

HILLCROFT PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Nurturing children to achieve their personal best

April 4th 2025

Dear parents/carers,

This has been a really busy but productive term for everyone. It has been wonderful to welcome families into school for Prize Giving Assemblies this week. Congratulations to winners, we are very proud of you.

The first week of next term is incredibly busy. Please do check the dates.

To summarise:

Tuesday 22nd - Wear it Wild for Earth Day. Come to school dressed as an animal or wearing animal patterned clothing and show support for this cause.

Wednesday 23rd - St George's day - wear your Rainbow, Cub, Scout etc uniform.

Friday 25th April - Wear PE kit for the TCS Mini Marathon

Have a safe and fun Easter. 😊



Key Dates:

Please click in the link below to access our key dates document. This is updated throughout the year and we encourage you all to check it regularly to ensure you have up to date information about the key events happening in school.

Key Dates Document



Behaviour for Learning Workshop

Mrs Gear is running a workshop on 2nd May around behaviour for learning. As a school we are looking to develop our behaviour policy drawing on relevant educational research. Please join this virtual meeting at 9:15am on Friday 2nd May. Use this link:

[Join the meeting now](#)

Meeting ID: 310 076 881 561

Passcode: qa9et78Z



St George's Day - 23.4.25

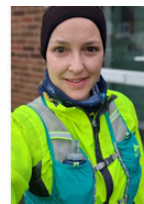
If your child is a member of a uniformed organisation which celebrates St George as its patron saint (including the Scouts, Guides, Boys and Girls Brigade, and St Johns Ambulance), they are invited to wear this uniform instead of school uniform on Wednesday 23rd.

Brunel and Newton Fundraiser

We are very excited to let everyone know that Mrs Parish is taking part in this year's London Marathon on 27th April. Brunel and Newton are helping her raise money for a very worthwhile cause. The Royal Osteoporosis Society is a charity that works towards better bone health for everybody. This is by raising awareness, through research and supporting those going through treatment.

To give the children a taste of what Mrs Parish is going to be going through, we are also taking part in the TCS Mini Marathon can't remember what it is called! The children will be running on the 25th April and all donations will be going to the Royal Osteoporosis Society. **Please wear PE kit.**

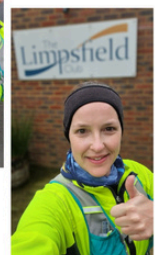
We wish Mrs Parish the best of luck and she will be sharing her experience with us once she has completed this amazing achievement!



Before



During



After

MARATHON MANIA



Royal Osteoporosis Society

Better bone health for everybody



FUNDRAISING IN AID OF THE ROYAL OSTEOPOROSIS SOCIETY

LONDON MARATHON

JO IS RUNNING 26.2 MILES IN THE 2025 LONDON MARATHON TO RAISE MONEY FOR THE ROYAL OSTEOPOROSIS SOCIETY

WHY ROYAL OSTEOPOROSIS SOCIETY?



JO'S MUM HAS OSTEOPOROSIS AND BECAUSE OF THAT SHE WAS OFFERED MORE TESTS FOR A PAIN IN HER WRIST WHICH RESULTED IN AN EARLY **BOWEL CANCER** DIAGNOSIS WHICH AFTER SURGERY SHE WAS GIVEN THE ALL CLEAR IN 2024



50% OF WOMEN OVER 50 WILL SUFFER AT LEAST 1 FRACTURE IN THEIR LIFE AND **20%** OF MEN



EVERY **60 SECONDS**, SOMEONE IN THE UK SUFFERS A BROKEN BONE



BROKEN **BONES** COULD LEAD TO BROKEN LIVES

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Nursery

In Nursery we started Dough Disco this week, where we squeezed and rolled the playdough to strengthen our hands and fingers.

We had to listen to instructions and follow the moves on the screen, whilst squeezing as hard as we could. Then we rolled the playdough into balls.

We look forward to learning new Dough Disco moves after the holidays!



Reception

Ash class final pieces of artwork based on Henry Rousseau 'A Tiger in a Tropical storm.'



