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Hillside Values

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

Nursery
Nursery have been using the Beebots to explore maps and direction and using language linked to this and the environment around us. We used this as a talking point to discuss places we see in our local community and share our experiences of these such as going to the post office, bus stops or parks. Elsewhere we have been busy drawing pictures of ourselves and our families and building our homes with the lego

Reception
This week in Reception we have been looking at the story Elmer by David McKee and the children have been role playing as characters in the story using masks. We learnt about 1 less and started looking at triangles and circles.

Year 1
This week Year 1 have enjoyed learning about the different seasons in science, exploring each season closely. In English they have used what they have learnt about Autumn to begin to think about what they can see, hear, smell, touch and taste in Autumn. In maths they have focused on addition fact families. A highlight was creating their maps in Geography and applying everything they have learnt this half term. Another fantastic week Year 1!

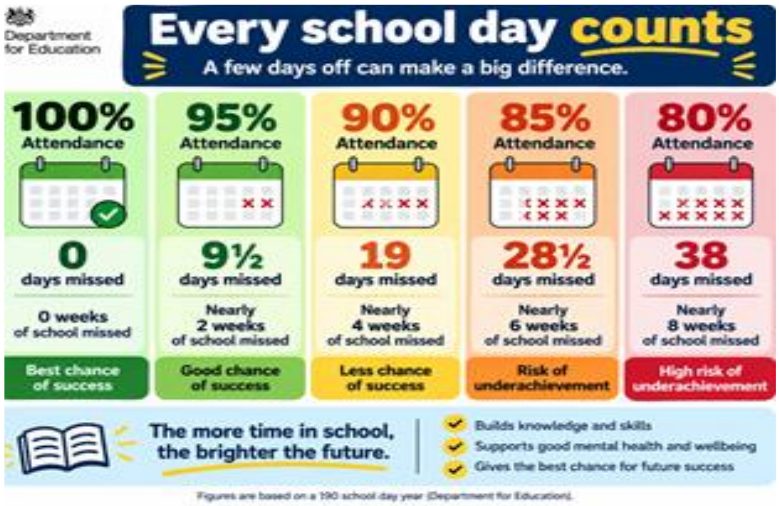
Year 2
This week in year 2 children have been busy writing letters to King Charles II from 1666. They have written persuasive letters asking him to change fire safety laws. Children have also been learning how to count on in 2s, 3s, 5s and 10s.

Reading together morning
Thank you to all the families who came this morning, we had around 60% of the whole school have a family member attend.
Moving forward we will be running other opportunities to join your child in their learning at different times of the day to try and accommodate all families.

Have an enjoyable weekend.

Mrs Rebecca Fennell

Headteacher



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General Information

School Admissions – Starting Reception in September 2027

If your child was born between **1 September 2022** and **31 August 2023,** it is time to apply for their Reception school place for September 2027.

Starting Junior School in September 2027
If you have a child in **Year 2**, ou must apply for a junior school place.

For full details and to apply, please visit www.hillingdon.gov.uk/admissions or email admissions@hillingdon.gov.uk. If you do not live in Hillingdon, please apply through your own local authority. Please remember that you can still apply for a place at Hillside even if you are not a Hillingdon resident.

If you need any help or guidance with the application process, please do not hesitate to contact the school. We are always happy to help! **The deadline for applications is Friday 15th January 2027.**

Individual School Photographs – Thursday 12th November 2026
Letters have been sent home from Mrs Maclachan regarding the school photographer's visit on **Thursday 12th November 2026.**

Just to clarify, all children will be photographed individually. However, if you would also like your children to have a photograph taken together as siblings, you must let us know in advance, providing the names and classes of the children concerned.

This applies to all siblings, whether they are in the Infant School, Junior School or across both schools.

Please note that sibling photographs will only be taken if specifically requested. If we do not hear from you, your children will be photographed individually only.

Star Readers
A huge well done to CLASS who were awarded the Star Reader Cup in this morning's assembly!. This week, **81%.** 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**



After School Activity Clubs – Snacks
It has come to our attention that children attending after-school activity clubs are spending quite a bit of time eating snacks, which means they are missing out on valuable club activity time.

To ensure the children get the most out of their clubs, we kindly ask that snacks are not brought to or eaten during the club sessions. Children can enjoy a snack once their club has finished at 4:15pm.

This will allow everyone to make the most of the activities without interruptions. Thank you for your understanding and support!

Reminder: Pupil Progress Meetings Next Week
A friendly reminder that our Pupil Progress Meetings will take place next week.

