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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 been settling well and are beginning to learn the new routine. They have been busy talking about how we have similarities and differences and linked this into our self portrait paintings. In the garden the role play has been popular where the children have enjoyed playing mums and dads and acting out their familiar home routines such as dinner times and putting babies to bed.

Reception have had fantastic first full week in school. Lunchtime has been a success this week the children have been learning all about their senses. The children have painted a portrait of themselves, they had great PE and Library sessions today. Well done Reception!

Year 1 have had a fantastic first full week. They are all settling into their new classes and routines really well. This week we have introduced the children to autobiographies and they have begun to write their own. In maths they have been learning to count forwards and backwards within 10 and they have absolutely loved PE and learning to dribble a ball.

This week in year 2 children have enjoyed writing the events of the Great Fire of London, sequencing the order in which it happened. Children were really interested in how the fire started and why it spread so quickly. In maths children have worked amazingly hard with place value, identifying how many tens and ones there are in numbers to 100. In Mental maths children even went beyond 100! A great week in Year 2.

Allergies

I am very concerned with the amount of families who have casually let us know that their children have allergies, such as a nut allergy. A child with an allergy to nuts must have a care plan issued by health professionals and relevant named and in date medication. Should we not be fully assured that we have all information, care plans and medication we will **not** be allowing children to stay in school. Whilst we say we do not have nuts in school, we still have parents putting nutella and other nut based products in lunch boxes. Having a nut or other allergy is a serious concern for us and we have to follow very strict guidelines. If your child does have food allergies it is so important you make contact with Mrs Maclachlan to discuss your child's needs so we can support them in school.

Naming all items

Please please please name your child's clothing. This includes packed lunch boxes.

Well done to Reception and Nursery for settling so well.

Mrs Rebecca Fennell

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Headteacher

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General Information

KS1 (Year 1 and Year 2) Parent Information Morning Friday 19th September 9am

We warmly invite **all Year 1** and **Year 2** parents to join us for our KS1 Parent Information Morning at Hillside Infant School.

This session is a fantastic opportunity for Year 1 parents to discover how we teach and support your children's learning in Key Stage 1. If your child is in Year 2, you'll be able to refresh your understanding of KS1 and find out what's new in the curriculum this year.

During the morning, we will:

- **Introduce our new Maths Passports:** Find out how this exciting initiative will help your child develop key maths skills.
- **Share how we teach in KS1:** Gain insight into our teaching approaches and how you can support learning at home.
- **Explore the KS1 curriculum:** Learn about the topics and focus areas for your child this year.
- **Visit your child's classroom:** See your child in action and get a taste of their daily learning experiences.

We hope you can join us for a morning of learning and a closer look at life in KS1! Please enter via the main office. We look forward to seeing you!

Achievement Assembly

Every Friday, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 have an Achievement Assembly in school. Certificates are awarded to pupils from each class for:

- **Mathematician of the Week**
- **Writer of the Week**
- **Superstar Award**

This year we will be inviting parents and carers of the children receiving the awards to attend the assembly to see their child receive their award. We will contact you on the Wednesday morning prior to the assembly to let you know if your child is receiving an award. We appreciate that this is short notice, but we are unable to give more notice as the awards are based on achievements for that week. We hope you will agree that this is a lovely idea, and we look forward to celebrating the children's achievements with you.

Starting Primary School

If you have a child born between **1 September 2021** and **31 August 2022** You must apply for a school place by **15 January 2026** For full details, key dates and to apply online, visit

www.hillingdon.gov.uk/schooladmissions or email admissions@hillingdon.gov.uk

Year 2 to Year 3

If you have a **child in Year 2** who currently attends an infant school You must apply for a junior school place by 15 January 2026 For full details, key dates and to apply online, visit www.hillingdon.gov.uk/schooladmissions or email admissions@hillingdon.gov.uk

If you are a non Hillingdon resident you need to make an application via your own local authority.

PE Days

On PE days, children should come to school wearing their PE kits.

Reception – Friday, **Year 1** – Mondays and Wednesdays and **Year 2** – Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Breakfast and Afterschool Club Reminder

This is a polite reminder that all children **must be booked into Breakfast and Afterschool Club in advance.**

For the safety and wellbeing of the children, we have strict ratios that must be adhered to. Recently, we have seen an increasing number of children arriving at Breakfast Club without a booking. While we do our best to accommodate, please be aware that this may not always be possible.

