



Hillside Junior School Newsletter

Friday 13th March 2026



Message from the Head teacher

This week, we have been focusing on supporting the wellbeing and safety of our pupils through our SCARF PSHE workshops. Pupils in Years 3 to 5 have been engaging with sessions that emphasise mental wellbeing and online safety. These workshops are an important part of our commitment to ensuring that every child feels supported and equipped with the knowledge they need to navigate the world around them, both in and out of school.

World Book Day was another highlight this half term. We were delighted to welcome a visiting author who spent time with our pupils, sharing their passion for writing and talking about their published works. Events like this help to foster a love of reading and show pupils the possibilities that exist in the world of literature.

I am particularly pleased to share news about the launch of our new 'R' points scheme. This initiative celebrates and rewards pupils who have been demonstrating our school's core values in their daily lives. The response from the children has been fantastic and we have seen real enthusiasm as they work towards earning their rewards. Pupils who reach a certain number of points are rewarded with a treat which takes place on a fortnightly basis. We have explained this in a bit more detail below.

As we move forward into the coming weeks, I would like to remind parents and carers that our Parents' evenings will be held next Tuesday and Thursday. These are valuable opportunities for you to speak with your child's teacher about their progress, discuss any concerns and celebrate their achievements. If you have not already done so, please do sign up for a slot at your earliest convenience.

Finally, next week we will be launching our new page on Instagram. This will be another way of sharing information with you about the range of exciting events that we hold at Hillside Junior School. The link is available below and will also be on the homepage of the school website.

Warm regards,

Mr. Davies

Attendance (Weeks beginning 23rd February and 2nd March 2026)

3R	3S	4LT	4B	5ST	5A	6JO	6KM
94.8%	97.7%	98.5%	96.4%	92.9%	100%	98.8%	92.4%

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Congratulations to who 5A and 3S were our attendance winners and 4LT who won the HERO (Here Ready On TIME) award.

Year 6 Residential

Last week, Year 6 visited Grittleton House in Wiltshire for their residential. The place itself is stunning – it really was the perfect setting for what turned out to be a great few days. We were lucky with the weather too, especially early on.

There was a range of activities and the children really went for it – aeroball, fencing, axe throwing, climbing Jacob's Ladder and zorbing. All the children should be very proud of what they achieved.

One moment that really stood out was the night hike. Standing under a clear, star-filled sky with barely any light pollution is something most of our children rarely experience. The opportunity to see the blood moon was genuinely special.

Trips like this are absolutely invaluable. There is the physical challenge and the fun factor, but they're also brilliant for building resilience, developing teamwork and communication skills, and stepping outside comfort zones in a safe space.

I want to say a huge thank you to all the staff who gave their time and energy to make this happen. Thank you to the children themselves for the enthusiasm, resilience and good humour they showed throughout – it's those qualities that make these trips worthwhile.



Easter Raffle Donations

We will be holding an Easter Raffle and are kindly asking for chocolate egg donations to help create prizes for our raffle draw. If you are able to contribute, please bring your donation to the **school office by Friday 20th March**. The raffle draw will take place on Thursday 26th March.

Thank you for your support.



6R Rewards

Your children have probably been excitedly telling you about the new 6R reward system that we have introduced this half term. We are continuing to promote and uphold our 6R values by rewarding children with blue cards whenever we see one of our 6Rs. A tally is recorded by the class teacher and, every 2 weeks, there is a reward for the children across the school who have reached a certain number of 6R points. This week we were so impressed to see how many children achieved enough points to enjoy half an hour of fun in the hall with the bouncy castle! We are looking forward to seeing how many children attend our next reward in a fortnight.

Please see the attached sheet for our guidelines on awarding R points.

Diary Dates

Tuesday 17th March and Thursday 19th March – Parents' evening
Friday 20th March - Rock Steady performance (parents of performers only)
Thursday 26th March – Last day of clubs
Friday 27th March – **School finishes at 1.30pm (no after school club)**
Monday 20th April – Year 4 Geography trip to Ruislip Lido
Wednesday 22nd April – Thursday 23rd April – Year 5 Residential trip
Friday 24th April – Year 3 trip to the Science Museum

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/>
Piano Lessons- Please contact Matthew Deane at matthewdeane7@gmail.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

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.

Water Bottles

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

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

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/ School Grid

To book school lunches for your child, click on HCL's booking portal, [School Grid](#). If your child has **specific allergies**, please inform 'HCL' as soon as possible, using the following link <https://specialmenu.hcl.co.uk/>

Please download the '[School Grid Parent Leaflet](#)' on our school website for all account and booking information. For all other booking information queries, please telephone School Grid on 01506 300 310.

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.

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>

