

Hillside News



Hillside Values

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

Headteacher update:

Nursery have been learning a new topic story - The Tiny Seed by Eric Carle and have been busy learning about the life cycle of a flower. In literacy the children have been busy drawing and labelling the different parts of a flower, in maths they have been matching numerals and quantities using a range of resources to support this. At the beginning of the week the children have planted sunflower seeds and we are looking forward to watching them grow - we haven't seen any shoots yet but are hoping they may appear next week!

This week in Reception they have continued to look at the story The Three Little pigs. The children used their story maps from last week to write the story of The Three Little Pigs. In maths they have been looking at subtracting and the children have been exploring different ways to work out a problem. They have been checking in on the sunflower seeds that they planted last week and the children have been making sure they get plenty of water and sunlight.

Year 1 have been very busy in English writing instructions on how to grow a bean. They have been using bullet points to write a list of what they need and making sure they are using their imperative verbs. In maths they have been introduced to quarters, a trickier concept than halves. A highlight this week has been filming each other on the iPads to make a weather report, comparing the weather in the UK and Kisumu, Kenya.

Year 2 children worked incredibly hard this week as they took part in their Maths SATs papers. We are very proud of the effort the children put into the tests and how they all tried their very best. We also enjoyed learning about Matthew Henson and his Arctic expedition, discussing his important achievements and how unfairly he was treated despite the vital role he played in the journey.

Have an enjoyable weekend.

Mrs Rebecca Fennell

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "R. Fennell". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Headteacher

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General Information

Hillside Infant School Parkrun

A reminder that Hillside Infant School takes part in Parkrun every Sunday, and Mrs Califano will be there to welcome families. It is a fantastic opportunity for children and families to get active, have fun, and enjoy being part of the community together.

Parkrun Details

📍 Where: Pinner Village Gardens

🕒 When: Meet at 8:55am in the middle of the park (you will see all the volunteers).

Each child will need their own individual QR code, which they will use every time they run.

Please sign up to the Hillside Infant School group if you have not already done so. Parkrun registration is completely free. Once you have registered:

- Search for Hillside Infant School
- When the group appears, select it and click Join

There is also a playground nearby where the children can play after the run. The children did fantastically well last week, and we are so proud of them! A massive well done to Rafael, Matteo, Diego, Iris, Rosie, Emilia, Danny and Aurora for coming to Parkrun on Sunday which was a very cold morning to represent Hillside Infant School. You are all AMAZING! We are very proud of you! Mrs Califano hopes to see more of you on Sunday.



Special Census Day Menu – Thursday 21st May

Don't miss our Special Census Day Menu on Thursday 21st May — details can be found at the end of the newsletter! Please make sure you pre-order your child's meal on SchoolGrid, as menus may have changed. Double-check that you have selected the correct option. Ordering a school meal on Census Day really helps support the school, and the children always enjoy the special menu treats

Coffee Morning – Speech & Language Development

We are pleased to invite all parents and carers of children from Nursery to Year 2 to our upcoming Coffee Morning on **Tuesday 19th May at 9:00am.**

This informal session will focus on developing children's speech and language skills, with helpful advice, ideas, and opportunities to discuss ways to support communication at home and in school.

It will also be a great chance to meet other families and enjoy a cup of coffee together. Please take your child to class before the session and enter via the Main Office.

We look forward to welcoming you all there!

Star Readers Update

A huge well done to **Green Class**, who were awarded the Star Reader Cup in this morning's assembly. This week, an impressive **72%** of children in **Green Class** read three times or more at home and recorded it in their reading record. Fantastic effort—keep up the great reading, **Green Class!**



School Admissions – September 2026

If you made an application via the Local Authority for a place in Reception for September 2026, or submitted a late Year 2 to Year 3 application after the January deadline, London Borough of Hillingdon will be sending out later offers during the week commencing 25th May. Once you receive your offer, please remember to accept the place via your eAdmissions login.

