



Dear Parents and Carers,

Working in partnership with you all is a top priority for us. During this half term we have invited you all to join us during new year expectations meetings and learning conversations and held specific sessions for Year 6 (Hilltop), Year 4(Maths and French), Year 3 (History Parent share), Year 2 (DT Parent share) Year 1 (DT and phonics parent share) Reception (Phonics) and Nursery share sessions. I would like to thank you for the positive engagement at these events. We have shared a parent survey this week to support our planning for after half term. Your ongoing voice matters to us. I will discuss the results with the Parent Council after half term.

This week, several visitors from the ALT Leadership team visited us to review behaviour. It was an extremely position visit. Strengths included: relationships, partnership with parents and routines.

*Our attendance overall has improved this half term, Today we issued a record breaking number of progress awards during our assemblies. I'm looking forward to continued improvement after the holidays. **Don't forget we return on Monday 3rd November @ 8.30am!***

It has been a very long and busy half term. I wish you all a safe and happy holiday!

Thanks so much for all your support.

Mrs Wass



**MOMENTS
MATTER,
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.**





<u>What is Bullying?</u>	<u>What is an incident?</u>
1. Somebody is picking on me again and again and again 2. I am frightened and worried 3. This makes me feel unhappy all the time.	1. Someone was unkind to me today 2. I was hurt and upset 3. I don't think this will happen again. I must tell someone.
 <i>I MUST TELL SOMEONE</i> 	

At Hillside, we have a zero tolerance approach to bullying. We have used this week to remind all pupils of how to report bullying or anything they are worried about, that there are people who care and can help if they are struggling with a bullying-related issue and where to find their school's Anti-Bullying Policy.

Bullying is defined as: behaviour by an individual or group, repeated over time, that intentionally hurts another individual or group, where the relationship involves an imbalance of power. Bullying can be physical, verbal or psychological. It can happen face-to-face or online.

The following acronym is used when explaining bullying to children: **STOP**

S – SEVERAL

T – TIMES

O – ON

P – PURPOSE

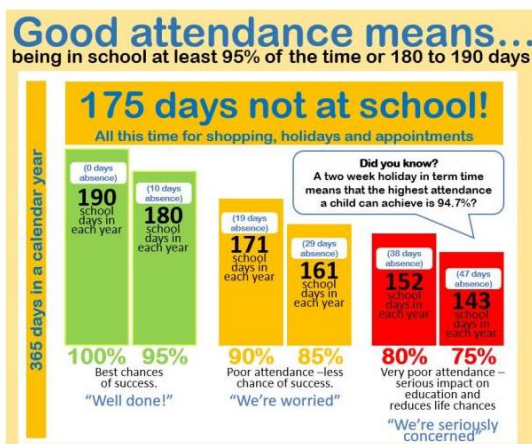




Success really does start with attendance

We support first and think about the family!

We want every single one of our children to be an Attendance Hero:



Here
Everyday
Ready
On time



Target 25-26 = 96%

Whole School 95.49% (we are less than 1% below target)

Every day counts!

6C 99.33%, 3C 97.67%, 1L 97%, 6M 96%, 5P 95.67%, 2M 95.42%, 4T 95.33%, C1 94.9%, 1D 94.55%, 4H 94%, 5LC 93.67%, 2C 92.96%, 3R 92.41%, RB 89.13%, RL 84.78%

*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.





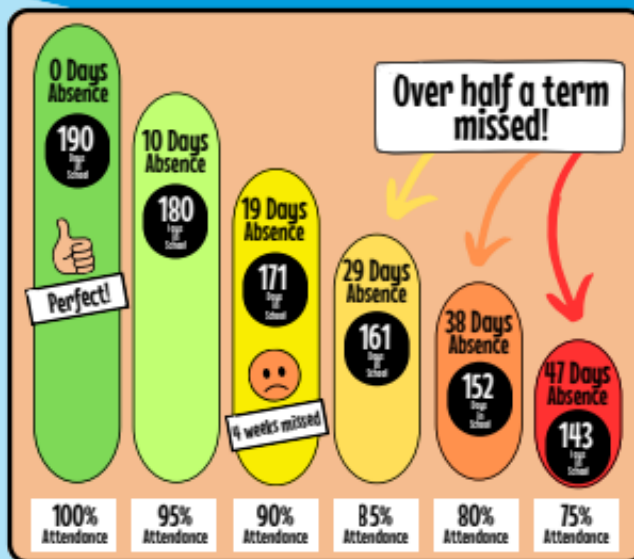
School Attendance

Every day counts...



