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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:

Yesterday governors visited the school and spent the morning in classes with leaders looking at our school development priorities. The morning was a big success and the feedback was extremely positive. Thank you to parents/carers that took the time to talk with governors and share views on what's working well at Hillside and suggestions to be even better.

After half term I am looking to hold informal coffee mornings for parents. This is an opportunity for leaders to talk about our school priorities, share developments and seek your opinions about key areas such as homework and after school clubs. Please look out for a date soon.

Nursery have been excited to move onto water transport and have been exploring a submarine. The role play has been extremely popular and lots of new language has been used in there which has been great to hear! In maths the children have been looking at shapes and beginning to learn about the difference between 2D and 3D shapes.

This week in Reception they received a message from Evil Pea saying he had taken the children's super vegetables. The children wrote letters to Evil Pea telling him how they felt and what they would do when they find him. The children have been so excited seeing images all around the school of Evil Pea. In maths the children have been representing 6, 7 and 8 on ten frames.

Year 1 have been authors this week creating their own 'Send for a Superhero' stories. In maths they have been estimating on a number line and comparing numbers using language such as greater/less than. In Geography they have learnt about Wales and have even learnt a few Welsh words! We have been so impressed with all of the reading happening at home to try and be the superstar readers- Keep it up!

This week in PE Year 2 have been showcasing their forward rolls and cartwheels. All children listened well and followed instructions on how to improve. The PE gymnastics coach was impressed with both classes! Well done everyone!

Have an enjoyable weekend.

Mrs Rebecca Fennell

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'R. Fennell'.

Headteacher

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General Information

Non-Uniform Day – Friday 6th February 2026

We're having a **Non-Uniform Day** on **Friday 6th February** to support a local charity, **Home-Start Hillingdon**, which helps local families who are struggling.

The theme is "**Wear What You Want**" – whether that's a pirate costume, a princess dress, your comfiest jumper, or even pyjamas! Please remember to wear sensible footwear.

The suggested donation is **£1**, which will go directly to supporting Home-Start's important work. To learn more about the charity, visit: www.homestart-hillingdon.org.uk

QR code for donation or £1 on the door the class teacher



Thank you for your support!



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Facebook

We regularly post updates on our Facebook page, sharing the exciting events and wonderful experiences happening in school. It's a great way for parents and carers to stay connected and see what the children have been up to!

Don't miss out — follow us today!

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

Star Readers

Our **Star Readers** this week are **Silver Class!** Silver Class were awarded the **Star Reader Cup** in this morning's assembly. An impressive **79% of children** in Silver Class read **three times or more at home** this week and recorded it in their **reading records**.

Well done, Silver Class! Fantastic reading!



Nursery and Reception

On 28th January, Nursery and Reception will be taking part in a workshop by Little City. Little City is an entirely mobile role play city for under 6's to explore and enjoy. The cost of this workshop is £4.15. Please make your payment on Arbor.

Half Term Holiday Camp

Premier Camps Near You

Multi Activity Camps

Bushey Heath Primary School 9am - 3.30pm (16th - 20th Feb)

Hillside Infant School - 9am - 3.00pm (16th - 20th Feb)

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 February, 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!



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Pack lunch
Plenty of water
Suitable clothing
Loads of energy!




Trustpilot
Based on over 20,000 reviews

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Red Class Assembly

Red Class assembly is on Friday 30th March at 9am. Parents and carers of Red Class are invited to attend. Please take your child to class and then come around to the main office.

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Important Dates

January	Wednesday 28th		Little City - Nursery and Reception
	Friday 30th	9am	Red Class assembly
February	Thursday 5th		Reception - Visiting Northwood Hills
	Friday 6th		Non Uniform Day Home Start Fundraiser
	Monday 9th		Life bus - Year 1 & 2
	Tuesday 10th		Safer Internet Day
	Thursday 12th		Learning together morning- English writing focus
	Friday 13th		Non Uniform Day - This is my place
	Half term		
Monday 16th –Friday 20th February			
March	Friday 6th		World book day
	16th - 20th		Science Week
	Tuesday 17th	3:30pm - 7pm	Progress meeting
	Tuesday 17th	1pm-4pm	Nursery Progress meeting (Frogs)
	Wednesday 18th	1pm-4pm	Nursery Progress meeting (ladybirds)
	Thursday 19th	3:30-5:30pm	Progress meeting
	Thursday 19th	1pm-4pm	Nursery Progress meeting (Butterflies)
	Thursday 19th		Sublime Science Day
	Friday 20th	9am	Green Class assembly
	Wednesday 25th		School Nurse Reception Height and Weight Measurements
	Wednesday 25th		Year 1 - RAF museum
	Thursday 26th	11:30am/3:30pm	Nursery term ends
	Friday 27th	1:30pm	Term Ends
Easter Holidays			
Monday 30th March – Friday 10th April			

