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Hillside Values

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

Nursery
This week, Nursery have been creating fantastic autumn leaf monsters using natural materials and paint. The children explored the changing seasons, looking closely at the leaves and noticing the beautiful colours of autumn.

Reception
This week Reception have been enjoying exploring pumpkins. They have written about what makes them unique and looked at prepositions of place.

Year 1
This week Year 1 have written some fantastic senses Autumn poems, which they performed to the class. They have used some amazing adjectives and have really understood what the season is like. In maths they have continued to do some great work on addition and in RE they enjoyed being creators and creating their version of how the world began. We hope you have a lovely half term break!

Year 2
This week in Year 2, the children have been evaluating their chairs for Bear, looking carefully at their designs and reflecting on how they could improve or strengthen them next time. In Science, they have also enjoyed testing their structures to see if they are waterproof, sturdy and strong. The children have shown great creativity, curiosity and problem-solving skills as they tested their ideas and thought about how to make their designs even better!

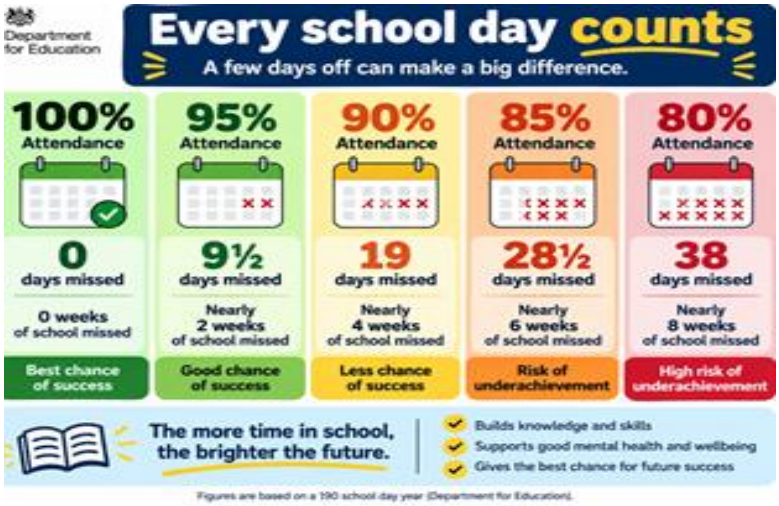
Chickywicks
I am delighted to say that Chickywicks daycare will be opening the second week in November at the Childrens Centre to the front of the school. This has been a long time in the planning and we are excited about the partnership and further work we can do together. For more information about wrap around care for existing Nursery children please contact the school office.

Pupil progress meetings
Pupil progress meetings. Thank you to all the families who attended the progress meetings this week. We hope all the additional information sent home has been useful. As previously mentioned please do keep up the reading and spelling homework, it is so important.

Have an enjoyable half term break .

Mrs Rebecca Fennell

Headteacher



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General Information

End of the First Half Term
Today marks the end of the first half of the autumn term. What a busy and exciting few weeks it has been! We have enjoyed parent workshops, learning-together mornings, a music workshop for Reception and Nursery, a local walk for Year 1, and a fantastic Great Fire of London workshop for Year 2. School will be closed next week for the half-term holiday. Please remember that **Monday 2nd November is a staff training day**, so school will remain closed to pupils. **We look forward to welcoming the children back on Tuesday 3rd November.**

Thank you for your continued support this term. We hope all our families enjoy a restful and happy half-term break!

Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal
The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal launches today. We will be selling poppies in the main reception to support veterans, serving personnel and their families with housing, financial and physical and mental health support. With Remembrance Day on 11th November, wearing a poppy is a way to honour those who have served and sacrificed for our country. Other items are available for a suggested donation:

- Zip pull, poppy reflector, wristband or pencil: £1 each
- Snap band: £1.50

Items are limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis. All donations go directly to the Poppy Appeal. Please visit reception with your cash donation, or send your child with cash in a named envelope so they can choose an item from the school office.