Good attendance helps with...

Academic Achievement Regular attendance helps children stay on track with the curriculum and achieve stronger academic results.	Social Skills Being in school every day helps children make friends, develop important social skills and feel part of the school community.	Routine & Responsibility Attending school regularly teaches the importance of commitment, routine and responsibility, helping children build valuable life skills.	Focus & Engagement Children who attend school regularly are more likely to stay engaged in their learning and develop a positive attitude towards education.	Building Confidence Regular attendance can boost a child's self-esteem and confidence, as they see their progress and achievements over time.	Enhanced Learning Opportunities School offers more than academic learning - it provides clubs, activities and enrichment opportunities that help children discover new interests and talents.
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Did you know there are...

- 365 Days in a Year
- 190 School Days
- 175 Non School Days

Having 90% over 5 school years, is half a school year's work missed!

Tips for Supporting Good Attendance...

Set a Regular Routine A consistent bedtime and morning routine helps children feel ready for school and reduces last-minute stress.	Aim for Every Day Try to make school attendance the default. Only keep your child off if they are genuinely unwell.	Plan Appointments Carefully Where possible, book medical or dental appointments outside school hours so your child doesn't miss lessons.	Talk Positively About School Ask about your child's day and celebrate the little things they enjoy. Your positivity helps them look forward to school.	Stay in Touch When a child is struggling, early communication with the school helps everyone find solutions and makes things easier for the child.	Prepare the Night Before Pack bags, lay out uniforms and check homework in the evening to make mornings smoother and less stressful.
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How to Support your Child's Learning

There are many things that you can do to support your child's learning at home and we actively encourage you to do so. See below for our homework expectations and parents share dates for this term. On the next pages, we have also shared recommendations for reading at home and parent guides to Numbots and Times Tables Rock Stars.



Homework Year 1 - 6

Daily:

- Reading for 20 minutes 5 times/week
- Numbots/Times Tables Rock Stars for 3 minutes 5 times/week

Weekly:

- My Maths
- Sticky Question

Half termly:

- Activities/tasks on the curriculum overview

Parent Share Dates

- Nursery - 7th October 10:30am - All About Me Focus
- Nursery - 12th December 10:30am - Christmas Focus
- Reception - 2nd October 2:00pm - Phonics Meeting
- Reception - 11th December 2:00pm - Reception Christmas Performance
- Year 1 - 10th October 2:00pm - DT Focus
- Year 2 - 16th October 2:00pm - DT Focus
- Year 3 - 17th October 2:00pm - History Focus
- Year 4 - 26th September 2:00pm - French Focus
- Year 5 - 25th November 2:00pm - Science Focus
- Year 6 - 2nd December 2:00pm - History Focus





Attendance tips of the week!

Getting your child to school on time really matters

If in a school year your child is late everyday *****	Your child would have lost approximately *****	Or they would have missed approximately *****
5 Minutes	3 days from school	16 lessons lost
10 Minutes	5 days from school	32 lessons lost
15 Minutes	8 days from school	48 lessons lost
20 Minutes	11 days from school	63 lessons lost
30 Minutes	16 days from school	95 lessons lost

House points

Suffolk: 17

Cambridge: 18

Oxford: 23

Bristol: 27





Key Diary Dates for Autumn Term

Friday 31st October – Deadline for Year 6 applications to Year 7

Monday 3rd November – Return to school

Tuesday 11th & Monday 17th November - Year 6 height and weight checks

Friday 21st November – Children in Need

Thursday 27th November – School Photos

Wednesday 3rd December – Yr 2 & 3 Theatre trip (more details to follow)

11th December – Reception Christmas performance at 2pm

Monday 15th December – Yr 4 & 5 Theatre trip

Wednesday 17th December – Yr 1 & 6 Theatre trip

Friday 19th December – Last day of the term

All our 25-26 term dates can be found here:

[Term Dates | Hillside Primary School](https://www.hillsideprimary.co.uk/term-dates)

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Come and visit our setting!

Reception Tours
Wednesday 5th November 9:30 - 10:30am
Thursday 6th November 4:00 - 5:00pm



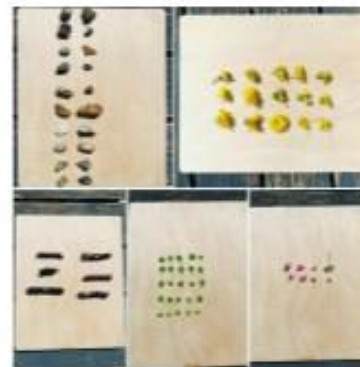
Call the school office to book:
01473 601402





Can you make a counting/times table natural objects museum?

