



**Hillside Primary School and Nursery**

**“Achieving Greatness Together”**

**Friday 20th December 2024**



***Merry Christmas everyone!***

***Dear Parents and Carers,***

***I can't believe this is our final newsletter of 2024. Where has 2024 gone? I continue to be so proud of the Hillside community of children, staff, friends and families and am excited about what the year ahead will bring. I wish to thank you all for your support and know that with your help we will continue to go from strength to strength in 2025.***

***Here is a Christmas video from the staff for you to enjoy:***

***<https://youtu.be/pOA9WLHHXSo>***

***I hope you have a wonderful Christmas and I look forward to seeing you all on Tuesday 7th January, 2025 ready to start the next Hillside chapter. Success really does start with attendance: Every lesson, Every day, Every student.***

***Bom Natal e Feliz Ano Novo. Regressamos no dia 7 de Janeiro de 2025***

***Va dorim Craciun Fericit si Un an Nou Fericit. Ne inoarcem la scoala Marti, 7 Ianuarie, 2025***

***Wesołych Świąt i Szczęśliwego Nowego Roku. Wracamy we wtorek 7 stycznia 2025 roku***

***Best wishes,***

***Mrs Wass***





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**Visit from the 2 Johns – Online Safety**

On Monday we had a visit from the 2 Johns. They lead a parent and staff session and worked with Years 1 to 6 and. To find out more about the 2 Johns please click here: [Home - eSafety Training](#)



'I think it was very useful! I learnt that some stuff I watch isn't safe so I'm going to stop.'

'I learnt that some stuff isn't good for us to watch, it can affect us and our futures.'





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*Christmas Dinner at Hillside 2024*





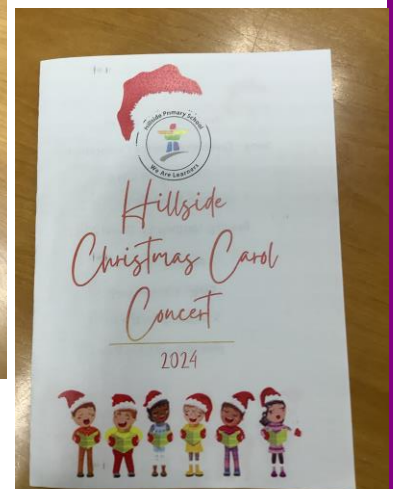
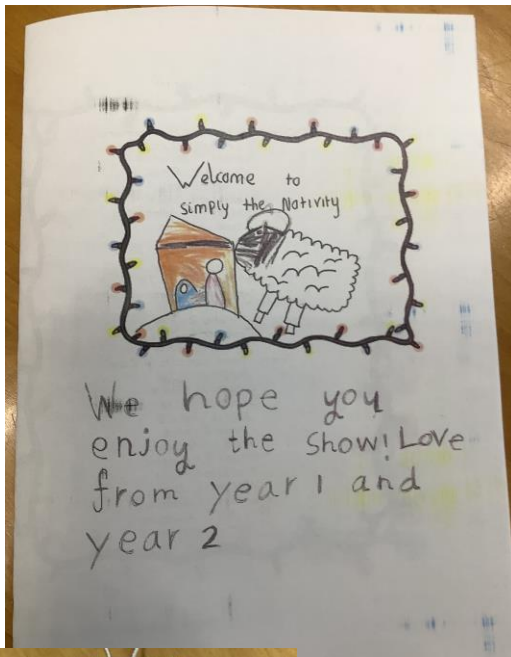
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## Christmas at Hillside!



Well done to Brooklyn B for achieving a top 3 position within the local MP's Christmas card competition!

# Christmas Holiday Homework

**You have been working so hard this term. It's time to take a break, sit back, and enjoy a few weeks on holiday!**

**Here are some things we hope you manage to tick off:**

- Watch a Christmas film with your family.
- Make snowflakes out of paper and put them up in your window.
- Sing your favourite Christmas song really loudly.
- Feed the birds in your garden or local park (they can't find much food this time of year).
- Wear your pyjamas all day!
- Make something (like a monster or an ocean) out of discarded wrapping paper.
- Help your family to cook a delicious meal.
- Make a den out of duvets and blankets.
- Stay up late telling spooky stories or silly jokes.
- Make a paper chain with a friend or your family.
- Go on a hunt around your local area to find the best Christmas lights or decorations.
- Have a warming hot chocolate or put on cosy socks when you come in from the cold.
- Make a New Year's resolution on New Year's Eve.