Year 1

Year 1 have been planting for Science. They planted potatoes and investigated the different things the seeds needed to survive.



Year 2

Year 2 have been printing using rollers as part of their Wider Curriculum topic 'Pop Art'.
"I loved this because we could choose whatever colour we wanted" - Carolyn, Year 2



Year 3

We have completed our wider curriculum topic of the Tudors with Tudor style portraits.



Year 4



Year 4 have showcased their musical talent with a wonderful Ukulele performance. The children have been enjoying weekly lessons and they relished the opportunity to demonstrate their new skills to a live audience.

They have also been practising lots of different yoga poses, talking about how they stretch different areas of their bodies. They then sequenced poses together to create a yoga flow.

Year 5

Year 5 completed their periscopes this week. They look spectacular.



Year 6

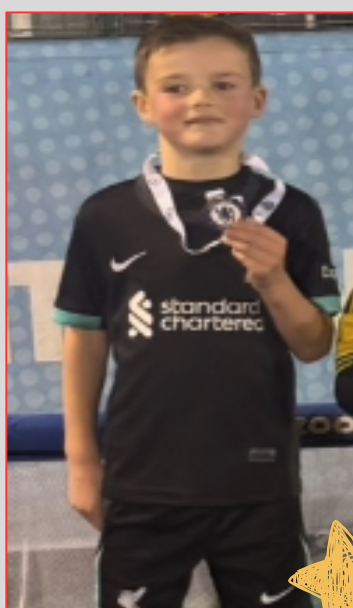
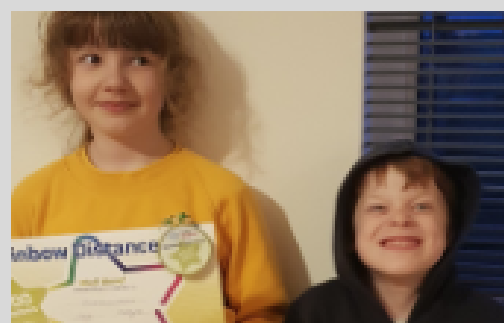
This half term, Year 6 has been learning about the city of Baghdad and the significance of the House of Wisdom. The children have been creating some beautiful Islamic style art which involved them really looking at art in a mathematical way and using compasses to create symmetry and geometrical patterns. The children have now created books containing all of their work around Baghdad with the front covers showcasing the wonderful artwork.



TALENTS AND INTERESTS

Every week in our Friday assembly we celebrate the talents and interests of our children. See the superstars we have celebrated over the last two weeks. If your child has a special achievement they would like to share please send some details and a photo to l.bonnell@hillcroftschool.org.

Lucy	Year 1	Drawing
Hunter	Year 1	Football
Rhys	Year 2	Cooking
Liliwen	Year 2	Swimming
Isla and Baden	Year 1 and Year 2	Hockey
Amelka and Krystian	Year 5 and Year 1	Swimming

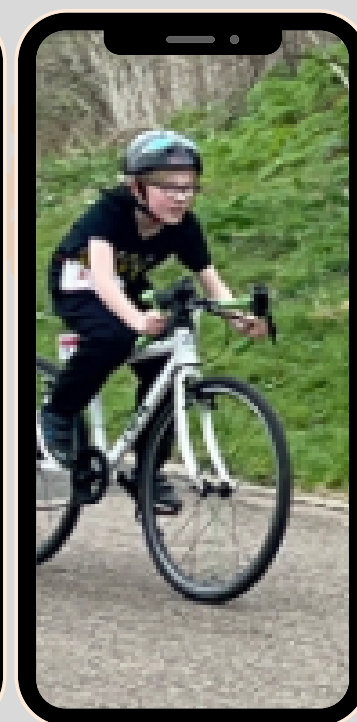


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Bonnie and Christie	Reception and Year 6	Swimming
Frasier	Year 4	Fishing
Henry	Year 5	Duathlon