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Healthy Eating & Birthday Book Donations

This week we would like to wish **Darcie** and **Stella** 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:

Can you find a Magical Unicorn by Allie Busby
Aliens love underpants by Claire Freedman & Ben Cort



Important Dates

May	Tuesday 19 th	9am	Coffee morning- speech and language development
	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	9am	RSE & Jigsaw Scheme Parent meeting
	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
	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	9:15am	Reception & Nursery Sports Day
	Thursday 2nd	9:15am	Year 1 & Year 2 Sports Day
	Monday 6th - 13th	3:15pm	Book Fair
	Monday 6th	9:15am	Reserve Sports Day Nursery & Reception
	Tuesday 7th		Transition Day
	Wednesday 8th	3:15pm	Hillside Art Exhibition
	Thursday 9th	9:15am	Reserve 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>
Ianis	Hafsa	Matilde
Rafeal	Saleh	Gabriel
Issac-Adonis	Luciana	Eesa
<u>Blue Class Super Stars:</u>	<u>Green Class Super Stars:</u>	<u>Silver Class Super Stars:</u>
Matilde	David	Nathaniel
Olivia	Abel	Eduardo
Isai	Dexter	Carolina
<u>Gold Class Super Stars:</u>	<u>Lunchtime Awards</u>	
Simon	Mazin	
Siena	Luna	
Luisa		
<u>Bronze awards</u>	<u>Silver awards</u>	<u>Silver awards</u>
Rut Ishani	Taye Nicholas	
Matteo Eduardo	Iris Estera	
Luna Dexter	David Kayal	
Lourenco Bianca	Marnie	
Thomas Abel	Kauser	
Alexis		

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

GOLD CLASS 97.8 %
SILVER CLASS 99.6%
RED CLASS 96.7%
GREEN CLASS 97.3 %
PURPLE CLASS 91.7%
BLUE Class 96.8%
N ALL DAY 86%
NAM 78.7%
NPM 86.6%

Attendance Ladder



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The theme for the Summer Reading Challenge 2026 is **Read to the Beat**.

This year, The Reading Agency are partnering with Universal Music Group UK to harness the universal appeal of music. Universal Music artists will be championing the joy of reading, sharing their own stories of how books have inspired their musical journeys and creative expression.

As a tentpole moment in the National Year of Reading, the 2026 Summer Reading Challenge will create new opportunities to engage children across our borough. *Reading for pleasure is the biggest indicator of a child's future success more so than family income or parental education.* Using music as an interest pathway helps us reach a wider audience, capture imaginations and encourage reading as a joyful social and cultural experience.

Children aged 4 to 11yrs can join for **free** in all Hillingdon Libraries from **Saturday 4 July**. When they join they will receive a sticker book, stickers and a special edition of Storytime magazine which features Summer Reading Challenge-themed content as well as a selection of stories for children to enjoy. Children who complete four visits by the closing date of Saturday 12 September will receive a Medal* and Certificate!

We've got some great free events running this Summer, visit your local library to find out more. Don't miss our free family days out:

The Imagination Station

Botwell Green Library, Friday 31 July, 11am to 4pm

The Great Barn, Manor Farm, Thursday 13 August, 10am to 3pm

- Join us for a day of creativity and imagination to celebrate this year's Summer Reading Challenge. A great day out for all the family.
- Get creative with Ruislip Artists and go green with the Recycling Team
- Get fit with Better Leisure
- Meet the Children's Centres and Heritage Teams
- Dr Bike will offer free basic bike repairs and information about cycling
- Relax at Storytime
- Suitable for children aged 4 to eleven years and their families. Free drop in event

**While stocks last*



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MAY HALF TERM CRASH COURSES

At Rickmansworth
School



Dates

4 Days

TUE 26th MAY - FRI 29th MAY

Fees

	Class Ratio	4 Days
Group Lessons	4:1	£44
Semi Private	2:1	£72
Private	1:1	£120

Mixed Fun Activities

SWIM 50M+

- DAY 1 - Stroke Technique
- DAY 2 - Water Skills
- DAY 3 - Diving
- DAY 4 - Lifesaving
- DAY 5 - Snorkeling

🕒 8 AM to 12 PM

Duration : 30min /Session

Made to Measure

Join with three + friends
and make up your own class

Adults

Private one to one
(All abilities from beginners
to improvers)

Summer term-time lessons available at

-  The Royal Masonic School for Girls
-  Rickmansworth School
-  York House School
-  Maltman's Green School

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