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Achievements

<u>Nursery Superstars:</u>	<u>Purple Class Super Stars:</u>	<u>Red Class Super Stars:</u>
Kassandra	Amelia	Aleksander
Ava	Luciana	Freya
Iohanan	Charles	Melissa
	<u>Blue Class Super Stars:</u>	<u>Green Class Super Stars:</u>
	Fatima	Taye
	Isla	Isobel
	Nicholas	Mohammed
<u>Lunchtime Awards</u>	<u>Gold Class Super Stars:</u>	<u>Silver Class Super Stars:</u>
Avi	Denys	Diego
Susanna	Stella	Alfie
	Luisa	Charlie
<u>Bronze awards</u>	<u>Bronze awards</u>	<u>Silver awards</u>
Bryan		
Sebastian		

Healthy Eating & Birthday Book Donations

Healthy Eating & Birthday Book Donations
This week we would like to wish a very Happy Birthday to **Marnie**, **Diana** and **Yara** who recently celebrated their special day!. As part of our Birthday Book Scheme, they kindly donated the following books to our school:

Margaret's Unicorn by Briony Smith
Peppa's Magical Story by Ladybird
Peppa's New Baby Sister by Ladybird



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What Parents & Educators Need to Know about

ROBLOX

Roblox is an online platform where users can play and create games known as 'experiences' made by other users. Roblox has a large UK audience. ITV News has reported that millions of people in Britain use the platform regularly, with children forming a significant proportion of its users. The sheer scale of it makes it extremely difficult to moderate effectively, creating risks for unsupervised children.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

A PLATFORM RATHER THAN A GAME

Roblox differs from traditional video games in that it hosts millions of user-created experiences rather than a fixed set of developer-produced content. Each experience is self-rated by its creator rather than independently age-rated in advance, as is the case with PEGI-rated games. With millions of user-created experiences, moderation is largely automated which means that inappropriate content may reach younger players and have a harmful effect.

MATURE CONTENT

With much of Roblox's moderation automated through AI and creators self-certifying suitability, inappropriate content frequently appears on the platform. Some experiences may include content intended for older players. While Roblox has tools to restrict access based on age settings, these systems are not always perfect. Younger players are likely to encounter content you may deem unsuitable.

IN-GAME SPENDING

Roblox is free to play, but many experiences and cosmetics include optional purchases using Robux, the platform's virtual currency, to get advantages in games. This business model is common across online games, but reporting has highlighted cases where children have spent large amounts of money unintentionally or without understanding the real-world cost.

RISK OF ADDICTION

Roblox encourages repeated and extended play. Many experiences are made of short tasks, rewards, and progression systems that can prompt users to keep playing for longer periods of time. Some games also use reminders, daily rewards, or timed events to encourage frequent logins. These designs can make it difficult to stop playing. Spending long periods online may affect sleep, schoolwork, or other activities if boundaries are not in place.

COMMUNICATION WITH OTHER USERS

Roblox includes text and voice features that allow players to chat in shared game spaces. While the platform uses automated filters and moderation tools, media investigations have found that inappropriate and potentially harmful messages can still get through. There are risks that children could be targeted by groomers. In response, Roblox has announced changes to how chat works. The platform plans to use facial age-estimation technology to restrict chat access between adults and children they do not know.

Advice for Parents & Educators

USE PARENTAL CONTROLS

Roblox's parental controls provide an important starting point. Linking a child's account to an adult account allows parents to apply spending controls, limit communication features, and review recent activity. Regular supervision, use of parental controls, and conversations with children about what they see online can help reduce the risk of exposure to inappropriate content.

PLAY TOGETHER WHERE POSSIBLE

Playing Roblox with a child can help adults understand the types of experiences available, how monetisation works, and how children interact online. This shared engagement can also make it easier for children to raise concerns if something feels wrong. Parents and educators should monitor all games played on Roblox due to its self-rating nature.

CONSIDER LIMITING OR DISABLING CHAT

Although Roblox is introducing tighter age-based chat restrictions, some parents and educators may prefer to disable chat entirely for younger children. Children can still play games while communicating with friends they know through other supervised platforms.

ENCOURAGE OPEN CONVERSATIONS

Many Roblox experiences are creative and age appropriate, and for many children, the platform is an important way to socialise with friends. Rather than banning it outright, parents and educators should talk openly with children about online safety, spending, and how to respond to inappropriate behaviour.

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