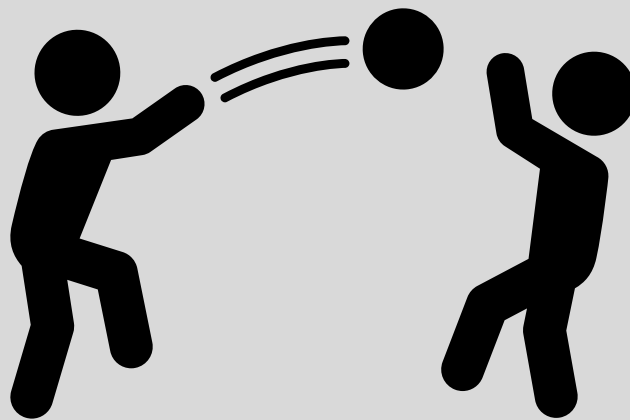


LIFESTYLE NEWS



PE Spotlight

Year 2 have enjoyed a wonderful term of ball skills. They have been practising rolling, bouncing and throwing skills. Well done!





A message from Mrs Pearson.

I cannot believe that it is nearly half term already. I have done a small fun activity that you can do with your children over the Easter Term. I hope the weather stays nice and you can do some of the activities outside. Have a lovely, relaxing Easter break.

FAMILY FUN CALENDAR

<i>Go on a walk</i>	<i>Colour in a picture</i>	<i>Make a puppet</i>	<i>Stargazing</i>	<i>Nature Hunt</i>
<i>Bake something</i>	<i>Tidy your bedroom</i>	<i>Do a puzzle</i>	<i>Read a book</i>	<i>Screen Free Day</i>
<i>Make something out of Lego</i>	<i>Look at old photos together</i>	<i>Pyjamas Day</i>	<i>Read a story to a sibling</i>	<i>Create something and bring into school</i>
<i>Plant a flower</i>	<i>Junk Modelling</i>	<i>Have a walk outside</i>	<i>Make your own pizza</i>	<i>Help someone out</i>
<i>Learn a magic trick</i>	<i>Read a story to Mum & Dad</i>	<i>Ride a bike</i>	<i>Write a story</i>	<i>Go swimming</i>
<i>Camp outside</i>	<i>Make a card for someone special</i>	<i>Movie Night</i>	<i>Help around the home</i>	<i>Visit family</i>
<i>Walk the dog</i>	<i>Face time a family member</i>	<i>Play a board game</i>	<i>Take the rubbish out</i>	<i>Watch a Disney Film</i>

Change of Dates for Your Diary's!

Our next Thrive workshop will start in April. We are looking at running them on a Tuesday Night starting on 29th April, 13th May, 20th May, 3rd June, 10th June and 17th June. If you would like to book a space, please email me as they will go very quickly. D.Pearson@hillcraftschool.org



ECO ROUND UP



This term I have introduced Forest School in Year 3. All children have taken part and there has been a development in skills and knowledge already. Being outside in nature is excellent for learning essential problem solving skills. Year 3 will continue with Forest school throughout the summer term. The rest of the school from Nursery to Year 6 will be having taster sessions throughout the summer term.

We have introduced bees to the school and are waiting for them to wake up. Children have been down to the meadow to look at the hive. Currently we have 1 hive, but are hoping that this will be split to make 2! We can't wait to see what Hillcroft honey tastes like! Without bees our world would be very different and bleak - we need them to help us survive. Ask your children to tell you the importance of bees. An excellent film to watch is Bee Movie!

At Hillcroft children have been listening to Shriek of the week, a weekly short audio teaching them about a new bird each week, we have learn about birds like the Chiff Chaff and Woodpecker. Don't forget to ask your child about these and see what they can remember, they may even be able to spot in the sounds on a walk in nature. Reception have also been bird watching and we thank the parents that were able to donate bird feeders.

Hillcroft litter angels is going strong and thank you to so many children (and parents) for caring for your community and collecting litter - this really demonstrates community spirit but also - nobody wants to see rubbish laid around all over the place. Please continue to send in your pictures to me.

We have started a gardening club this term, run by Mrs Goodier with help from Mr Dalgleish and Mrs Patel and we cannot wait to see the transformation to our school grounds - we may even be able to sell some of the crops to the parents!

