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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 continuing the story of the Very Hungry Caterpillar and have been busy using sponge stamps to create the hungry caterpillar. They have been exploring how to change the shades of the caterpillar's body by making the green lighter or darker and adding features such as legs, antenna and eyes. In maths they have been busy matching numerals and quantities using the number caterpillars and threading the correct amount of pasta onto their body.

Reception have been continuing the story of Dear Zoo. The children drew story maps and used them to re-tell the story. The children all know the story off by heart, which is fantastic! Next week we will be using the story maps to write the story. In maths we have been learning all about odd and even numbers. In our understanding of the world lessons we have been learning all about jungle animals.

Year 1 have had a great week. In English they have written a leaflet with advice on how to look after their pebbles. The children will then give their pebbles to someone else! In maths the children have been working so hard on comparing 2 numbers within 100 using greater than, less than and equal to and their symbols. A highlight has been learning and comparing technology from the past and how improved technology has changed our lives.

Children in Year 2 have enjoyed reflecting on their experiences this year and have been busy writing letters to the Year 1 children. In their letters, they shared their favourite learning experiences, memorable trips, and what they have enjoyed most about their classrooms, helping to prepare the younger children for their exciting journey into Year 2.

Thank you to the parents/carers who came to see the materials we teach in PSHE. I hope the session was useful and clarified why and how we teach key topics such as naming body parts and how to keep safe. If there are any questions please let me know.

On 7th July, the children will meet their new teacher for the next academic year. You will be informed of your child's class teacher after school on that day. You will also have the opportunity on 8th July, during the Art Exhibition after school, to visit the new classrooms and meet your child's teacher for the next academic year.

Have an enjoyable weekend.

Mrs Rebecca Fennell

Headteacher

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General Information

Silly Hair or Hat Day – Friday 19th June 2026

Hillside Infant School, in conjunction with Hillside Junior School, will be holding a Silly Hair or Hat Day on Friday 19th June 2026. Children are invited to come to school wearing their usual red school uniform and complete their look with the silliest hairstyle or hat they can imagine. We are asking for a minimum cash donation of £1, with all proceeds going towards supporting our SEN provisions, including learning spaces and pathways. We look forward to seeing everyone's creativity while raising funds for this important cause.

Next Week

LEGO Robotics Workshop – Monday 15th June

Year 1 and Year 2 pupils will be taking part in a LEGO Robotics Workshop.

A LEGO Robotics Workshop is a fun and exciting way for children to learn about programming and engineering. All activities are hands-on, highly engaging, and encourage creativity. Children are encouraged to play, experiment, problem-solve, and try out their own ideas. It is great fun and packed full of learning opportunities.

If you would like your child to participate, please provide consent and make a payment of £5.15 via Arbor.

Year 2 Trip to Neasden Temple – Thursday 18th June

Year 2 will be visiting BAPS Shri Swaminarayan Mandir on Thursday 18th June.

This trip supports their Religious Education topic, helping children learn about different places of worship.

Please provide consent and make payment via Arbor

Summer Term

We have a busy term ahead, with lots of exciting events and activities planned. Please make a note of the dates in your diary.

You can sync our school calendar to your personal calendar by clicking the link below: [Hillside Calendar](#)
We look forward to sharing a wonderful term with all our children and families.

Reminder: Please Cancel SchoolGrid Meals

If your child is away from school, either due to illness or because they are attending a school trip, and you have ordered a meal through SchoolGrid for that day, please remember to cancel it.

Thank you for your support and cooperation.

Star Readers Update

Blue Class Celebrates Double Success!

A huge congratulations to **Blue Class**, who were awarded the Star Reader Cup during this week's assembly. An impressive 68% of pupils read at home three or more times and recorded their reading in their reading records.

Blue Class also won the attendance award with 98.7% attendance this week.

As an extra incentive this term, children who consistently read three times a week or more, with this recorded in their reading records by an adult, will be rewarded with a special inflatable party in July. Be sure to keep reading regularly and logging it—every session counts!



Reminder: Returning Spare Clothes

If your child has been sent home in spare clothes from school due to needing a change of clothes during the day, please remember to wash and return them to school as soon as possible.

We are currently very short of spare underwear for both boys and girls. If you are able to donate any clean underwear in good condition for our spare clothes supply, we would be very grateful. Thank you for your support.

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Birthday Book Donations

Thank you to all the families who have supported our Birthday Book initiative. So far this year, **53** books have been donated through the scheme, helping to enrich our school library and classroom book collections for all children to enjoy.

The Birthday Book scheme provides a special way for children to celebrate their birthday while giving something back to the school community. Donated books help us keep our collections up to date, introduce children to new authors and topics, and promote a love of reading across the school.

We are incredibly grateful for your generosity and support. Every donated book helps to inspire a lifelong love of reading and provides opportunities for all children to discover and enjoy new stories. Thank you for helping us put even more wonderful books into the hands of our pupils!

Important Dates

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
	Friday 26th	3:15pm	Summer Fair
	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		End of Year Reports sent home
	Wednesday 8th	3:15pm	Hillside Art Exhibition
	Thursday 9th	9:15am	Reserve Year 1 & Year 2 Sports Day
	Thursday 9th		Themed lunch day - World Cup
	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

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Achievements

<u>Nursery Super Stars:</u>	<u>Purple Class Super Stars:</u>	<u>Red Class Super Stars:</u>
Rabab	Yayha	Nathan
Archie	Willow	Darcie
Ana	Liam	Freddie
<u>Blue Class Super Stars:</u>	<u>Green Class Super Stars:</u>	<u>Silver Class Super Stars:</u>
Filipe	Mohammed	Joshua
Gabriel	Ridhan	Maia
Diego	Luna	Samaira
<u>Gold Class Super Stars:</u>	<u>Lunchtime Awards</u>	
Virali	Hudson	
Salome	David	
Stella		
<u>Bronze awards</u>	<u>Silver awards</u>	<u>Silver awards</u>
	Melissa	
	Freddie	
	Rafael	
	Alice	
	Eesa	

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 98.7% attendance. Well done **Blue Class!**

GOLD CLASS 96.3%
SILVER CLASS 96.4%
RED CLASS 90.6%
GREEN CLASS 94.4%
PURPLE CLASS 91.1%
BLUE Class 98.7%
N ALL DAY 98%
NAM 79.2%
NPM 96.8%

Attendance Ladder



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Infant School on Friday
19th June 2026



Dress in your red uniform and top it off with the silliest hair or hat you can imagine!

Donation of minimum £1 will support SEN provisions(rooms and learning pathways)

