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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 have been busy thinking creatively about what they would like to find at the top of a beanstalk and having a go at drawing something of their choice, thinking carefully about the shapes and details needed to represent their chosen object. In maths we have been working hard on matching numerals and quantities. Elsewhere we are super excited that our runner beans are beginning to grow as well as our carrots and radishes - we have enjoyed seeing the roots and shoots growing!

In Reception the children have been looking at the Gruffalo story. The children have been writing the story using pictures to help them. In maths the children have been learning all about numbers 11- 15. They have been learning the composition of these numbers and working together to make them. In PSHE we have been learning about what makes a good friend and how we can be a good friend.

This week Year 1 have learnt the story of Cinderella, creating a class story map to help. They have then written the story independently. In Science the children have been learning about bulbs and seeds and they have planted their own beans which they have to take care of and fill in their bean diary each week!

This week in Year 2, the children have been learning all about money, exploring pounds and pence and practising how to count coins and find totals in fun, real-life situations. In English and history, they have been discovering the adventures of Captain Robert Scott. They wrote interesting facts about his journey to the Antarctic and created timelines to show the key events in order. In PE, the children have been taking part in exciting invasion games, where they have been practising how to attack, defend, and work together as a team to play fairly and effectively.

The children participated in pedestrian training last week and we were very concerned about the number of children who said they do not have a car seat or booster and do not wear a seatbelt. I can't begin to think why families would risk their children's lives. Please think careful it is the law.

Have an enjoyable weekend.

Mrs Rebecca Fennell

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. Fennell', with a horizontal line extending from the end of the signature.

Headteacher

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General Information

Nursery Open Morning for Prospective Parents

Does your child turn 3 before 31st August 2026? If so, they can start Nursery this September!

Do you know a family looking for a Nursery place? We would love to welcome them to our school.

We are holding a **Nursery Open Morning on 30th April 2026**. This is a great opportunity to visit, meet the staff, and see our learning environment. Please contact the school office to book a place. We look forward to welcoming you!

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.
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School Drop off and Pick Up

Please park considerately and safely when dropping off and collecting your child from school.

Do not stop at the car park entrance, as this blocks access for others. Allowing children to get in or out of the car in this area causes congestion and is unsafe.

Yellow lines indicate no parking, and zig-zag lines are strictly no stopping and no parking zones. These are in place for your children's safety—please do not compromise this.

If you are unable to walk to school, please allow extra time for your journey so you can park safely and considerately.

Thank you for your support.

Star Readers

A huge well done to **Red Class**, who were awarded the Star Reader Cup in this morning's assembly for the second week running!

This week, an impressive **87.5%** of children in **Red Class** read three times or more at home and recorded it in their reading records—an increase of 20% from last week. Fantastic effort—keep up the great reading, **Red Class!**



Class Photos

Class photos were taken at school this week, and order forms with barcodes and instructions have been sent home. You will be informed when the photos are ready to order.

If you have any questions or need help placing your order, please contact Vancols directly via their website:

<https://vancols.com/school-photography/>

Start of the School Day

If your child arrives late to school, you must sign them in at the main reception.

Nursery

- Morning session: Gates and doors open at 8:30am and close at 8:40am.
- Afternoon session: Gates and doors open at 12:30pm and close at 12:40pm.

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2

- Cloakroom doors open at 8:45am and close at 8:55am.

May Day Bank Holiday

A reminder that Monday 4th May is the May Day bank holiday and school will be closed. We hope you enjoy the long weekend! School will reopen on Tuesday 5th May at the usual time.

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Healthy Eating & Birthday Book Donations

As part of our commitment to promoting healthy eating, we encourage children to celebrate their birthdays in a special way by bringing in a book instead of sweets or cake.

On their special day, children are invited to donate a book to the class library. The teacher will share the book with the class, and a special sticker will be placed inside to recognise the child's thoughtful contribution.

This initiative helps foster a love of reading while maintaining a healthy environment for all. Thank you for your support in making birthdays both meaningful and nutritious.

Important Dates

April	17th April		Year 2 Pedestrian training
	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 8th		Deadline for Numeracy day competition entries
	Wednesday 10th	3:45pm	Nursery Stay and play for new Nursery Children
	Monday 15th		Lego Robotics - Year 1 & 2
	Thursday 18th		Year 2 - Neasden Temple
	Monday 22 nd -Friday 26 th		Arts week
	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
	Wednesday 8th	3:15pm	Hillside Art Exhibition and meet the new teacher
	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

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Friday 17th

1:30pm

Term Ends

Achievements

<u>Nursery Super Stars:</u>	<u>Purple Class Super Stars:</u>	<u>Red Class Super Stars:</u>
Cataleya	Ivy	Albert
Salvador	Benjamim	Rodney
Alaya	Amelia	Alice
<u>Blue Class Super Stars:</u>	<u>Green Class Super Stars:</u>	<u>Silver Class Super Stars:</u>
Amarisa	Bianca	Bryan
Fatima	Matteo	Rafael
Kauser	Noah	Marisa
<u>Gold Class Super Stars:</u>	<u>Lunchtime Awards</u>	
	Maryam	
	Zain	
<u>Gold awards</u>	<u>Silver awards</u>	<u>Platinum awards</u>
Nathaniel	Marisa	
	Aurora Salvador	
	Diego Zaviyar	
	Isla Emilia	
	Matilde	

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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, **Blue** class were awarded the Attendance Bunny with **99.1%** attendance. Well done **Blue** Class!

GOLD CLASS 97.62%
SILVER CLASS 95.02%
RED CLASS 95.83 %
GREEN CLASS 95.56%
PURPLE CLASS 84%
BLUE Class 99.1%
N ALL DAY 93.3%
NAM 95.24%
NPM 90.4%

Attendance Ladder



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