We have been given 15 new trees to plant in to the school grounds which our gardening club will be doing in the summer term. 1 tree absorbs approx. 25kg of CO₂ a year!
Sunflower growing competition starts on the last day of term and the winner with the tallest will win a £10 voucher of their choice. Raising money for Outdoor Learning at Hillcroft.

We are also Wearing it Wild for Earth Day on the 22nd April with donations going towards the WWF (World Wildlife Foundation). Wear animal print, stripes, fluffy ears or go full on animal! Help children show their wild side!

We are working towards our Green Flag Eco status for 2025 and all of these activities help us with this.

As always, I am looking for donations of items for Forest school. Wool, string, tarps, hammock, pop up tent, old saucepans and spoons, fire bit, wood (all shapes and sizes), sticks and tools likes saw, hand drill, whittling knives and potato peelers. The list is extensive so please email me if you would like to know exactly what is on my wish list!

Many thanks for your help so far with Eco and Sustainability.

Mrs Winsor l.scourfield@hillcroftschoo.org

SEND UPDATES

Surrey County Council: Early Intervention and Support Service Offer

Neuro Diversity advice for Parents/Carers / PADLET

As Neurodiversity Advisors, with Surrey County Council, we are constantly looking for information to share with Parents and Carers to help navigate the maze of Neurodiversity.

The below QR code takes you to the 'Parent Padlet' part of their website, where they have a range of resources under a number of headings, such as; Explaining Neurodiversity to your Child, Resources for home, Courses for parents, Neurodiversity friendly activities in Surrey, Local organisations etc..

We hope you find this useful.



Please also find link to Surrey Local Offer - which is also a helpful directory of local services to support a range of areas including SEND, Leisure activities and childcare, Health, Early Years.

<https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/children/support-and-advice/local-offer>

ALL ABOUT yubo

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Yubo is a livestreaming platform designed to help users meet new friends from all around the world. It describes itself as a "platform that celebrates the true essence of being young" and a space that lets "you just be you." Users can connect with others based on interests, location, or gender. **It currently has 60 million users – and counting!**

13+

Platform guidelines state users must be over 13 years old to use the app, and everyone under the age of 17 must confirm they have permission from a parent or carer.

YOTI SIGHTING

Yubo was one of the first platforms to start using Yoti Age Scan technology, which estimates the age of a user through photos, videos, and identification provided.

Yubo has **TWO** communities for users to join:

Both communities let users access the same features and restrict two users from communicating until they become friends. It encourages users to 'multiply' their friends to '100,000,000' by using tags, participating in lives, and commenting on videos – even if they feel uncomfortable.

13-17

or

18+

Launched in 2015, Yubo is the first major social media platform to require 100% user age verification.

100%

Design elements and features have been created to promote the Fear of Missing Out in users.

Did you know?

FOMO Alert!

Beware of In-App Purchases: Yubucks

This in-platform currency allows users to buy 'Fast Adds' (send up to 500 random Friend Requests), 'Powers' (boost profile popularity), 'Pixels' (exchangeable art), and 'Elite Packs' (offers 4 exclusive features - including the option to message other users before they are friends)

FEATURES



Livestreams

- Up to 10 contributors can participate with unlimited viewers on their stream.
- Comments from viewers create a conversation for contributors to follow.
- Streamers and viewers are able to see profiles and add others as friends.



Friend Finders

- 'Profile sharing' allows friends to introduce each other to other users.
- 'Swipes' lets users swipe through potential friends with tagged interests.
- 'Powers' like Spotlights, Boosts, and Turbos increase profile visibility.



Game on!

- Engage in matches that build rapport and connection with potential friends.
- Livestream games like 'To be Honest' let contributors play alongside viewers.
- Contributors can play with friends or strangers to increase their friend count.



Personalisation Station

- Use tags to highlight interests and attract friends with similar hobbies.
- Buy and display 'Pixels', character portraits that reflect a user's style.
- Show off talents, interests, or random things in lives to curate an image.

Top Tips

Talk about online friendships. Remind the young people in your care that they should only ever share personal details with trusted offline friends.

