

Hillsborough Primary School



Parent Information Booklet 2024-25

Year 4

Class Teachers: Miss Robinson, Mrs Laing and Mrs Williamson

The School Vision

At Hillsborough, we support, nurture and challenge our children and encourage them to BELIEVE in their strengths and in those of others.

At Hillsborough, we create a belief in our children, staff and parents that they BELONG to a community that cares for them and supports all of their needs.

At Hillsborough, we enrich and extend learning for all so that every child can achieve their potential and BECOME the individual they aspire to be.

BELIEVE. BELONG. BECOME.

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2024-25 Term Dates

	FROM	TO
Autumn Term 2024	Return to school Tuesday 3 rd September 2024 INSET Monday 2 nd September 2024	Friday 20 th December 2024 INSET - Friday 29 th November 2024
Half Term	Monday 28 th October 2024	Friday 1 st November 2024
Christmas Holiday	Monday 23 rd December 2024	Friday 3 rd January 2025
Spring Term 2025	Monday 6 th January 2025 INSET Friday 14 th February 2025	Friday 28 th March 2025
Half Term	Monday 17 th February 2025	Friday 21 st February 2025
Easter Holiday	Monday 31 st March 2025	Friday 11 th April 2025
Summer Term 2025	Monday 14 th April 2025	Friday 18 th July 2025 INSET - 21 st , 22 nd and 23 rd July Last school day is Friday 18 th July
Half Term	Monday 26 th May 2025	Friday 30 th May 2025
Good Friday	Friday 18 th April 2025	These dates fall outside of the school holidays when children and staff are not expected to be in school due to being Bank Holidays.
Easter Monday	Monday 21 st April 2025	
May Day	Monday 5 th May 2025	

Information on school terms and holidays see: www.sheffield.gov.uk/schoolholidays

Hillsborough Training Days – these are dates school is closed to all pupils.

2nd September 2024 29th November 2024 14th February 2025 21st July 2025 22nd July 2025 23rd July 2025

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Other important dates to remember for Y1, Y2, Y4 and Y6 are throughout May and early June, statutory tests take place. It is very important that you do not book any holidays during these dates if your child is in these year groups as they must be in school to take their tests.

Whole School Events

These are some of the whole school events that are part of the annual school calendar.

Term	Event	Information
Autumn	SEND reviews	Parents will be made aware of their child's SEND review times and dates.
	Harvest Assemblies	Parents are invited to attend the harvest assemblies. We will be asking for collection of tinned, dried and toiletry goods and they will be donated to the cathedral project.
	Halloween Disco	We will be hosting a Spooks and Sparks disco. The children may want to wear fancy dress for this.
	Parents Evenings	Phone calls will be made to discuss how your child has settled into school and allow you a chance to discuss any concerns with the teacher.
	Children In Need	A fund-raising event for the whole school
	Christmas Activities	These include Christmas performances. Christmas jumper day, Christmas lunch, craft workshop for parents to come and make crafts with their child and the Christmas Fayre. There will also be a Christingle service for you to attend.
Spring	SEND reviews	Parents will be made aware of their child's SEND review times and dates.
	Parent Evening	Please come along and discuss your child's progress
	Y4/6	Herd Farm residential
	World Book Day	Your child may need a costume for this day.
	Comic Relief Day	A fund-raising event for the whole school
	Film Night	Come and spend an evening watching our big – well biggish screen. Bring a blanket get snug and enjoy a movie.
	Easter activities	There will be many activities happening over Easter such as Easter egg decorating, raffle, assemblies and Easter bonnet parade.
Summer	SEND reviews	Parents will be made aware of their child's SEND review times and dates.
	Sports Day	This is scheduled for June although this is subject to weather changes.
	Reports to Parents	Reports are due out to parents
	Transition	This will allow your child time to meet their next class teacher.
	Y6 Leavers Activities	For Y6, a way to celebrate the end of their time at primary school.
	National assessments	Children in Y1, Y4 and Y6 will have to sit national assessments in the summer term. Please be aware of the dates that these are being completed and ensure your child is in school during these weeks.

Class Topics 2024-25

Year

It is intended that these topics will be taught in your child's class this year. Topics may run over a holiday. Cross curricular links will be made as much as possible although some subjects may be taught separately.

Term	Main Topics	Trips/Events (Inc. residentials)	Approximate cost	Other information – costumes, parent help required etc.
Autumn	The Romans Comparing UK and European country - Spain	Murton Park	TBC	Waterproof coat, sensible shoes
Spring	Ancient Greece	Herd Farm Greek Day in school event	£160	A kit list will be issued later in the term. Children will be able to dress in Greek outfits.
Summer	Environmental Impacts	Local area visit	None	

Extra-curricular clubs will be advertised on the school website and letters will be sent out on a termly basis.

School Routines and Other Information

School Timings

There is ease of access to school from 8.30am in Y4, Y5 and Y6 with school starting at 8:40. School starts at 8.40am for children in Y3, Y2 and Y1. Children in Foundation Stage 2 start their day at 8:45. Foundation Stage 2 children can be collected from 3.15pm onwards. All children in KS1 and KS2 finish at 3:10pm. Although some people use our playground after school, for safeguarding purposes you must ensure you have vacated this area by 3:30pm. PLEASE ENSURE YOUR CHILD IS SUPERVISED IN THE PLAYGROUND OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL HOURS. The registers for all classes will close 10 minutes after door opening and after this your child will be marked as late. Doors will close at 8.50am.

