

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 using images from their topic story 'The Naughty Bus' to create a story map, carefully sequencing the events from the story. In maths, the children have been exploring common 2D shapes, learning their names and beginning to talk about their properties.

In Reception we had a very special visitor; it was Supertato! The children had great fun making their own super vegetables. In maths we have been learning all about mass and capacity. The children have been busy weighing objects to see if they are heavy or light and filling up containers with rice to learn all about capacity.

Year 1 have had a busy week. They have had their first gymnastics session and were all amazing! In English we have written an email on the chrome books to the Mayor to help catch the baddies. In maths the children have been learning about how many tens and ones are in a number to 20- a really tricky concept which they have done brilliantly at.

This week in Year 2, the children have been developing their debating skills. Using questions linked to The Great Kapok Tree, they explored the topic of deforestation. It was wonderful to see them using persuasive language, confidently sharing their opinions, and justifying their ideas.

This week has been the first week of our Star readers challenge. It has been so lovely to hear children so enthusiastic about their reading and eager to read more at home. We have been very concerned by the amount of children who do not read at home and this is impacting all aspects of progress. We hope this can make a difference. Congratulations to Red class with 87%. Let's see if we can have a class with 100% next week!

I am still concerned about the amount of children walking through the carpark and parents allowing children to run in between cars and across the crossing without looking. Some staff and visitors leave at 3:15pm and therefore there will always be cars entering and leaving the site. Please ensure you cross only via the zebra crossing and not through the cars.

Have an enjoyable weekend.

Mrs Rebecca Fennell

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

Headteacher

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General Information

Hillside Nursery – Applications Open

We are now accepting applications for Hillside Nursery starting in September 2026. **Children who turn 3 years old on or before 31 August 2026** may be eligible for a place.

We offer:

- 5 hours free childcare (morning or afternoon sessions)
- 30 hours free childcare (full-day provision, subject to eligibility)

To check eligibility for 30 hours free childcare, please visit: www.gov.uk/free-childcare-if-working

Application deadline: 27 March 2026. For more information or to request an application form, please contact the school office: office@hillsideinfant.org.uk

Afterschool Activity Clubs

We still have spaces available for afterschool activity clubs and they are as follows:

Mondays: Gymnastics [click to book](#)

Tuesday: Street dance [click to book](#)

Tuesday: Year 1 Computer Club – Book via Arbor

Thursday: Drama/Performing arts [click to book](#)

Thursday: Football [click to book](#)

Friday: Football [click to book](#)

Spaces are limited and will be offered on a first-come, first-served basis.

Scooters and Bikes – Polite Reminder

Please remember to dismount scooters and bikes before entering the playground. For everyone's safety, scooting or cycling in the playground is not permitted.

Thank you for your cooperation in keeping our playground safe for all children.

Volunteers Needed!

Do you have some spare time you'd like to share with us? We are looking for volunteer readers to come in and read with our children.

If you can spare one or two hours a week, either in the morning or afternoon, we would love to hear from you.

Your support can help foster a love of reading and make a real difference to a child's learning journey.

We look forward to hearing from you!

Star Readers

Our **Star Readers** this week are **Red Class!** Red Class were awarded the **Star Reader Cup** in this morning's assembly. An impressive **87% of children** in Red Class read **three times or more at home** this week and recorded it in their **reading records**. **Well done, Red Class! Fantastic reading!**

Star Reader



Read 3 times a week to become a star reader

Make sure your adult signs your reading record



Every Friday your reading record will be checked and in assembly we will celebrate which class has the most star readers

The children who have been reading every week will gain a prize!



READ, READ, READ

Become a Star Reader! If you read, you succeed!

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Important Dates

Spring term			
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 25 th		Year 1 trip to RAF Museum
	Thursday 26th	11:30am/3:30pm	Nursery term ends
	Friday 27th	1:30pm	Term Ends – No after school club school finishes 1:30pm
	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>
Harry	Delilah	Amora
April	Nala	Eesa
Lucas He	Jack	
	<u>Blue Class Super Stars:</u>	<u>Green Class Super Stars:</u>
	Matilde	Victoria
	Gabriel	Dexter
	Aurora	Abel
<u>Lunchtime Awards</u>	<u>Gold Class Super Stars:</u>	<u>Silver Class Super Stars:</u>
Mazin	Alexis	Rafael
Freya	Arash	Iosif
	Simon	Joshua
<u>Bronze awards</u>	<u>Bronze awards</u>	<u>Silver awards</u>
David Freddie	Danny	Joshua
Virali Luca	Ana	
James Yara	Aaron	
Pedro Salva		

Healthy Eating & Birthday Book Donations

As part of our Healthy Eating initiative, we encourage children to celebrate their birthdays in a special, meaningful way by donating a book to their class library.

To support our commitment to being a healthy school, we kindly ask that children do not bring in sweets or cakes for birthdays or other celebrations. Instead, children are invited to bring in a book on their birthday. This book will be donated to the class library, and the teacher will read it to the class on the day of the child's birthday. A special sticker will be placed inside the book to acknowledge the donation and celebrate the child's special day. This is a lovely way to promote a love of reading, support our healthy school values, and create lasting memories.



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**NAKED
TRUTH**



PG Workshop

Helping Parents Navigate the Digital Landscape

Saturday 28th February 10am-12noon

For more details visit ecn.org.uk/naked-truth

Tickets: £5