



Hillside Junior School Newsletter

Friday 24th April 2026



Message from the Head teacher

Thank you to those parents who attended the recent coffee morning. These events are proving to be a great opportunity for parents to meet together in an informal setting. It also allows the school the chance to share some of the initiatives they are implementing.

Our Year 5 pupils returned from their residential visit to HMS Belfast and what a memorable experience it was. The opportunity to explore this historic ship on the Thames provided our pupils with a truly immersive learning experience. I would like to thank all the staff who went on the trip. Without their support, residential visits would not be able to take place.

In Year 6, our pupils have been working with real determination and focus as they prepare for their SATs. Part of this preparation has involved completing their Golden Ticket to Chessington, which has been a fantastic way to combine learning with the anticipation of a well-deserved celebration. The effort and commitment shown by our Year 6 pupils during this period has been very impressive. I have no doubt that this hard work will serve them well.

I would also like to take this opportunity to celebrate 5A, who achieved an outstanding 100% attendance record in the week before the Easter holidays. This is an achievement that deserves recognition especially as this is not the first time, they have reached 100%. Excellent attendance demonstrates not only the commitment of our pupils but also the support of families in ensuring their children are in school, ready to learn, every single day. Attendance is fundamental to pupil progress and wellbeing. 5A thoroughly earned their non-uniform day as a reward for this fantastic accomplishment.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mr. Davies

Attendance (Weeks beginning 23rd March and 13th April 2026)

3R	3S	4LT	4B	5ST	5A	6JO	6KM
93.8%	94.2%	93.1%	95.7%	96.3%	100%	91.7%	96.4%

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Congratulations to 5A and 4B who were our attendance winners. 4LT, 5ST, 5A, 6JO and 6KM were winners of the HERO (Here Ready On TIME) award.

Year 5 Residential Trip to HMS Belfast

Year 5 enjoyed an unforgettable residential visit to London, packed with history and adventure. The children had a fantastic day, beginning with a sightseeing ferry along the Thames from Westminster to Greenwich, where they visited the Royal Observatory and stood proudly on the Prime Meridian. The group then explored the historic Cutty Sark before travelling on to HMS Belfast, where they learned about life at sea and even spent the night in authentic crew cabins, sleeping in sailors' bunks. It was a memorable experience for all, and we returned to school tired but full of stories to share.



Hillside Infant and Nursery School Open Morning

Hillside Infant School will be holding their open morning on Thursday 30th April at 9.15am. Full and part time places available. To register your interest, please email office@hillsideinfant.org.uk or call 0208 249 6860.

Uniform Expectations

As we move into the summer term, we would like to remind all parents and carers of our school uniform expectations. Children should wear a white shirt (not polo shirts) with the school red/grey tie, along with a red sweatshirt or cardigan featuring the school logo. Trousers, tailored shorts, pinafores or skirts should be grey or black, and footwear must be black leather-type shoes (trainers are not permitted). During the summer term, a red gingham dress may also be worn. For PE, children should have red shorts (not Bermuda or cycling shorts), a white t-shirt with the school logo, and black or white trainers. To support and promote our 6Rs, all staff will be consistently enforcing this uniform policy. If you experience any difficulties in providing the correct uniform, please do not hesitate to contact the school office for support.

Easter Raffle

A huge thank you to everyone who donated chocolate eggs and purchased raffle tickets! Your generosity and support helped us to raise an impressive £273.

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.

Diary Dates

Thursday 30th April – Year 3 trip to Northwood Synagogue

Friday 1st May – Non-uniform Day (Wear crazy combinations)

Monday 4th May – Bank Holiday (School closed)

Monday 11th May – SATs Week

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
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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.

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=MXNnYzN4dmlIcHpxaA%3D%3D&utm_source=qr

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

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.

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/ISajUpiqzVFB9EJYz4NTk>