# **Success really does start with attendance**

## **We support first!**

**We want every single one of our children to be an**

**Attendance Hero:**



**Here  
Everyday  
Ready  
On time**



**Target 24-25 96%**

**Whole School 93.02%**

***Every day counts!***

**2M 97.14%, 1A 97.06%, 3B 96.67%, R2 96.32%, 4G 95.91%, 6C 95.36%, 5C2 95.17%, 5C1 94.52%, 6H 92.33%, 4C 91%, 2D 89.66%, 3R 89.66%, 4T 89.55%, 1D 89.2%, R1 84.29%**

*If your child is not well enough to attend school please report this by phoning the Office on 01473 601402 option 1 from 7.30am. We **MUST** receive this information by 8.45am*

***Please support us in reducing the number of school days lost.***

***A day off school means a day where learning is lost.***



## Categorising attendance and learning hours lost

Descriptor	Threshold attendance	Actual attendance (days)	Whole days absent	Lost learning hours	Level of concern
<b>Excellent</b>	100%	190	0	0	<b>Green</b>
	99%	188	2	10	
<b>Good</b>	98%	186	4	20	<b>Green</b>
	97%	184	6	30	
	96%	182.5	7.5	37.5	
<b>Cause for concern</b>	95%	180.5	9.5	47.5	<b>Orange</b>
	94%	179	11	55	
	93%	177	13	65	
	92%	175	15	75	
	91%	173	17	85	
<b>Unsatisfactory</b>	90%	171	19	95	<b>Red</b>
	89%	169	21	105	
	88%	167	23	115	
	87%	165	25	125	
	86%	163	27	135	
<b>Critical</b>	85%	161.5	28.5	142.5	<b>Red</b>
	84%	159.5	30.5	152.5	
	83%	158	32	160	
	82%	156	34	170	
	81%	154	36	180	
	80%	152	38	190	



**Success really does start with**

**attendance**

**Top Tips**

**Every Lesson, Every Day, Every  
Student**

**•Show Interest in your child's school Activities**

- ⑩ Attend Parent Teacher Conferences
- ⑩ Attend Back to School Night and Parent Meetings
- ⑩ Volunteer in the classroom, on field trips or during school events.
- ⑩ Make education a family priority.
- ⑩ Encourage your child to get more involved with their school. Sign them up for extra-curricular activities they like or an after-school program. Studies show the more involved a child and parents are with their school, the better their attendance.



Smile... and greet your child.  
Please put your mobile phone away.  
Thank you.

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## Diary Dates for Spring Term

Monday 6th January 25 – Non pupil Day  
 Tuesday 7th January – Children return to school  
 Monday 13th January – Clubs commence

### P.E days

Monday – Nursery & Year 2  
 Tuesday – Reception, Year 2 and Year 3  
 Wednesday – Year 1, Year 3, Year 4, Year 5  
 Thursday – Year 4 and Year 6  
 Friday – Year 1 and Year 6

## More dates coming soon!

**Hillside School Dates 2024-2025**

September 2024							October 2024							November 2024							December 2024						
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May 2025							June 2025							July 2025							August 2025						
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■ Staff training days – school closed  
■ School holiday closures  
■ Bank Holidays

## Autumn / Winter 2024/2025 - Week One

Dates: 11<sup>th</sup> Nov, 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec, 23<sup>rd</sup> Dec, 13<sup>th</sup> Jan, 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb, 24<sup>th</sup> Feb, 17<sup>th</sup> Mar, 7<sup>th</sup> Apr

Available Daily: Fresh Bread, Fresh Fruit & Yoghurt



















WEEK ONE	GREEN EARTH MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Main Meal Option 1	Tomato, Baked Bean & Spiral Pasta Bake 	Red Tractor Pork Sausage Roll with Skin on Baked Potato Wedges	Roast Chicken with Gravy, Stuffing & Roast Potatoes	Beef Pasta Bolognese & Garlic Bread 	Fish Fingers & Chips
Main Meal Option 2	Cheese & Tomato Pizza with Tomato Pasta Salad 	Cheese & Onion Pastry Roll with Skin on Baked Wedges	Quorn Grill with Gravy, Stuffing & Roast Potatoes 	Plant-based Pasta Bolognese & Garlic Bread 	Crispy Vegetable Fingers & Chips
Filled Baguette	Ham	Cheese	Tuna Mayo	Cheese	Ham
Vegetables	Carrots & Sweetcorn 	Peas, Baked Beans 	Cauliflower & Carrots 	Broccoli, Carrots 	Baked Beans Sweetcorn 
Baked Jacket Potatoes	Jacket Potato with Tuna Mayonnaise or Cheese 	Jacket Potato with Tuna Mayonnaise or Cheese 	Jacket Potato with Tuna Mayonnaise or Cheese 	Jacket Potato Tuna Mayonnaise or Cheese 	Jacket Potato Tuna Mayonnaise or Cheese 
Dessert	Chocolate Mousse and Orange Smiles 	Homemade Jam Buns & Custard	Chocolate Brownie 	Fruity Strawberry Jelly & Mandarin Segments 	Vanilla & Cherry Cookie Cup & Custard