Star Readers
A huge well done to **Gold Class** who were awarded the Star Reader Cup in this morning's assembly!. This week, **63%** of children in **Gold Class** read three times or more at home and recorded it in their reading records. Fantastic effort — keep up the great reading, **Gold Class.**



Northwood Hills Christmas Lights Switch-On – Saturday 14th November
We are delighted that our Year 1 and Year 2 children have the opportunity to sing at the Northwood Hills Community Christmas Lights Switch-On on Saturday 14th November on Joel Street! **Choir places are limited to 40 children. Please register via Arbor on a first-come, first-served basis.** Although choir places are limited to Year 1 and Year 2 children, all families are warmly invited to come along and join in the festivities!

Reception Scooter Workshop – Thursday 5th November
On Thursday 5th November, our Reception children will take part in an exciting scooter workshop delivered by Scootability. This fun and engaging session will help children learn how to ride their scooters safely and responsibly. **Please make payment of £5.55 via Arbor through your parent account.** We look forward to the children enjoying this fantastic opportunity to develop their scooter skills!

Afterschool Activity Clubs
Clubs start again after half term for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2.
Monday: Gymnastics
Tuesday: Streetdance
Wednesday: Football
Thursday: Yoga
Friday: Football
Details and links on how to book have been sent out.

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Healthy Eating & Birthday Book Donations

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

Gruffalo Granny by Julia Donaldson
The Little Mermaid by Disney Princess
The Snail and the Whale by Julia Donaldson









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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Important Dates

Half Term Monday 27th October to Friday 31st October			
November	Monday 2nd		Staff Training Day (School closed to pupils)
	Tuesday 3rd		Term Starts for All
	Thursday 5th		Scootability - Reception
	Wednesday 11th	10:40am	Remembrance Day assembly (we will record and send to parents)
	Thursday 12th		Individual/Sibling School Photographs
	Thursday 12th	8.45am	Reception- supporting your child at home with Chatta- this is a session for parents/carers at 8.45am when you drop off. The session will last 20 minutes.
	Friday 13th	9am	Year 2 - Assembly
	Friday 13th	3:15pm	Come and see your childs books
	Saturday 14th		Northwood Hills Carols and Switch on
	Wednesday 18th	9am	Learning together morning - - supporting with maths at home
	Friday 20th		Open Morning for Prospective Families
	Friday 20th		Odd sock day
	Monday 23rd		Hearing & Vision for Reception children
December	Thursday 3rd		Year 1 Animal workshop - Ranger Stu
	Friday 4th		Panto - Reception, Year 1 & 2 - Watersmeet Theatre
	Tuesday 8th		Flu immunisation
	Wednesday 9th	9:15am	Nursery and Reception Christmas show
	Thursday 10th		Christmas lunch and Christmas Jumper Day
	Friday 11th		Year 1 & 2 Christmas Show
	Wednesday 16th		Christmas Carols at Emmanuel Church
	Thursday 17th	11:30am/3:30pm	Nursery Term Ends
	Friday 18th	1:30pm	Term Ends
Christmas Holidays Monday 21st December 2026 to Friday 1st January 2026			

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Achievments

Nursery Super Stars:	Purple Class Super Stars:	Red Class Super Stars:
Mohammed	Yaasir	Anastasia
Mariam	Issac-Adonis	Yahya
Blue Class Super Stars:	**Green Class Super Stars:**	**Silver Class Super Stars:**
Ayla	Aurora	Iris
Isabella	Isai	Bianca
Gold Class Super Stars:	**Lunchtime Awards**	
Darcie	Areeza	
Gabriel	Amelia	
Bronze awards	**Gold awards**	**Platinum awards**
Ada Kimayraa		
Rut		
Melissa		
Mohammed		
Freya		

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, **Purple Class** was awarded the Attendance Bunny with **98.6%** attendance. Well done to **Purple Class.**

GOLD CLASS 93%
SILVER CLASS 93.2%
RED CLASS 93.7%
GREEN CLASS 95.4%
PURPLE CLASS 98.6%
BLUE CLASS 94.7%
N ALL DAY 98.4%
NAM 87.2%



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