



Hillside Junior School Newsletter

Friday 26th June 2026



Message from the Head teacher

What a week it has been! As I reflect on the past week, I want to celebrate the adaptability and resilience that our entire school community has demonstrated. The heatwave presented us with challenges, yet the response from everyone was fantastic.

I must also take a moment to celebrate our athletics team, who competed on Monday in conditions that were far from ideal. Despite the heat, they performed incredibly well and represented Hillside Junior School with tremendous pride and determination. Their achievements on the track are a testament to their hard work, dedication, and the coaching they received. Well done to Mr Ringer and every member of the team—you should be very proud of yourselves.

On a practical note, I wanted to update you regarding Dr. Hudson's science workshops, which were originally scheduled to take place this week as part of the Hillside Junior Science Week. Due to the exceptional circumstances created by the heatwave, we made the decision to reschedule these workshops for next week. We very much look forward to welcoming back Dr. Hudson.

As we move forward into the coming weeks, I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible to the rescheduled Summer Fair next Friday. The end of term is always busy especially as we prepare not only for the transition of Year 6 to secondary school but also to welcoming the new Year 3 children.

Finally in assembly this week we spoke about the importance of protecting yourself in the sun. Please reinforce this message at home and continue to encourage the children to bring hats and water bottles to school.

Have a good weekend,

Mr. Davies

Attendance (Weeks beginning 8th June & 15th June 2026)

3R	3S	4LT	4B	5ST	5A	6JO	6KM
97.3%	99.6%	96.9%	95%	95.2%	98.6%	94.8%	87.6%

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Congratulations to 3S who were our attendance winners.

Message from Mrs Shah

After almost 19 years at Hillside Junior School, I will be saying goodbye at the end of this term.

I began my journey at Hillside in November 2007 as a SEN Teaching Assistant, before going on to qualify as a teacher and later becoming the school's Inclusion Manager. I will always be incredibly grateful for the knowledge I have gained, the opportunities I have been given and the many experiences that have helped shape me both personally and professionally.

Over the years, I have had the privilege of teaching and supporting so many children, and I truly hope that I have made a positive difference to their time at Hillside. I have also been fortunate to work alongside many wonderful colleagues, some of whom have shared much of this journey with me. The support, kindness and trust I have received from families over the years is something I will always deeply appreciate.

As my older son begins his career and my younger son prepares to begin his time at university, I feel that now is the right time for me to begin my own next chapter, focusing on both professional and personal growth.

I remain fully committed to supporting the pupils, families and staff at Hillside during my final weeks this term and ensuring a smooth transition for the future. I am confident that the school's strong commitment to inclusion and pupil support will continue, enabling every child to thrive, achieve their potential and continue to dream big.

Hillside will always hold a very special place in my heart, and I leave with many happy memories and a great deal of gratitude.

Thank you to everyone who has been part of this remarkable journey.

SEN News Update

Thanks to the incredible support, generosity, and enthusiasm shown across both fundraising events, I am delighted to let you know that the school has now raised a total of £666 towards our sensory room project. I would like to extend my heartfelt gratitude to everyone who contributed, attended, donated, helped organise, or supported these events in any way. Your kindness and commitment are helping to make this exciting project possible.

A special mention also goes to Daniel in 5ST, who was our lucky raffle draw winner of the large teddy bear. A huge thank you to one of our mums who very kindly donated the bear — your generosity helped make the raffle a lovely part of the event.

I have now submitted the order for the sensory room items, and my aim is to have the room fully installed and ready by the week ending 10th July. Thank you, Miss Evans, for sharing your thoughts and ideas.

It was also lovely to come into school on Monday and see that the room had been freshly painted over the weekend in a calming blue tone. Thank you, Mr Haines and Mr Smith, for completing this task for me. Seeing this first step completed and being able to start visualising the sensory room coming together has made us all incredibly excited for what is to come.

Thank you once again for your continued support. I look forward to sharing further updates as the room develops and, most importantly, seeing the positive impact it will have on our children. With thanks and appreciation.

Diary Dates

Tuesday 7th July – Hillingdon Transition Day
Thursday 9th July – Hertfordshire Transition Day
Friday 10th July – Rock Steady Performance
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.