## Autumn / Winter 2024/2025 - Week Two

Dates: 18<sup>th</sup> Nov, 9<sup>th</sup> Dec, 30<sup>th</sup> Dec, 20<sup>th</sup> Jan, 10<sup>th</sup> Feb, 3<sup>rd</sup> Mar, 24<sup>th</sup> Mar, 14<sup>th</sup> Apr

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


















WEEK TWO	GREEN EARTH MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Main Meal Option 1	Cheese & Tomato Pizza with Tomato Pasta Salad 	Pork Sausage with Mashed Potatoes & Gravy	Roast Chicken with Gravy, Yorkshire Pudding & Roast Potatoes	Garlic & Tomato Chicken Pasta Spirals 	Fish Fingers & Chips
Main Meal Option 2	Potato, Spinach & Cheese Toasted Wrap with Tomato Salsa 	Plant Based Sausage with Mashed Potatoes & Gravy	Mediterranean Vegetable Tart Served with Roast Potatoes	Garlic & Tomato Vegetable Pasta Spirals 	Plant-based Sausage & Chips
Filled Baguette	Ham	Cheese	Tuna Mayonnaise	Cheese	Ham
Vegetables	Baked Beans or British Red Tractor Garden Peas 	Broccoli/Cauliflower 	Cauliflower Carrots, 	Sweetcorn & Carrots 	Baked Beans, British Red Tractor Garden Peas 
Baked Jacket Potatoes	Jacket Potato with Tuna Mayonnaise or Cheese 	Jacket Potato with Tuna Mayonnaise or Cheese 	Jacket Potato with Tuna Mayonnaise or Cheese 	Jacket Potato with Tuna Mayonnaise or Cheese 	Jacket Potato with Tuna Mayonnaise or Cheese 
Dessert	Apple & Sultana Crumble Bar with Custard 	Iced Carrot Cake & Orange Slices 	Chocolate Shortbread	Toffee Cream Tart	Chocolate Oaty Slice

## Autumn / Winter 2024/2025 - Week Three

Date: 4<sup>th</sup> Nov, 25<sup>th</sup> Nov, 16<sup>th</sup> Dec, 6<sup>th</sup> Jan, 27<sup>th</sup> Jan, 17<sup>th</sup> Feb, 10<sup>th</sup> Mar, 31<sup>st</sup> Mar

Available Daily: Fresh Bread, Fresh Fruit & Yoghurt



WEEK THREE	GREEN EARTH MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Main Meal Option 1	Cheesy Pasta Spirals with Pizza Style Topping 	Beef Lasagne with Garlic & Tomato Bread 	Roast Chicken with Gravy, Yorkshire Pudding & Roast Potatoes	Barbeque Chicken & Rice 	Fish Fingers & Chips
Main Meal Option 2	Beany Shepherd's Pie 	Cheese & Tomato Pizza with Tomato Pasta Salad 	Roast Vegetable & Lentil Roast with Sticky Ketchup Glaze, Roast Potatoes & Gravy 	Vegetable Meatballs, Tomato Sauce & Mixed Rice 	Cheese & Onion Pastry Roll & Chips
Filled Baguette	Ham	Cheese	Tuna Mayonnaise	Cheese	Ham
Vegetables	Broccoli/Cauliflower 	Sweetcorn & Carrots 	Cauliflower & Carrots 	Baked Beans & Peas 	Baked Beans, Sweetcorn 
Baked Jacket Potatoes	Jacket Potato with Tuna Mayonnaise or Cheese 	Jacket Potato with Tuna Mayonnaise or Cheese 	Jacket Potato with Tuna Mayonnaise or Cheese 	Jacket Potato with Tuna Mayonnaise or Cheese 	Jacket Potato with Tuna Mayonnaise or Cheese 
Dessert	Lemon Cupcake with Fruit Slices 	Chocolate Cookie & Orange Wedges 	Chocolate Crunch & Chocolate Sauce	Strawberry Mousse	Lemon Drizzle Cake with Custard



**If your child was born between  
1 September 2020 and  
31 August 2021,  
you must apply for a full-time  
Reception Year school place by  
15 January 2025**



You **must** make an application even if your child already has a place in a nursery class, pre-school or family hub

