

Hillside News



Hillside Values

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

Headteacher update:

Welcome back to the summer term. This school year is going so quickly! This term is a very busy one.

Nursery have begun their topic of growing and have been busy learning the story of Jack and the Beanstalk and using props and masks to help retell the story. The children have also really enjoyed planting beans and some herb seeds this week and talking about what they need to grow. They are looking forward to watching the seeds closely over the next few weeks to see how they change and grow. In maths the children have been learning about patterns using different coloured flowers to continue and create two-step patterns.

In Reception, the children have been learning all about The Gruffalo. They have been working hard to write their own descriptions of the Gruffalo, using lots of fantastic ideas. In Maths, they have been learning how to double numbers up to ten. Well done, Reception!

Year 1 have had an amazing first week back. In English they have written about their Easter holiday using time words and past tense words! They have now started their new T4W unit on Cinderella! In maths they have been working hard to count in 2s, 5s and 10s. A definite highlight has been writing a letter in Geography to a pen pal telling them all about England and their local area!

This week in Year 2, the children began learning about Captain Robert Scott as part of their 'Explorers' topic. They carried out research and made notes to support and deepen their understanding, which they will continue to build on next week. In computing, the children also started their digital music unit. They explored how music can be created using a computer, showing great curiosity and creativity as they experimented with different sounds and tools.

This week we finalised all our transition arrangements to the next year group and class and we will send these arrangements to you in the next couple of weeks. Making children feel comfortable and secure with the changes coming is really important to us.

We have also had meetings with Junior school staff to look at how we can enhance our transitions to the Junior school for children in Year 2. Look out for information in the next couple of weeks as we have some lovely activities planned so children can really experience Junior life.

Lastly we hope parents in Nursery received their reception offer emails yesterday. If you have not received an email please let us know.

Have an enjoyable weekend.

Mrs Rebecca Fennell

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. Fennell', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Headteacher

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General Information

Welcome Back

Welcome back to the Summer Term! The first week back has been filled with lots of learning and excitement. We have so many exciting things planned for the term ahead. To make sure you don't miss any important events, please subscribe to our school calendar, which you can sync directly to your phone: [Hillside Infant School Calendar](#) Stay up to date and be sure not to miss anything that's happening in school!

Follow Hillside on Instagram

We're excited to share that Hillside now has a brand new Instagram account! We'll be regularly posting updates, photos, and highlights of what's happening in school, alongside our Facebook page. Make sure to follow us to keep up with all the latest news and see what our children have been getting up to...

📷 Instagram: @hillsideinfants

🌐 Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/HillsideInfantSchool>

Late Collection Reminder

A reminder that school finishes at 3:15pm. Please ensure your child is collected on time. We understand that occasional delays can happen. If you are running late, please contact the school as soon as possible so we can reassure your child that you are on your way.

If a child is persistently collected late, they will be taken to our After School Club and a charge of £10 will be incurred. Thank you for your understanding and continued support.

After School Activity Clubs

Our After School Activity Clubs start next week! Here's what's on offer:

Monday

- Gymnastics

Tuesday

- Street Dance
- Computer Club (Year 2)
- Spaghetti Maths (Years 1 & 2)

Wednesday

- Dodgeball

Thursday

- Drama
- Football

Friday

- Football

We look forward to another fun and active term!

National Offer Day - Reception and Year 3 Offers for September 2026.

National Offer Day for children starting Reception and Year 3 in September 2026 took place yesterday, Thursday 16th April. If you haven't already, please log in to your eAdmissions account to view the outcome of your application. You must accept your offer by Wednesday 30th April to secure your child's place—offers not accepted by this date may be withdrawn. If you submitted a late application after 15th January 2026, you will not have received your offer yet. Late offers are sent out in May. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Star Readers

A huge well done to **Red Class** who were awarded the Star Reader Cup in this morning's assembly!. This week, 67% of children in **Red Class** read three times or more at home and recorded it in their reading records. Fantastic effort — keep up the great reading, **Red Class!**



Breakfast & After School Club

We offer full wraparound care at Hillside, including Breakfast Club and After School Club. All sessions must be booked in advance via your Arbor account.

Breakfast Club runs from **7:45am**.

After School Club runs until **5:45pm**.

We are also now offering an **Early Drop-Off option from 8:30am** for a **charge of £2**.

This allows you to drop your child off early via the school office. Please note, breakfast is not included in this option—it is purely for early supervision. This can be paid on the day but must be paid before dropping your child off.

Club Charges:

- Full Breakfast Club: £5.00
- Early School Drop-Off (8:30am): £2.00
- After School Club: £10.00

If you have any questions, please contact the school office.

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HILLSIDE INFANT AND NURSERY SCHOOL

OPEN MORNING

THURSDAY 30TH APRIL | 9:15AM

We offer full time and part time places.

Wrap around care available to 6pm daily.

Sign up by emailing or calling the school office.