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2
Tuesday 20th October: 3:30pm – 5:30pm
Thursday 22nd October: 3:30pm – 7:00pm

Nursery
Tuesday 20th October: 12:30pm – 3:30pm
Thursday 22nd October 12:30-3:30pm

These meetings are a valuable opportunity to discuss your child's progress, celebrate their achievements and talk about their next steps in learning. We look forward to seeing you!

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Healthy Eating & Birthday Book Donations

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

The Pumpkin Party by Nick Butterworth
Gruffalo Granny by Julia Donaldson
Friends Forever by Sally Grindley



Important Dates

	Monday 19th		Harvest Themed Lunch
	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			
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
	Friday 13th		Year 2 - Assembly
	Friday 13th	3:15pm	Book drop in
	Saturday 14th		Northwood Hills Carols and Switch on
	Wedneday 18th	9am	Learning together morning - come and look

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Achievments

Nursery Super Stars:	Purple Class Super Stars:	Red Class Super Stars:
Mara	Salvador	Sophia
Iohanan	Rashiq	Matilde
Blue Class Super Stars:	**Green Class Super Stars:**	**Silver Class Super Stars:**
Jose	Aaron	Luna
Dinis	Diana	Ada
Gold Class Super Stars:	**Lunchtime Awards**	
Yasmin	Rodney	
Dexter	Willow	
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, **Green Class** was awarded the Attendance Bunny with **95.4%** attendance. Well done to **Green Class**

GOLD CLASS 92%
SILVER CLASS 95.3%
RED CLASS 84%
GREEN CLASS 95.4%
PURPLE CLASS 93%
BLUE CLASS 94.6%
N ALL DAY 93%
NAM 95%



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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

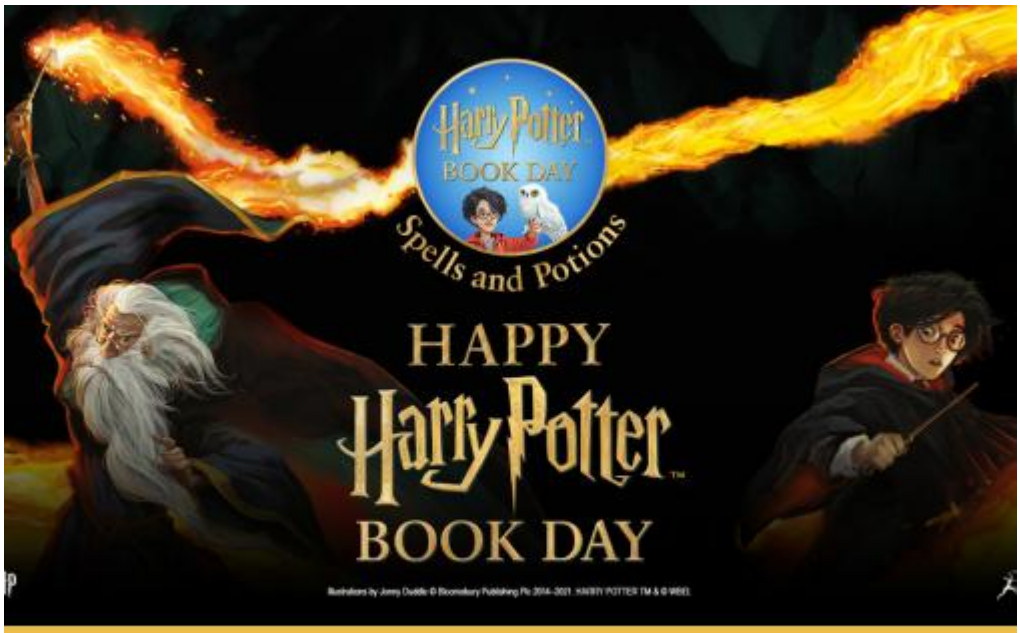
Contact our office for more information or to book your place

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Hillingdon Libraries present
A Magical Day at Hogwarts!

Step into a world of magic this half-term and enjoy a spellbinding day of stories, crafts and wizarding activities for the whole family.

Make sure you join our **costume parade at midday**, where there will be a prize for the best dressed character judged by The Worshipful the Mayor of Hillingdon, Cllr Reeta Chamdal.

Remember the more imaginative costumes will stand out the most!

Entry is free, but please book your Hogwarts arrival time-slot in advance.

The Great Barn, Ruislip
Thursday 29 October 2026
10am to 2pm

GO ALL IN.

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