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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
This week, Nursery have been learning all about feelings and emotions. The children have enjoyed using emotion puppets and listening to stories to help them recognise and talk about different feelings. We have also had lots of fun exploring different textures through sensory painting, mixing paint with shaving foam and salt to create exciting textures and patterns. It has been a lovely week of exploring, creating and learning together!

Reception
This week, Reception have been reading The Jolly Postman in English and have enjoyed writing shopping lists for a party. The children have loved celebrating and creating their own invitations while learning all about different celebrations. In Maths, the children have started exploring patterns and have enjoyed recognising and creating patterns of their own.
It has been a fun and exciting week of learning in Reception!

Year 1
This week Year 1 have finished their autobiographies and they can't wait to see them made into class book to all enjoy. In maths they have been introduced to the concept of greater than, less than and equal to using symbols. In art they have been using lines to explore different shapes and making their own organic shapes. Well done for another fantastic week!

Year 2
This week in Year 2, the children have been busy writing their own short stories about the Great Fire of London, combining historical facts with imaginative ideas. In Maths, they have been learning to write numbers in expanded form and practising counting forwards and backwards from different numbers up to 1,000.

Have an enjoyable weekend.

Mrs Rebecca Fennell



Headteacher

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General Information

Open Morning 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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office@hillsideinfant.org.uk

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CENSUS DAY SPECIAL MENU
Thursday 1st October - To celebrate Census Day, we'll be serving a special Burger Menu at lunchtime. The usual menu has been changed to our special Census Day menu, so you may need to update your child's meal choice.

Thank you for your support!

Star Readers
A huge well done to **Green Class** who were awarded the Star Reader Cup in this morning's assembly!. This week, 82.6% of children in **Green Class** read three times or more at home and recorded it in their reading records. Fantastic effort — keep up the great reading, **Green Class!**

Afterschool Activity Clubs – Year 1 and 2

Mondays: Gymnastics click to book
Tuesday: Streetdance click to book
Wednesday: Football click to book
Thursday: Yoga Click to book
Friday: Football click to book

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

HARVEST CELEBRATION 8th October
We will be celebrating Harvest in school. The children will take part in a special Harvest Assembly during the school day (children only), where we will celebrate and give thanks for all that we have.

Can You Help Our Local Foodbank?
As part of our Harvest celebrations, we would love to support the local foodbank at Emmanuel Church, which provides much-needed help to families in our local community.

We are asking families who are able to do so to donate an item or two to our Harvest collection.

Donations could include:

- Tinned and non-perishable foods
- Pasta, rice and cereals
- Baby food and nappies
- Toiletries
- Sanitary products
- Household essentials

Donations can be brought into school from Monday 28th September.

Every donation, big or small, will help support a local family. Thank you for helping us make a difference in our community this Harvest.

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Birthday Book Donations

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

Gozzle by Julia Donaldson & Sara Ogilvie
Hanna Asks for Help by Tom Percival



Important Dates

	Tuesday 29th	8:45am	All about Nursery meeting
September	Wednesday 30th	9:30am	Open Morning for Prospective Parents
October	Thursday 1st		Themed Dining (Census Day)
	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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Achievments

Nursery Super Stars:	Purple Class Super Stars:	Red Class Super Stars:
Damon	Natasha	Reyyan
Taeliya	Naomi	Fatima
Blue Class Super Stars:	Green Class Super Stars:	Silver Class Super Stars:
Ana	Filipe	Mohammed
	Esmerelda	Freya
Gold Class Super Stars:	Lunchtime Awards	
Kimayraa	Kimayraa	
Advit	Issac-Adonis	
Bronze awards	Gold awards	Platinum awards

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** was awarded the Attendance Bunny with 99% attendance. Well done to **Silver class.**

GOLD CLASS 89.3%
SILVER CLASS 99%
RED CLASS 96.8%
GREEN CLASS 95%
PURPLE CLASS 93%
BLUE Class 93.8%
N ALL DAY 90%
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