E: office@hillsideinfant.org.uk

T: 0208 249 6860

★ ★ ★
A 30 MINUTE TALK ABOUT
HOW TO PREPARE YOUR
CHILD FOR NURSERY

★ ★ ★
MORNING, AFTERNOON
AND FULL DAY
PLACES



“There is a real sense of community at this school. Pupils thrive here.”

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Healthy Eating & Birthday Book Donations

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

Little Comet by Autumn Publishing
You Shine Amazing Boy by Kelly Brightwood
Chaos at the Chocolate Factory by Sibeal Pounder
The Snake who came to stay by Julian Donaldson
The Hugasaurus by Rachel Bright and Chris Chatterton



Important Dates

Summer term			
April	22nd April		Class photos
	24th April	9:15 am	Hearing & Vision - Reception
	30th April	9:15am	Nursery Open Morning
May	4th May		Early May Bank Holiday School Closed
	Wednesday 6th May		Drama workshop - Nursery, Reception and Year 1
	Wednesday 13th		Problem Solving Company - Maths
	Friday 15th	9am	Blue Class Assembly
	Thursday 21st		Themed Dining (Census Day)
HALF TERM			
Monday 25th May – Friday 29th May			
June	Monday 15th		Lego Robotics - Year 1 & 2
	Thursday 18th		Year 2 - Neasden Temple
	Tuesday 23rd		Reception - Paradise Wildlife Park
	Wednesday 24th		Year 1 - Kew Gardens
	Friday 26th	9am	Purple Class assembly
	Monday 30th	9:15am	Hearing & Vision - Reception
July	Wednesday 1st	AM & PM	Reception & Nursery Sports Day
	Thursday 2nd	9:15am	Year 1 & Year 2 Sports Day
	Monday 6th -13th		Book Fair
	Tuesday 7th		Transition Day
	Thursday 9th	9:15am	Reserve Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 Sports Day
	Thursday 16th	9am	Year 2 Leavers Assembly
	Thursday 16th		End of Term parties
	Thursday 16th	11:30am/3:30pm	Nursery Term Ends
	Friday 17th	1:30pm	Term Ends
	Monday 20th		Staff Training Day (School closed to pupils)
	Tuesday 21st		Staff Training Day (School closed to pupils)

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Achievements

<u>Nursery Super Stars:</u>	<u>Purple Class Super Stars:</u>	<u>Red Class Super Stars:</u>
Yaqoob	Chloe	Ada
Stevie	De'andre	Melissa
Fineas	Charles	Yamamah
<u>Blue Class Super Stars:</u>	<u>Green Class Super Stars:</u>	<u>Silver Class Super Stars:</u>
Nicholas	Taye	Joshua
Ana	Lucas	Diego
Aaron	Ansh	Susanna
		Thiago
<u>Gold Class Super Stars:</u>		
		Lunchtime Awards
		Diana
		Joshua
<u>Gold awards</u>	<u>Silver awards</u>	<u>Platinum awards</u>
	Gabriel Rafael	
	Aleksander Ianis	
	Leonardo	
	Bryan	
	Martin	

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, **Red class** were awarded the Attendance Bunny with **99%** attendance. Well done **Red Class!**

GOLD CLASS 98.67%
SILVER CLASS 96.5%
RED CLASS 99%
GREEN CLASS 96.3%
PURPLE CLASS 91.56%
BLUE Class 98.29%
N ALL DAY 98%
NAM 93.2%
NPM 98%

Attendance Ladder



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Half Term Holiday Camp at Hillside

Premier Camps Near You

Multi Activity Camps

Bushey Heath Primary School 9am - 3.30pm (26th - 29th May)

Hillside Infant School - 9am - 3pm (26th - 29th May)

Our 5* Holiday Camps are the perfect place to keep your children entertained over the half-term holidays.

Our camps are a fantastic place for children to meet new friends, have lots of fun, and create wonderful memories!

Join us this half term, for a mix of fun activities that children may not have tried before - from nerf wars to gymnastics. There's something for every child to enjoy this half-term.

Book now for lots of half term fun!

**PLEASE
BRING**

Pack lunch

Plenty of water

Suitable clothing

Loads of energy!



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more information



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We are delighted to share that both Hillside Infant School and Hillside Junior School will be holding a **Non-Uniform day on Friday 1st May** to raise funds towards creating sensory rooms in both schools.

A sensory room is a specially designed space that provides a calm, supportive environment for children. It can help pupils regulate their emotions, reduce anxiety, and improve focus and engagement in learning. These spaces are particularly beneficial for children with additional needs, but they can positively support the wellbeing of all pupils.

For this non-uniform day, our theme is '**Wear Your Wildest Wonderful Mix-Ups!**' We encourage children to come to school dressed in fun, creative, and colourful combinations to celebrate neurodiversity.

We kindly ask for a **minimum donation of £1 (cash only)**, which will go directly towards funding these valuable sensory spaces.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.