



Hillside Junior School Newsletter

Friday 10th July 2026



Message from the Head teacher

One of the highlights this week was our Rock Steady concert. It was wonderful to see our pupils perform with such confidence and enthusiasm. A huge thank you to everyone who came along to support our new generation of rock stars.

We have also been busy with our transition arrangements. Our Year 6 pupils have had the opportunity to visit their new secondary schools, which is such an important milestone in their journey. At the same time, we have welcomed our new Year 3 children and parents into the school. The children showed great enthusiasm and curiosity as they explored their new classrooms and met their teachers.

I would also like to extend my sincere thanks to all the parents and carers who supported our Summer Fair. Events like this simply would not happen without the generosity and commitment of our community. I am delighted to tell you that we raised nearly £1000 for each school – a wonderful amount that will make a real difference to the experiences we can offer our pupils.

Have a good weekend,

Mr. Davies

Attendance (Weeks beginning 22nd June and 29th June 2026)

3R	3S	4LT	4B	5ST	5A	6JO	6KM
88.7%	80%	91.2%	91.1%	91.9%	88.5%	87%	84%

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96.2%	94%	94.2%	98.6%	100%	91.5%	95.7%	91.6%

Congratulations to 5ST who were our attendance winners.

Parent Feedback

Parent feedback is an important aspect of school improvement. We aim to be very visible and approachable to deal with issues as quickly as possible.

Please could you complete the survey below, clicking on the relevant year group:

[Year 3](#)

[Year 4](#)

[Year 5](#)

[Year 6](#)

If there are any issues that you would like to discuss, please do not hesitate to contact the school office to arrange a meeting.

Summer Fair

Thank you to everyone who attended the summer fair and helped to raise funds for the school. We made an impressive £2150 which will be split between the infant and junior school.

Board Game Donations

We are looking for donations of board games. If you have any unwanted board games that are complete and have all the correct pieces, we would be very grateful if you could donate them to the school. Please bring any donations to the school office.

Thank you for your support!

Diary Dates

Thursday 16th July – Year 6 Leavers Picnic 5pm – 6pm

Thursday 16th July – Year 6 Disco – 6pm – 8pm

Friday 17th July – Year 6 Leavers Assembly 9am

Friday 17th July – Term Ends 1.30pm

Clubs

PSD Football Club – Please book directly with [PSD](#)

PSD Dodgeball Club – Please book directly with [PSD](#)

PSD Gymnastics Club - Please book directly with [PSD](#)

K-Kwon-Do (Martial Arts) – please contact Bushra Khosla (Instructor) at www.kkwondo.org

Portuguese Classes – Please contact The Portuguese Embassy on 0207 235 8811 - www.e-portugues.co.uk

Rock Steady Music School – Please book directly with Rock Steady - <https://www.rocksteadymusicschool.com/>

Art Club – Please book directly with artboxworkshop.bookwhen.com

Strategy Square Chess Club - Please book directly with info.strategysquare@gmail.com

Uniform

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- white shirt (not polo shirts)
- school tie (red/grey)
- red sweatshirt or cardigan with school logo
- grey or black trousers, trouser shorts, pinafore or skirt
- black leather type shoes (**NOT** trainers)
- In the summer term a red gingham dress may be worn

PE KIT

- red shorts (not Bermuda or cycling shorts)
- white t-shirt with school logo
- black or white trainers

Please ensure children are attending school wearing weather appropriate clothing and footwear.

PE Days

Please see PE days below. Children should come to school wearing their PE kits on those days.

Tuesday – Year 3

Wednesday – Years 4 & 5

Thursday – Year 6

Water Bottles

Polite reminder: All children should be coming to school with a water bottle. Please ensure your child brings one every day.

Tissue Box Donations

We are kindly requesting donations of tissue boxes for use in our classrooms. If you are able to contribute, please bring them in to the School Office.

Parking around the School Premises

Please be considerate when dropping off or collecting your child and ensure that you do not:

- block driveways
- park on yellow lines
- double park
- stop on the zebra crossing to allow children to get out of the car

These actions create safety concerns for both pedestrians and other road users, and they have a negative impact on our relationship with the local community.

Thank you for your cooperation and support.



Car Park Reminder

Please be reminded that the car park is for staff use only. **Parents are not permitted to use the car park at any time.** Thank you for your cooperation.

Arrival to school

Polite reminder that children **should not** be arriving on the school site before 8.30am. Before this time, children are unsupervised and therefore this causes a potential safeguarding risk.

If children are arriving before 8.30am, they MUST be accompanied by an adult. This includes children arriving early for clubs and tuition.

Instagram

Please see the link below for our Instagram page. The account is private; therefore, we will need to accept your request before you can see the content. To help us verify your account, please make sure your name is clearly visible.

https://www.instagram.com/hillsidejuniorschool?igsh=MXNnYzN4dmlcHpXaA%3D%3D&utm_source=qr

Communication and Payments

All school related communication is made via email or using the School Gateway App. Please follow the steps below to download the app.

Apple iPhone users, click on the icon to download the app.

Android phone users, click on the icon to download the app.

Creating an account is simple and only takes a few minutes:

1. **Register** using the same email address and mobile number held by the school
2. **Four-digit PIN.** School Gateway will send you a text with your PIN
3. **Login**, you are ready to go

If you change your email address or mobile number, please let us know so we can update our records. Additionally, if you have any questions, or would like more information, please visit the [School Gateway](#) site. If you do not have a smart phone, you can login to the online version of School Gateway via the school [website](#) although we do recommend using the app if possible.

School Lunch/ Citrus

We are now using a new booking system to book school meals; this will go live on Monday 29th June 2026. **You will no longer be able to use your School Grid account.**

The new booking system is called Citrus. To book your child lunch please create an account using the information that has been sent to you by HCL (kitchen/lunch providers) earlier this week.

1. **Welcome Email from HCL:** You would have received an introductory email from HCL earlier this week. This will include a **short guide** to help you familiarise yourself with the Citrus platform. Please use the link below to access the guide.
2. <https://citrus.online/documents/citrus-setting-up-your-account.pdf>
3. **Activation Email from Citrus:** Shortly after, you will receive an automated email from the Citrus system itself. This email will contain your unique **Student Reference Number** and step-by-step instructions on how to set up your account.
4. **Action Required:** Once you receive your Student Reference Number, please follow the instructions to create your account and link your children. You can then order meals from the **29th June onwards**.

If your child has a food allergy, please make sure you complete the allergy section. If you are having trouble with the adding your child's date of birth, please use a slash (/) between numbers and not full stops. Please do not auto fill your child's information, some parents have been having issues due to gaps being left before or after the information entered.

If you need any help with signing up to the new Citrus system, please contact HCL on menusystemsupport@hcl.co.uk

PTA (Parent Teacher Association)

Your support is needed! Any offers of help are very much appreciated. Money raised makes a huge difference in helping to fund projects such as new library books and iPads.

Please join the PTA WhatsApp group by following the link below or scanning the QR code:

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/ISajJUpiqzVFB9EJYz4NTk>



Hillside Curriculum Overview

Our curriculum overview for 2025-2026 is available on the school website. Please click [here](#) to view. This document shows the topics your children will investigate this academic year.