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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 enjoyed painting pictures of planet earth and the sunshine has been welcomed! The children have loved helping to have a spring clean in the garden organising and beginning to prepare the planters ready for growing next half term. Space is continuing to be very popular and the children have been showing great enthusiasm asking questions about the planets and having a good go at drawing a range of the planets from our solar system.

Our Reception children have been very busy with their learning this week. They have been tasting new vegetables including rhubarb, beetroot, spinach and cabbage, and sharing their thoughts about the different flavours. The children also created story maps based on the story Oliver's Vegetables, helping them to retell the story and remember key events. In maths, the children have been learning about one more and one less to 10, building their confidence with numbers.

This week Year 1 have been learning all about The Wright Brothers in History and have learnt all about the first powered engine plane. A highlight was making our own paper planes and testing them in the playground. In English we enjoyed our world book day activities and making posters. In maths we have been estimating on a number line to 50.

Year 2 have had a great week celebrating World Book Day! They wrote persuasive letters about saving the rainforests and enjoyed listening to James Sellick as he spoke to them about being an author and read them a story. The children also enjoyed practising making linkages in DT in preparation for creating their moving monster.

This week we welcomed Helen Jones, our School Improvement Partner, who is also an Ofsted inspector. During Helen's visit, she worked with the Senior Leadership Team and focused on inclusion. Her visit was very successful, and she identified how many outstanding practitioners and areas of expertise we have in our school. The strengths highlighted included our high expectations for all children and the many opportunities children are given to enhance their learning, skills and knowledge.

A reminder that on **Wednesday 11th at 9:00am** there will be an informal coffee morning for all parents. The meeting will be relaxed and informal and will last no longer than one hour. It will be a lovely opportunity to meet, chat and share ideas.

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 and is positioned above the printed name 'Headteacher'.

Headteacher

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General Information

World Book Day Dress-Up

The children thoroughly enjoyed the final day of Book Week today with our World Book Day dress-up day. The costumes were absolutely amazing, and it was wonderful to see so many creative characters brought to life from their favourite stories. Thank you to everyone for making such a fantastic effort — the children looked brilliant and had a great time celebrating their love of reading. For the latest news and photos, please visit our website:

www.hillsideinfant.org.uk



Star Readers

A huge well done to **Green Class**, who were awarded the Star Reader Cup in this morning's assembly!. This week, 67% of children in **Green Class** read three times or more at home and recorded it in their reading records. Fantastic effort — keep up the great reading, **Green Class**.



Lost Property

We currently have a **huge** amount of lost property in school. Please come to the main office to retrieve any items that may belong to your child. All children's uniform should be clearly named. If items are labelled, we can ensure they are returned to the correct child rather than going to lost property. Any unclaimed items at the end of this term will be donated

Frogspawn Request

As part of our science topic on life cycles, we are hoping to find some frogspawn for the children to observe and learn from. If anyone has frogspawn in their pond, or knows someone who might be willing to donate some to the school, please contact the school office. Your support, as always, is greatly appreciated.

Nursery Admissions – September 2026

Does your child — or do you know a child — who will turn three before 31 August 2026? If so, they will be eligible to start Nursery in September 2026. Applications can be made directly through our website: www.hillsideinfant.org.uk Reminder: The deadline for applications is the end of March. Applications received after this date will still be processed; however, those submitted by the deadline will be given priority.

Playground Reminder

Whilst waiting for the school doors to open in the morning, please do not play football or use the playground equipment. This helps us keep everyone safe and ensures the equipment is ready for use during the school day.

Thank you for your cooperation.

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Healthy Eating & Birthday Book Donations

This week we would like to wish a very Happy Birthday to **Amarisa, Jack** and **Luana** who recently celebrated their special day!. As part of our Birthday Book Scheme, they kindly donated the following books to our school:

Olaf's Perfect Summer Day by Disney Frozen

Supertato by Sue Hendra

Pip and Posy the New Friend by Camilla Reid & Axel Scheffler



Important Dates

March	Wednesday 11th	9am	Parent and Carer Coffee Morning
	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
	Monday 23rd	9.15	Hearing & Vision for Reception
	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			
<u>Summer term</u>			
April	17th April		Year 2 Pedestrian training
	22nd April		Class photos

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Achievements

<u>Nursery Superstars:</u>	<u>Purple Class Super Stars:</u>	<u>Red Class Super Stars:</u>
Leticia	Iris	Lana
Imran	Sophia	Luca
Rosanna	Delilah	Hirva
	<u>Blue Class Super Stars:</u>	<u>Green Class Super Stars:</u>
	Kausar	Rut
	Amarisa	Eduardo
	Anastasia	Ridhan
<u>Lunchtime Awards</u>	<u>Gold Class Super Stars:</u>	<u>Silver Class Super Stars:</u>
Alessia	Miah	James
David	Ianis	Carolina
	Eva	Martin
<u>Bronze awards</u>	<u>Bronze awards</u>	<u>Silver awards</u>
Hirva	Advit	Victoria Avi
Rodney	Nathan	Charlie Leonor
Zain	Yamamah	Amarisa
Seren		Rosie

Weekly Class 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, **Nursery AM Class** were awarded the Attendance Bunny with 98.1% attendance. Well done, **Nursery AM**

GOLD CLASS 97.62 %
SILVER CLASS 96.55 %
RED CLASS 93.98%
GREEN CLASS 88.84 %
PURPLE CLASS 95.11 %
BLUE Class 96.58%
N ALL DAY 88.73 %
NAM 98.1 %
NPM 87.5%

Attendance Ladder

