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Hillside Values

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Headteacher update:

Welcome to the start of the new school year. I am delighted that children have begun to settle really well into their new routines.

Each Monday your child's class teacher will be at the class door. This gives you an opportunity to say hello and ask any quick questions you have. You can still use classdojo to communicate also.

Nursery have settled in really well this week and are becoming familiar with their new routines and surroundings. exploring the Nursery and getting to know their new friends and teachers. This week, all of the children have also been busy creating their own self-portraits. They looked carefully at their features and used paint to create some wonderful pictures of themselves. We are very proud of how well everyone has settled in and what a fantastic start they have made.

Reception have settled in really well during their first full week at school. The children are becoming familiar with their new routines. This week, they have been learning all about the five senses. As part of their learning about taste, the children had great fun tasting a variety of different foods and talking about the flavours they experienced. In Maths, Reception have been developing their early number skills by matching objects and taking part in lots of practical activities.

Year 1 have had a fantastic first week! In English, they have been learning the Charlie and Lola text and creating a text map. In Maths, they have been representing numbers, and they have loved practising their dribbling skills with a ball in PE. Well done, Year 1 – what a brilliant start!

Year 2 have been learning about the Great Fire of London this week and putting the events in chronological order. They made delicious bread rolls, pretending they were working in their own bakery back in 1666, and then wrote instructions explaining how they made them.

Volunteers

We are looking for volunteers to come into school and read with our children. Giving just a little of your time can make a big difference in helping our children develop their confidence and enjoyment of reading. If you, or someone you know, would be interested in volunteering, please get in touch with the school. We would love to hear from you!

Have an enjoyable weekend.

Mrs Rebecca Fennell

Headteacher

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General Information

Welcome to the 2026–2027 Academic Year!

Welcome to our first newsletter of the new academic year! We would like to extend a very warm welcome to all our new Hillside families, as well as welcoming back our existing families. We hope you have all had a lovely summer and are ready for an exciting year ahead. We already have lots of exciting things happening in school!

All About Reception – Wednesday 16th September at 2:30pm

We are holding an 'All About Reception' meeting for parents and carers of children in Reception. This will be a very informative session where you can find out more about Reception, what your child will be learning and what to expect throughout the year.

All About KS1 – Thursday 17th September at 2:30pm

We will also be holding an 'All About KS1' meeting for parents and carers of children in Years 1 and 2. This will be an opportunity to find out more about life and learning in Key Stage 1 and what you can expect during the year ahead.

For both meetings, please enter the school via the main office.

We are really looking forward to an exciting and successful year of learning ahead and to working together with all our Hillside families. Here's to a fantastic 2026–2027 academic year!

Keep Up to Date

To keep up to date with upcoming events and everything happening at Hillside, please visit our school website www.hillsideinfant.org.uk. You can also subscribe to our school [calendar](#), which will sync directly to your phone, helping you to keep track of important dates and events.

PE Days

The days each year group will have PE are as follows:

Nursery: Tuesday

Reception: Friday

Year 1: Monday & Wednesday

Year 2: Tuesday & Thursday

Children should come to school wearing their PE kit on their designated PE days and should wear trainers. Please ensure that children come to school dressed appropriately and ready to take part in their PE lessons.

Head Lice

We have been made aware of a case of head lice in Year 1. Please could all parents and carers check their child's hair regularly and treat it if necessary. Regular checking will help to reduce the spread of head lice within school.

We would also like to remind families that long hair should be tied back while children are in school.

Thank you for your support and cooperation.

Achievement Assembly

Last year, we invited families of pupils who were receiving a certificate at our Friday Achievement Assembly to come into school and see their child receive their award. We are delighted to be continuing this during the 2026–2027 academic year, after receiving so much great feedback.

This year we are changing our certificates a little.

Each class will award two certificates. One for the super star of the week. This is for a child who has worked hard within any curriculum area and demonstrated a brilliant work ethic. The other award is for a child who has demonstrated one or more of our school values. (see below)

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If your child is receiving a certificate, we aim to call you on Wednesday to invite you to join us for our Achievement Assembly on Friday.

We look forward to celebrating the achievements, hard work and positive choices of our Hillside children throughout the year!

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Star Readers

A huge well done to **Green Class**, who were awarded the Star Reader Cup in this morning's assembly. This week, an impressive **74%** of children in **Green Class** read three times or more at home and recorded it in their reading record. Fantastic effort—keep up the great reading, **Green Class!**



Birthday Book Donations

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

Kindness is My Superpower by Alicia ortego
Sharing a Shell by Julia Donaldson



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Important Dates

Autumn Term			
September	Wednesday 16th	2:30pm	All about Reception Meeting
	Thursday 17th	2:30pm	All about KS1 meeting
	Tuesday 29th	8:45am	All about Nursery meeting
	Wednesday 30th	9:30am	Open Morning for Prospective Parents
October	Thursday 1st		Themed Dining (Census Day)
	Friday 2nd	9am	Harvest and achievement Assembly in School
	Wednesday 7th	9am	Phonics workshop - all years
	Wednesday 7th		Nursery and Reception Boogiemites Workshop
	Thursday 8th		Year 2 - Great Fire of London Workshop
	Weds 14th		Flu immunisations
	Friday 16th	9am	Reading together with your child morning
	Tuesday 20th	12:30-3:30pm	Nursery Progress meetings
	Tuesday 20th	3:30-5:30pm	Progress Meetings for parents and carers Reception, Year 1 and Year 2
	Wednesday 21st	9:30am	Open Morning
	Thursday 22nd	12:30-3:30pm	Nursery Progress meetings
	Thursday 22nd	3:30-7pm	Progress Meetings for Parents and Carers Reception, Year 1 and Year 2
	Friday 23rd	3:15pm	Last day of Half Term
Half Term Monday 27th October to Friday 31st October			

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Achievements

<u>Nursery Super Stars:</u>	<u>Purple Class Super Stars:</u>	<u>Red Class Super Stars:</u>
Whole Class	Whole Class	Whole Class
<u>Blue Class Super Stars:</u>	<u>Green Class Super Stars:</u>	<u>Silver Class Super Stars:</u>
Whole Class	Whole Class	Whole Class
<u>Gold Class Super Stars:</u>	<u>Lunchtime Awards</u>	
	Blue Class	
	Purple Class	
<u>Bronze awards</u>	<u>Gold awards</u>	<u>Platinum awards</u>

Weekly Attendance

Each week we award the class with the highest attendance. We aim for at least 96% attendance, as regular attendance helps children feel secure, build friendships, and make the most of their learning opportunities, supporting their wellbeing and overall development. This week, **SILVER CLASS** were for the second week running were awarded the Attendance Bunny with **97.6%** attendance. Well done

GOLD CLASS 93.9%
SILVER CLASS 97.6%
RED CLASS 86.5%
GREEN CLASS 96.1%
PURPLE CLASS 94%
BLUE CLASS 91%
N ALL DAY 96%
NAM 87%

Attendance Ladder



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Open Mornings for Prospective Parents



HILLSIDE INFANT SCHOOL

OPEN MORNINGS 2026-2027



Wednesday 30th September

Wednesday 21st October

Friday 20th November

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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