To apply for a place or for more information you can visit:

**[www.suffolk.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.suffolk.gov.uk/admissions)**

Information is also available from:

- The Admissions Team on **0345 600 0981**
- Your local school



# IPSWICH FIT



## Christmas with Ipswich Fit

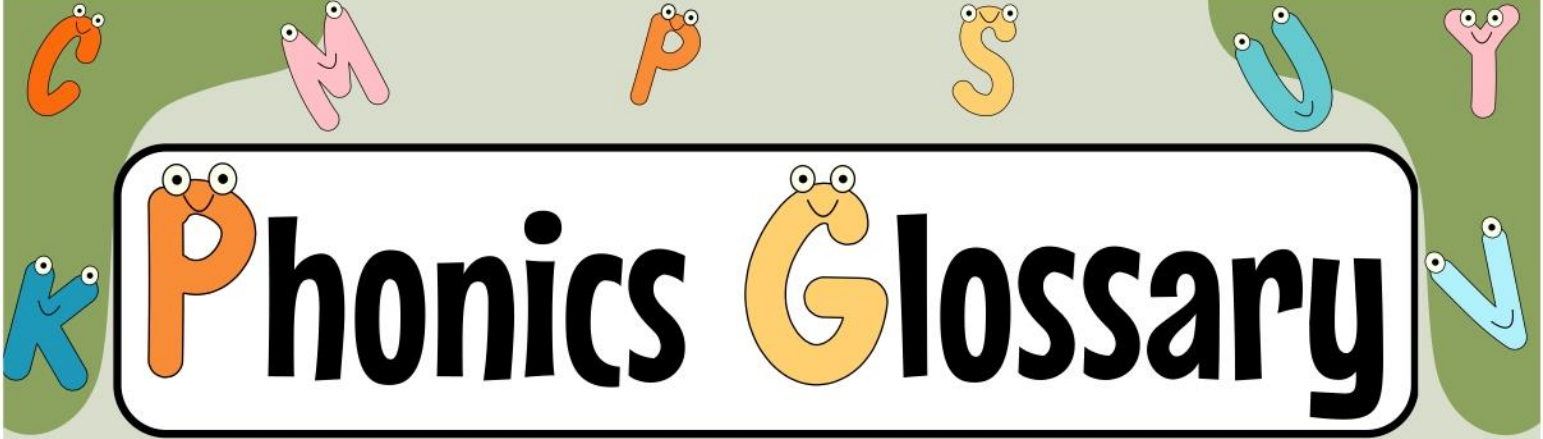
**Monday 23 December - Friday 3 January 2025**

This Christmas come and enjoy some fantastic activities across our facilities, we've got an exciting programme of activities including Arts & Crafts, Family roller-skating, Jet Skis for under 8s and more!

Get the best access to our holiday programme with our Young Person iCard for just £20.00 per month **sign up today!**

### **How to book?**

Bookings for our Christmas Holiday programme will open 7 days before the activity from the 16th of December.



# Phonics Glossary

There are 44 phonetic sounds or phonemes in the English language:  
20 vowel sounds and 24 consonant sounds.

They are each represented by the 26 letters of the alphabet individually and in combination.

## Phoneme

A phoneme is the smallest unit of sound. Each different sound in a word is a phoneme.

Examples: a, l, k, m, oo, sh, igh

## Blending

Blending involves merging the individual sounds in a word together in order to pronounce it.

Example: p-o-t = pot

## Segmenting

Segmenting is the ability to break up spoken words into their separate sounds.

Example: m-a-t = mat

## High Frequency Words

High frequency words (HFWs) are words that appear frequently in written and spoken language.

Examples: and, come, up, I, my

## Digraph

A digraph is a combination of two letters representing one sound.

Examples: ng, wh, ai, ck, oa

## Tricky Words

Tricky words are words that are tricky to sound out, read or spell as they use difficult spelling patterns.

Examples: the, said, was, of

## CVC Words

CVC words are words that follow the pattern of consonant-vowel-consonant.

Examples: pit, hat, pin, set, mop

## Trigraphs

A trigraph is a combination of three letters representing one sound.

Examples: igh, ear, air, tch

## Grapheme

Graphemes are the written representation of sounds.

Examples: o, s, ch, th, igh, air, eigh

## Decoding

Decoding is using phonetical knowledge to read words.

Example: sp-i-n = spin

## Split digraph

A split digraph is when two letters are separated by a consonant to make one sound.

Examples: late, mile, rule, made

## Pure Sounds

Pure sounds are the clear and distinct pronunciation of letters without adding extra sounds.

Example: m = 'mmm' not 'muh'

