



Hillside Junior School Newsletter

Friday 27th March 2026



Message from the Head teacher

It has been a very exciting spring term at Hillside Junior School. We have welcomed a number of visitors to school who have helped to deliver our wider curriculum offer.

One of the highlights this term has been our Rock Steady end of term concert. It has been fantastic to see so many of our children develop their musical talents and confidence through this programme. The concert itself showcased the progress they have made. Events like these remind us of the importance of providing our children with opportunities to express themselves creatively and to perform in front of an appreciative audience.

We have also been privileged to host a Holocaust workshop for our Year 6 children. It provided our children with the opportunity to engage with important themes around tolerance, respect, and the consequences of prejudice.

Our bread making workshop has been another highlight of the term. It was wonderful to see children getting hands-on with food preparation and learning about the processes involved in creating something from scratch. The children certainly seemed to enjoy eating the bread rolls they had made. Thank you to HCL for hosting these workshops.

Beyond the classroom, our children have been equally impressive on the sporting front. We have welcomed Watford FC Joy of Moving sessions into school, which have brought professional coaching and a real sense of excitement around physical activity. A well done also to our various sporting teams who have represented the school with great pride.

We finished the term off with a celebration of reading. Our World Book Day saw Hillside transformed into Hogwarts alongside characters from many other books. The children had the chance to read with other year groups. This follows the fantastic book swap and the Book Fair which raised a lot of money for the school.

I would like to thank all the staff for their hard work and the school community for their continued support.

Have a good Easter break.

Mr. Davies

Headteacher

Attendance (Weeks beginning 9th and 16th March 2026)

3R	3S	4LT	4B	5ST	5A	6JO	6KM
94.4%	94.6%	95.4%	96.4%	99.3%	98.1%	92.5%	94%
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94.8%	92.1%	90.4%	87.9%	90.7%	97.8%	91.7%	91.6%

Congratulations to 5ST and 5A who were our attendance winners and 3R, 6JO and 6KM who won the HERO (Here Ready On TIME) award.

Book Fair

Our Annual Book Fair was a wonderful celebration of reading and community spirit this year. Students, families, and staff came together to browse a fantastic selection of books, share recommendations, and discover new favourites. The excitement throughout the week was clear to see, with many children eager to talk about the stories they had chosen. We are delighted to share that the Book Fair was a great success in raising an AMAZING £469 for the school. Thanks to your generous support, we will be able to invest in new resources that will continue to inspire a love of reading across all year groups.

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who attended, volunteered, and helped make the event so enjoyable. We look forward to seeing you again at next year's Book Fair!

Netball Tournament

Hillside School's girls' netball team had a fantastic time competing in the recent tournament at Newnham Primary School. The team demonstrated excellent teamwork, determination, and sportsmanship throughout the day. They performed brilliantly, losing just one game and still managing to top their group, an incredible achievement!

Everyone at Hillside School is extremely proud of their effort, resilience, and positive attitude. Well done to all the players for representing the school so brilliantly!

A-Team Football Tournament

Our 'A' team competed in the annual Hillingdon school's football tournament on Wednesday 25th March. It was a great event and the team competed very well against some tough opposition. They drew two games and lost two. They were unfortunate results as the team dominated the games they drew and were very unfortunate to lose the other two. With Afonso scoring a great goal and Esme forcing a great save from the other team's goalkeeper, we put up a tough competition. Isli, Simao and Jeremy put on great defensive displays with blocks and fantastic tackles to stop the other teams, along with our three Year 6s Musa, Jose and Simon who sadly played their last tournament after two years of hard work playing for the Hillside badge.

A special mention to our four Year 4s who were playing against children who were two school years above them. They were fearless and exciting to watch. The future for the school's football team is very bright.

Exciting Activities around the school

Please see below some pictures from activities and workshops that have recently taken place around the school.

Year 6 Science Workshop



Bread Making Workshop



Year 6 Holocaust Workshop



Rock Steady Performance



Diary Dates

Monday 20th April – Clubs start back this week

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

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)**

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
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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

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/ISajJUpigzVFB9EJYz4NTk>

