



# Hillside Junior School Newsletter

Friday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2025



## Message from the Head teacher

Hillside Junior became part of ancient Londinium as Year 4 held Roman Day. The variety of costumes brought a new dynamic to the usual Thursday in school. The children thoroughly enjoyed their day and I would like to thank all the parents who helped to make the day such a success. Volunteers are invaluable, especially in the organisation of days such as these.

As part of their RE topic, Year 5 visited a local synagogue in Northwood. This is not only important in strengthening our place in the community but also developing the children's knowledge of different religions. Once again, I would like to show my appreciation to the parents who assisted with the trip.

Next week is Children's Mental Health Week. Mental well-being has never been more important and it continues to be a priority within the school. The children have access to 'worry boxes' in class, but there are also adults they can speak to if they are worried about something. If you have any concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the school office and arrange a meeting with the well-being lead, or another member of staff.

One of the key elements of the '5 ways to well-being' is physical exercise. I would like to congratulate the Years 3 and 4 girls' football team who finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in a local tournament this week, narrowly losing in the final. We are very proud of them.

Have a good weekend,

Mr. Davies

## Attendance (Weeks beginning 13<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> January 2025)

3R	3S	4M	4S	5KS	5OS	6JO	6MT
94.8%	97%	91%	97.9%	98.8%	94.6%	98.3%	95.6%

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Congratulations to 5KS and 6JO who were our attendance winners.

We also award the class with the least number of late marks. Congratulations to 3S and 5OS who were winners of the HERO award.

## Children's Mental Health Week

Next week is Children's Mental Health Week. The children will be taking part in learning activities to help them to understand themselves better and promote positive mental health. **On Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February**, children are welcomed to participate in 'wear your scarf to school day'

## Diary Dates

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> February - Wake up Wednesday Morning

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February - 'wear your scarf to school day'

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February – Whole School Science Workshop

## 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.**

## Clubs

Please see below the list of clubs running for the Spring term; **if you need any help, please speak with Ms Evans in the office if you need any help.**

**PSD Football Club** – Please book directly with [PSD](#)

**PSD Dodgeball Club** – Please book directly with [PSD](#)

**Aveea STEM Club** - Please book directly with <https://www.aveea.org/>

**Drama Club** –Please contact I Got Soul directly on 07791 466 859/ [info@igotsoulofficial.com](mailto:info@igotsoulofficial.com)

**K-Kwon-Do (Martial Arts)** – please contact Bushra Khosla (Instructor) at [bushrakhosla@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:bushrakhosla@yahoo.co.uk)

**Portuguese Classes** – Please contact The Portuguese Embassy on 0207 235 8811 - [www.e-portugues.co.uk](http://www.e-portugues.co.uk)

**Spanish Club** - Please book directly with Speak Like A Native - [www.speaklikeanative.com/book-now](http://www.speaklikeanative.com/book-now)

**Rock Steady Music School** – Please book directly with Rock Steady - <https://www.rocksteadymusicschool.com/>

**Art Club** – Please book directly with [artboxworkshop.bookwhen.com](http://artboxworkshop.bookwhen.com)

**Fence 43** - Please book directly with <https://app.outclass.io/classes/fGFpBnPXMuXsUy9TECu>

## Uniform

### Uniform

- 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.

Tuesdays – Year 4

Wednesdays – Year 6

Thursdays – Year 3

Fridays – Year 5

## 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**

All school related communication (newsletters, parents' evening bookings and payments) is made 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 2024-2025 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>

