



Hillside Junior School Newsletter

Friday 11th September 2026



Message from the Head teacher

This week saw the launch of the various extra-curricular clubs, which offers our pupils a fantastic range of enrichment activities. We are particularly excited to introduce our new multi skills morning club, which provides pupils with the opportunity to develop a broad range of physical skills and sporting abilities.

I would also like to take this opportunity to celebrate the start of this academic year. Our attendance figures have been strong, and this is testament to the support of our families in ensuring their children are in school, ready to learn, every single day. Regular attendance is absolutely fundamental to pupil progress and wellbeing, and we are genuinely grateful for your support. Alongside this, we have also been impressed by the punctuality in the mornings. Pupils arriving on time means they can settle into their day calmly and make the most of those crucial early morning moments in the classroom.

As always, if you have any concerns or questions about anything happening in school, please do not hesitate to contact our school office. They are here to help and will be able to direct your query to the right person or provide you with the support you need. We value open communication and want to ensure that any issues are addressed promptly and effectively, especially when they relate to issues around attendance and general pupil well-being.

Thank you for your continued support. We are looking forward to an exciting and successful year ahead.

Have a good weekend,

Mr. Davies
Headteacher

Secondary Transition

Please see the information on the school website regarding secondary transition.

Diary Dates

Monday 14th September – Year 3 Pedestrian training

Tuesday 22nd September – Year 3 Meet the teacher meeting – 2.45pm

Wednesday 23rd September – Year 5 Meet the teacher meeting – 2.45pm

Thursday 24th September – Year 4 Meet the teacher meeting – 2.45pm

Friday 25th September – Year 6 Meet the teacher meeting – 2.45pm

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 – Year 5

Thursday – Year 4

Friday – 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.

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.

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.



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

To book your child's lunch please create an account using the information that has been sent to you by HCL (kitchen/lunch providers)

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 menusystemssupport@hcl.co.uk

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

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/ISajJUpigzVFB9EJYz4NTk>



Hillside Curriculum Overview

Our curriculum overview for 2026-2027 is available on the school website. Please click [here](#) to view. This document shows the topics your children will investigate this academic year.