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Hillside Values

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

Headteacher update

Nursery have really enjoyed learning their new topic story of Goldilocks and the Three Bears. They have been creating story maps to support retelling the story in order and have been very busy in the creative area making paper plate bears! In maths they have been learning the song 10 in a bed using props and puppets and have done an excellent job of taking one away from the total using their fingers to support representing numbers.

In Reception this week the children have been role playing the story Handa's Surprise. In maths we have been looking at 2 parts of a number that make a whole. We have also been encouraging the children to zip up their coats and put their winter garments on themselves. Please can you keep encouraging this at home.

This week Year 1 have worked so hard on writing brochures all about Octopuses, using all of the knowledge they have learnt over the last 3 weeks. In maths they have learnt how to subtract on a number line and are recognising the different symbols of + and -. On Tuesday they all did fantastically in our pedestrian training workshop. Well done Year 1.

This week in year 2 children began making their London brochures. By the end of this unit children will have created a brochure full of London Landmarks facts. Children have worked very hard with adding and subtracting two 2 digit numbers (not crossing a 10) Well done Year 2

Thank you to all the families who came to the Northwood Hills light up on Saturday. The children were brilliantly behaved and sang well. Thanks to the staff who attended and Mrs Daniels for all the singing practice.

Congratulations to Dominic, Rafael, Avi, Charlie, Virali and Pedro who participated in the Infant School maths challenge afternoon at Whiteheath school yesterday we are very proud of you!

Have an enjoyable weekend.

Mrs Rebecca Fennell



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General Information

Christmas Concerts

Don't forget to book your tickets on **Arbor** for the Christmas concerts (maximum of two per household).

Year 1 & Year 2 Concerts

- **Tuesday 9th December – 2:15pm**
- **Wednesday 10th December – 9:15am**

Nursery & Reception Concerts

- **Wednesday 10th December – 2:15pm**
- **Thursday 11th December – 9:15am**

Tickets are free and available on a first-come, first-served basis. We have to limit capacity due to health and safety requirements. We look forward to welcoming you all and enjoying the performances together.

Christmas Arrangements

We have sent out full details of our Christmas events in school this week, and we hope you find this information useful. Please take some time to read through everything carefully, as we have lots of exciting activities happening in school.

Non Uniform Day

On Thursday 27th November children are invited to come to school in their brightest, jolliest non-uniform! Instead of a cash donation, we kindly ask for a good-condition cup or mug you no longer need, along with some chocolate treats for our Christmas Fair tombola.

Donations

As we prepare for the festive season, if any families are having a clear-out at home before Christmas, we would gratefully receive donations of the following items in school:

- Tinsel
- Wrapping paper
- Christmas crafts
- Toys and games in good condition (for the after-school club)
- Unwanted gifts

Thank you for your support!

Flu Immunisation

Information has been sent out to parents and carers this week. The School Nursing Team will be back in school on **4th December**. If your child missed the first session when the team were previously in school, please click on the following link and follow the instructions to give consent:

<https://nwl.schoolvaccination.uk/flu/2025/hillingdon>

School Photographs

Emails have been sent to parents and carers this week from the school photographer, Vancols. You can view your photos using the QR code on your proof card. If you haven't received your proof, or if it has been lost, please call the Vancols Parentline on 01206 273711.

The cut-off date for free delivery to the school is 27th November.

School Lunches

A polite reminder to order your child's lunch via School Grid. We have a number of children arriving without a lunch ordered and without a packed lunch. While we will always ensure that every child has something to eat, it may not be their first choice and some children can find this upsetting.

Please place lunch orders here:

<https://schoolgrid.co.uk/>

Year 1 Workshop

On 4th December, Year 1 will be taking part in an animal workshop with *Ranger Stu* in connection with their topic on animals. The cost of this workshop is £6.80. Please make your payment on Arbor.

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Important Dates

November	Thursday 27th		Pantomime Snow White (Reception, Year1 and Year 2)
December	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 18th	11:30am/3:30pm	Nursery Term Ends
	Friday 19th	1:30pm	Term Ends
Christmas Holidays Monday 22nd December 2025 to Friday 2nd January 2026			
Spring term			
	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

<u>Nursery Superstars</u>	<u>Purple Class Super Stars:</u>	<u>Red Class Super Stars:</u>
Leticia	De'andre	Aleksander
Rosanna	Ivy	Ada
Dennis	Alfie	Melissa
	<u>Blue Class Super Stars:</u>	<u>Green Class Super Stars:</u>
	Khalid	Dexter
	Isla	Rut
	Diego	Anena
<u>Lunchtime Awards</u>	<u>Gold Class Super Stars:</u>	<u>Silver Class Super Stars:</u>
Maryam	Arash	Joshua
Advit	Luisa	Alessia
	Simon	Luana B
<u>Bronze awards</u>	<u>Silver awards</u>	<u>Platinum awards</u>
Maia Chloe Amarisa		
Jack Rosie		
Saleh		
Luciana		

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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Premier Camps Near You

Multi Activity Camps

Bushey Heath Primary School 9am - 3.30pm (29th - 31st Dec)

Hillside Infant School - 9am - 3pm (22nd Dec - 2nd Jan)

Our 5* Holiday Camps are the perfect place to keep your children entertained over the winter holidays.

Our camps are a fantastic place for children to meet new friends, have lots of fun, and create wonderful memories!

Every day is different, with a mix of fun activities that children may not have tried before - from nerf wars to dodgeball, Christmas crafts to gymnastics!

Book now for lots of festive fun!

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Pack lunch

Plenty of water

Suitable clothing

Loads of energy!



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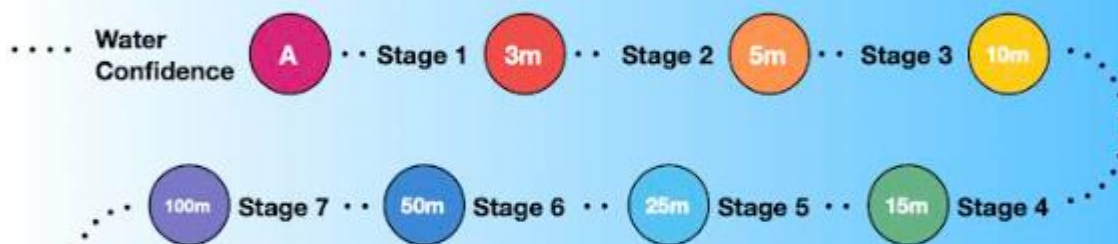
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Learn to Swim with SwimXcelerate Swim Academy at Merchant Taylors School

At SwimXcelerate Swim Academy, we're passionate about helping every child become a confident and capable swimmer. Our toddler and children's swimming lessons — from Water Confidence through to Beginner, Improver, and Advanced — provide the perfect balance of learning and fun in a safe, supportive setting.

Lessons Available

- [Water Confidence Swimming Lessons for Toddlers](#)
- [Beginner Swimming Lessons for Children | Stage 1-2-3](#)
- [Improver Swimming Lessons for Children | Stage 4-5](#)
- [Advanced Swimming Lessons for Children | Stage 6-7](#)



The SwimXcelerate Difference

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- ✓ Expert Coaching
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- ✓ Loved by Local Families

Venue Information

Venue: [Merchant Taylors School | HA6 2HT](#)

Age Groups: 3 to 15 years

Lesson Levels: [Water Confidence](#) | [Beginner](#) | [Improver](#) | [Advanced](#)

Times: Saturdays 14:00 – 15:30

Pricing: From £9.50 per lesson

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