.

### **Lost Property**

We currently have a large amount of lost property in school, including school jumpers, coats, hats and scarves. All items are stored in the box located by the school office. Please pop in and check if anything belongs to your child, and kindly reclaim any missing items.

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## Important Dates

<b>December</b>	Thursday 4th		Flu Immunisations
	Thursday 4th		Year 1 Animal workshop - Ranger Stu
	Tuesday 9th	2:15pm	Year 1 & 2 Christmas Concert
	Wednesday 10th	9:15am	Year 1 & 2 Christmas Concert
	Wednesday 10th	2:15pm	Nursery and Reception Christmas Concert
	Thursday 11th	9:15am	Nursery and Reception Christmas Concert
	Friday 12th		Christmas Lunch and Jumper day
	Friday 12th		Christmas Fair
	Tuesday 16th		Surprise room
	Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup>		Christmas Parties
	Thursday 18th	11:30am/3:30pm	Nursery Term Ends
	Friday 19th	1:30pm	Term Ends
	<b>Christmas Holidays Monday 22nd December 2025 to Friday 2nd January 2026</b>		
<b>Spring term</b>			
January	Monday 5th		Staff Training Day (School closed to pupils)
	Tuesday 6th		Term Starts
	Friday 9th	9:30am	Open Morning for prospective families
	Thursday 15th		Themed Dining (Census Day)
	Wednesday 28th		Little City - Nursery and Reception
	Friday 30th	9am	Red Class assembly
	FRiday 6th		Non Uniform Day Home Start Fundraiser
	Tuesday 10th		Safer Internet Day
	Thursday 12th		learning together morning- English writing focus

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## Achievements

<b><u>Nursery Superstars</u></b>	<b><u>Purple Class Super Stars:</u></b>	<b><u>Red Class Super Stars:</u></b>
Fineas	Esmeralda	Rafael
Iosua	Saleh	Yamamah
Stevie	Yahya	Rodney
	<b><u>Blue Class Super Stars:</u></b>	<b><u>Green Class Super Stars:</u></b>
	Filipe	Eduardo
	Danny	Ansh
	Aaron	Victoria
<b><u>Lunchtime Awards</u></b>	<b><u>Gold Class Super Stars:</u></b>	<b><u>Silver Class Super Stars:</u></b>
Nicholas	Yearsema	Luana M
Eva	Haile	Sebi
	Rodrigo	Matei
<b><u>Bronze awards</u></b>	<b><u>Bronze awards</u></b>	<b><u>Platinum awards</u></b>
Kayal    Alfie	Fatima    Olivia	
Leonor    Victoria	Emilia    Antonia	
Chloe    Nathaniel	Salvador	
Delilah    Samaira	Zaviyar	

### **Healthy Eating & Birthday Book Donations**

#### Healthy Eating Birthday Books

As part of our Healthy Eating initiative, we encourage children to celebrate their birthdays in a special, meaningful way by donating a book to their class library.

To support our commitment to being a healthy school, we kindly ask that children do not bring in sweets or cakes for birthdays or other celebrations. Instead, children are invited to bring in a book on their birthday. This book will be donated to the class library, and the teacher will read it to the class on the day of the child's birthday. A special sticker will be placed inside the book to acknowledge the donation and celebrate the child's special day.

This is a lovely way to promote a love of reading, support our healthy school values, and create lasting memories.



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LONDON'S **NHS**  
22-30 NOVEMBER  
**BIG WEEK**

**FLU CASES ARE RISING.  
GET YOUR FLU JAB.**



**FREE FLU VACCINE walk-in  
clinics for school-aged children  
North-West London**

Or scan here to  
book in to a clinic



**Brent**

Saturday 22nd November, 9:30am - 12:30pm  
Church Lane Family Wellbeing Centre, NW9 8JD

**Kensington & Chelsea**

Saturday 22nd November, 11:30am - 2:00pm  
Kensington Central Library, W8 7RX

**Westminster**

Saturday 22nd November, 10:00am - 2:45pm  
Bessborough Family Hub, SW1V 2JD

**Hammersmith & Fulham**

Tuesday 25th November, 3:30 - 5:00pm  
Old Oak Community Centre, W12 0AP

**Westminster**

Wednesday 26th November, 4:00 - 5:30pm  
The Portman Early Childhood Centre, NW8 8DE

**Hounslow**

Thursday 27th November, 4:00 - 6:00pm  
Brabazon Community Centre, TW5 9LT

**Hillingdon**

Friday 28th November, 2:30 - 5:00pm  
Stockley Park Community Clinic, UB11 1FW

**Ealing**

Saturday 29th November, 9:30am - 1:30pm  
Crown Street Surgery, W3 8SA

**Harrow**

Saturday 29th November, 9:30am - 2:30pm  
Kenmore Park Community clinic, HA3 9HZ

**Westminster**

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THE LAST WOLAS PUBLIC OBSERVING EVENT OF 2025

## VIEW THE NIGHT SKY FROM RUISLIP LIDO

Once again the West of London Astronomical Society  
invites you to observe the Moon and stars.

**Friday 28th Nov - Sunday 30th Nov 2025.**

**Time 6.00 pm to 8.00 pm.**

If the sky is clear the quarter Moon will be well placed along with Uranus and Saturn whose rings are nearly edge-on. The Andromeda Galaxy, Seven Sisters and Double Cluster are amongst the many other objects in the sky.

Bring family and friends to this FREE event - members of WOLAS will be on hand with a variety of their telescopes and will be able to answer any questions you may have.

Don't forget to wear warm clothing, and bring a torch. To avoid dazzling observers, please limit the brightness of your torch to your phone's light or equivalent and point it down when on site.

The Turntable Tea Room will be open and there are toilets next to it.

*Please visit our website for more information.  
A GO/NO GO call will be posted no later than 3pm each day.*

*Ruislip Lido is off Bury Street. Entry is via the gate adjacent to the car park at the end of Reservoir Road HA4 7TY*

**KEEP RIGHT ON ENTERING THE PUBLIC CAR PARK  
£5 UNTIL 6 PM, FREE FOR HILLINGDON FIRST CARD HOLDERS,  
TICKET STILL REQUIRED. FREE AFTER 6 PM FOR ALL.  
CLOSES 8.30 PM.**

**PLEASE AVOID THE PUB CAR PARK TO THE LEFT.**



**WOLAS**  
WEST OF LONDON ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY  
[www.wolas.org.uk](http://www.wolas.org.uk)