Turn on privacy settings. Use options like 'Hide my city' and 'Muted words', and 'Swipe settings', as well as blocking and reporting options to stay safe.

Discuss what not to share. This will empower them to say 'no' when they feel uncomfortable, and to know what they should report as inappropriate.

Remind them who they can talk to. Check that your young person knows who their trusted adults are (offline) to know they can speak to someone.

Red Flag! Red Flag!



SEXUAL EXTORTION – There have been multiple reports of young people being harassed to send sexualised images and videos to other users.



INAPPROPRIATE OR ILLEGAL CONTENT – Despite best efforts, there is still the potential for younger users to be exposed to age-inappropriate content.



INFORMATION SHARING – The platform revolves around users sharing personal interests, location, gender, and more with people they don't know offline.



PERSUASIVE DESIGN – This app is designed to keep young people hooked with push notifications, swiping methods, and engagement incentives.



NO PRIVATE ACCOUNTS – While it is not possible to have a private account, there are privacy control options that should be encouraged for young users.

ATTENDANCE

Just to remind parents/carers that if they take their children out of school without authority for 5 or more days (which do not have to be consecutive), then the following will apply:

1. If you have not incurred a penalty notice relating to this child/children in a rolling 3 year period since 19 August 2024, then the penalty notice will be charged at the rate of £160.00, per parent/carer per child, if paid within 28 days. This will be reduced to £80.00 if paid within 21 days of the receipt of the notice. Failure to pay the Penalty Notice will result in Surrey County Council considering legal proceedings against you in the Magistrates Court.
1. If you have incurred a penalty notice relating to this child/children since 9 August 2024, the rolling 3 year period will be activated from the date of the first penalty notice and the second penalty notice will be charged at a flat rate of £160.00, per parent/carer per child, if paid within 28 days. There will be no reduction for payment within 21 days. Failure to pay the Penalty Notice will result in Surrey County Council considering legal proceedings against you in the Magistrates Court.

If you have incurred 2 penalty notices relating to this child/children in the rolling 3 year period since the first penalty notice was issued, then you NOT receive a third penalty notice - Surrey County Council will have no option but to consider a prosecution, per parent/carer, in the Magistrates Court under Section 444 Education Act 1996

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SICKNESS AND MEDICATIONS

Sickness & Medications/ Common childhood illnesses

When should I keep my child off school?

The Following NHS guidelines state;

- Chicken pox; for at least 5 days from the onset of rash and until all blisters have crusted over
- Diarrhoea and vomiting; return 48 hours after last episode of either
- Cold and flu like illnesses; if your child has no temperature then minor symptoms can be managed at school. With a temperature, keep them home until this has subsided and they are feeling well enough.
- Impetigo; Keep your child home until all sores have crusted and healed or 48 hours after they have started antibiotics.
- Measles; Keep your child home until at least 4 days after the rash first appeared.
- Mumps; keep your child home for 5 days after the swelling started
- Scarlet Fever; keep your child home until 24 hours after starting antibiotics
- Whooping Cough; keep your child home until 48 hours after starting antibiotics.

Children can attend school with;

- Hand Foot and Mouth, if they are well enough.
- Head Lice; Please ensure you treat the child/family according to the treatment, and repeat as instructed. Also, please let school know as soon as you are aware.
- Threadworms; Please treat accordingly and ensure hand hygiene is practiced often.
- Slapped Cheek
- Tonsillitis

Calpol may be administered in school if you feel there is a need for your child throughout the school day. Please speak to office staff who will provide a medication form to be completed. Where possible please supply the Calpol/paracetamol as we have only limited emergency supply.

Antibiotics can be administered again with a medication form, however only if the medication is needed 3 or more times a day.

A high temperature is classified as 38 degrees. If your child has a temperature during the school day, we will contact you to come and collect them. Please do not send your child/Children into school with a high temperature. Always seek medical advice from your GP.

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Holiday Clubs – All ages and Abilities – Combined Gymnastics and Fit for Fun courses available during holiday weeks throughout the year.

Funtastic Parties – Gymnastics and fun activities and games to keep energetic children happy and entertained – please contact us for further information.

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2025 Dates

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