Bookings should be made via **Arbor**. If the club is fully booked and your child does not have a place reserved, unfortunately we will be unable to accept them.

Thank you for your understanding and continued support.

Contact Details

Please ensure that your contact details are always kept up to date. If you change your address, email, or phone number, please update your Arbor account promptly. In addition, please check that your emergency contact details are current. It is essential that we are able to contact parents and carers quickly if needed.

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Important Dates

September	Friday 19th	9am	Year 1 and 2 expectation morning and class visit (including maths passports)
	Friday 26th	2pm	All about Reception meeting and visit to a class (not your child's class due to settling)
October	Wednesday 1st		Boogie Music - Nursery and Reception
	Thursday 2nd		Themed Dining (Census Day)
	Thursday 2nd		Great Fire of London workshop - Year 2
	Friday 3rd	9am	Harvest and achievement Assembly in School
	Friday 10th	9am	All about Nursery meeting.
	Friday 17th	9am	Reception - Learning to read workshop
	Tuesday 21st	12:30-4pm	Butterflies Nursery Progress meetings for parents and carers
	Wednesday 22nd	3:30-5:30pm	Progress Meetings for parents and carers Reception, Year 1 and Year 2
	Wednesday 22nd	12:30-4pm	Frogs Nursery Progress Meetings for parents and carers
	Wednesday 23rd	9:30am	Open Morning
	Thursday 23rd	3:30-7pm	Progress Meetings for Parents and Carers Reception, Year 1 and Year 2
	Thursday 23rd	12:30-4pm	Ladybirds Nursery Progress meetings for parents and carers.
	Friday 24th	9am	Gold Class Assembly
	Friday 24th	2.45pm	Reading together afternoon
	Friday 24th	3:15pm	Last day of Half Term
Half Term Monday 27th October to Friday 31st October			

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Achievements

<u>Butterflies:</u>	<u>Purple Class Super Stars:</u>	<u>Red Class Super Stars:</u>
April	All of Purple Class	Lana
Yuvigna		Rafael
<u>Frogs:</u>		Ada
Anastasia		
Fineas		
<u>Ladybirds</u>		
Stevie	<u>Blue Class Super Stars:</u>	<u>Green Class Super Stars:</u>
Ila	All of Blue Class	Noah
		Iris
		Eduardo
<u>Lunchtime Awards</u>	<u>Gold Class Super Stars:</u>	<u>Silver Class Super Stars:</u>
	Bilal	Matei
	Danaya	Maia
	Stella	Victoria
<u>Gold awards</u>	<u>Silver awards</u>	<u>Platinum awards</u>

Healthy Eating & Birthday Book Donations

As part of our commitment to healthy eating, we encourage children to celebrate their birthdays by bringing in a book instead of sweet treats or cake. On their special day, children can donate a book to the class library. The teacher will read the book to the class, and a special sticker will be placed inside to recognize the child's thoughtful donation. This initiative helps promote a love of reading while keeping our school a healthy environment for all. Thank you for your support in making birthdays both meaningful and nutritious.

This week we would like to wish a very Happy Birthday to **Ianis** and **Dominic** who recently celebrated their special day!. As part of our Birthday Book Scheme, they kindly donated the following books to our school:

Last stop on Market Street by Matt De La Pena

Could a Shark do Gumnastics by Aleksei Bitskoff & Camilla da la Bedoyere



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HILLSIDE INFANT SCHOOL OPEN MORNING|INGS 2025-2026



THURSDAY 23rd OCTOBER
FRIDAY 21st NOVEMBER
FRIDAY 9th JANUARY

9.30am-11.00am

Our Open Days will include:

- A tour of the school
- A talk from our Headteacher – Rebecca Fennell

Contact our office for more information or to book your place

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Community News



SwimXcelerate

Swimming Lessons



Why Choose Us?

- All abilities welcome
- Average of 4 children per class
- Supportive & inclusive environment
- Competitor price match
- Fully Qualified, Insured & DBS Checked
- Industry leading learn to swim framework

Venue: Merchant Taylors School Northwood, HA4

Lesson Times: Saturday 14:00, 14:30, 15:00

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