Uniform

Children are expected to wear a blue jumper or cardigan, polo shirt (royal blue or white) and grey or black trousers/skirt. Shorts or checked dresses (blue) are also acceptable. Shoes should be black and have no high heel or expose any part of the foot. This is for health and safety purposes. Please note we have spare clean uniform and we will provide this for any child not in school uniform that will be returned to the office at the end of the day. We encourage parents to use our recycled uniform shop, both to help environmentally as well as financially. Please ask at the office if you wish to look at our items available for sale or you wish to place an order for uniform.

Attendance Policy

Please note that our attendance policy states that no leave will be authorised apart from in exceptional circumstances. The whole school attendance target is 95% and the full policy can be found on the website. To request leave, please see the office staff for the documentation.

Homework

Our homework policy has been devised in conjunction with parents, children and staff. Homework will be set on a Friday to be returned to school for marking on a Wednesday for all children. There is an expectation that the children will complete the homework and that it will be marked to the same standard as work in class. More information will be sent separately and will be on the website.

PE

Class Kelham (Mrs Laing and Mrs Robinson) have their PE days on a Monday. This could change as we go through the year due to outside sports coaches teaching the children different skills. Your class teacher will inform you of any changes to the timetable. PE kits consist of white t-shirt, black shorts or black joggers and PE trainers. Children can wear their school jumper. Earrings must be removed for PE. Please make sure that your child has the appropriate a kit. We have a supply of clean PE kits that we will loan for the PE session to any child not wearing the correct PE kit. Continuous lack of kit will be monitored.

Class Crucible (Mrs Williamson) have their swimming days on a Monday as part of their swimming sessions and will need to make sure that they have a bag large enough to keep their things together when in the changing room. A separate letter has been sent out with all the information you need in terms of kit and expectations. Please make sure that all children remove any jewellery prior to coming to school. We now have fitness breaks for 10mins in the afternoon, however the children do not need to come to school in their PE kit for these sessions only if there day falls on a PE day.

Absence

Please report any absence to the school office as soon as possible. An answer machine service is available when the school is closed. An absence and punctuality policy is available on the school website. Please be aware of the changes to the attendance policy and the new escalation process as introduced by the government.

Medicines

A trained member of staff will administer medicines if your child needs this. This will however only be done if our medical form has been completed. These can be found on the school website or be collected from the school office. Please make sure that any medication which is kept in school (e.g. inhalers, epi-pens etc.) is checked to ensure they it is in date. This is your responsibility.

School Meals and Milk

The price of a school meal is £2.80 per day. All children in FS2, Y1 and Y2 are entitled to universal free school meals. Payment for this will be on ParentPay. Milk is priced per day and is paid on a termly basis. Milk must be ordered and paid for the term before and the school office will inform you of this via a letter. If you are in receipt of free school meals, or your child is under 5 you are entitled to free milk but this must be ordered in the same way.

Healthy Snacks and drinks

In FS2 and KS1, children are provided with a healthy snack during the school day. In KS2, children are welcome to bring a healthy snack to eat at breaktime for example fruit, cheese or cereal bars. Water is available for all throughout the day but if your child needs to bring a different drink into school, please make sure it is fruit juice or non-sugary squash.

Glossary of Terms

Foundation Stage (FS1 and FS2): This is the child's first years or part years in school (i.e. Reception).

Key Stage 1: This includes Year 1 and Year 2 and has its own separate curriculum. At the end of Year 2, children are assessed by their teachers and by undertaking tasks and tests called SATs (Standard Assessment Tasks) for English, Maths and Science. This will inform a teacher assessment level. Parents will receive this information alongside the child's annual report.

Key Stage 2: This includes Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 and has its own curriculum. At the end of Year 6 children are assessed and undertake their Key Stage 2 SATs (Standard Assessment Tasks). Parents will receive written confirmation of their child's SATs results when they arrive in school usually around the middle of July.

Special Educational Needs (SEN): Some children may need extra help or support during their time at school. Parents are always consulted and informed when this is the case.

Information and Communication Technology (ICT): This includes work using computers, programmable toys and other forms of technology.

National Curriculum Assessments. These are commonly known as SATs and are taken in the summer term in Year 2 and Year 6. Children are expected to achieve age related expectations.

Phonics. This is the process in which we teach reading. It is a process based on recognising sounds of letters, groups of letters and syllables and is linked to the development of literacy skills in general. Children's progress in phonics is assessed at the end of Y1 and communicated with parents.

CVC Words. These are primarily used in FS2 and KS1 and describe words that are made from Consonant/Vowel/Consonant eg cat, dog, pat.

Contact Information

We run an open-door policy, as far as is possible, we welcome parent feedback and strive for positive communication. Should an issue arise please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher in the first instance. If you feel the issue has not been resolved adequately please make an appointment to speak Nicola Wileman (Head Teacher) or a member of the Senior Leadership Team. We hope that all issues can be resolved in this way however any formal complaints can be made to our Chair of Governors or Mr Martin Finch (Executive Headteacher) through the school office.

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