Counting Museum Times Table Museum



$$1 \times 6 =$$



$$2 \times 6 =$$



Send your entries to
i.garner@hillsideprimary.co.uk

Each entry will receive a dojo point and the winning entry for EYFS, KS1, LKS2 and UKS2 will receive a voucher for the dojo shop!





HILLSIDE'S DIGITAL LEADERS

3 TOP TIPS FOR STAYING SAFE WHEN ONLINE GAMING

1 Never share
your personal
information



2 Report it!
Report on the
game and to
a trusted adult



3 Block them





What Parents & Educators Need to Know about FORTNITE

THE WELL-KNOWN PEGI 12

With over 850 million registered users, Fortnite remains one of the most played and discussed online games globally. It uses both live and pre-recorded gameplay, and various measures to ensure everything from music rights to in-game purchases is handled. The game continues to capture the attention of young people. This guide outlines the main issues parents need to know about, including game updates, and offers practical advice tips to help address them.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

ALWAYS ONLINE

There's a single player, online mode for Fortnite. It's a free-to-play game that allows players to play solo or in a team of up to 100 players. The game is always online, meaning that players can't play offline. This means that players need to be online to play, which can be a problem for some players who don't have a good internet connection or who don't have a computer or console.

CROSSPLAY AND PARTY CHAT

Crossplay allows players to play with friends on different platforms. This means that players can play with friends on different platforms, which can be a problem for some players who don't have a good internet connection or who don't have a computer or console.

IN-GAME COSTS

Fortnite is a free-to-play game, but it has in-game purchases. These include skins, emotes, and other cosmetic items. These items can be purchased with real money, which can be a problem for some players who don't have a good internet connection or who don't have a computer or console.

FREQUENT UPDATES

Fortnite is a game that is updated frequently. This means that players need to be online to play, which can be a problem for some players who don't have a good internet connection or who don't have a computer or console.

VIRTUAL VIOLENCE

Fortnite is a game that is known for its virtual violence. This means that players need to be online to play, which can be a problem for some players who don't have a good internet connection or who don't have a computer or console.

POP CULTURE REFERENCES

Fortnite is a game that is known for its pop culture references. This means that players need to be online to play, which can be a problem for some players who don't have a good internet connection or who don't have a computer or console.

Advice for Parents & Educators

DISCUSS SAFE SOCIAL INTERACTION

Fortnite is a game that is known for its social interaction. This means that players need to be online to play, which can be a problem for some players who don't have a good internet connection or who don't have a computer or console.

ENJOY FORTNITE TOGETHER

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SET SPENDING LIMITS

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BE WARY OF SCAMS

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Meet Our Expert

Dr. Christopher D. Anderson is a leading expert in the field of child psychology and has been published in several leading journals. He is also a frequent speaker at conferences and has been featured in the media.

#WakeUpWednesday

The National College

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Bonfire Night

Eativerse
A UNIVERSE OF FOOD AND DRINK

Bonfire Lunch
Wednesday 5th
November

Beef Burger in a Bun

Or

Veggie Burger

Served with
Jacket Wedges & Beans

For Dessert
Old School Cake

**Join our five galactic friends
for some yummy treats!**





Autumn / Winter Menu Week 1					
10 th Nov, 1 st & 22 nd Dec, 19 th Jan, 9 th Feb, 2 nd & 29 th March					
WEEK ONE	FAVOURITES MONDAY	WORLD TUESDAY	ROAST WEDNESDAY	PIZZA PARTY THURSDAY	FISH FRIDAY
Main Meal Option 1	Red Tractor Pork Sausage Roll & Home-baked Potato Wedges	Beef Taco with Corn Tortilla, Tomato Sauce & Sunny Rice	Roast Chicken Gravy, Stuffing & Roast Potatoes	Wholemeal Tomato & Cheese Pizza & Home-baked Potato Wedges	MSC Fish Fingers & Chips
Main Meal Option 2	Macaroni Cheese	Italian Quorn Meatballs served with Pasta ^{VG}	Quorn Grill, Gravy, Stuffing & Roast Potatoes	Vegetable Sausage in a Bun with Home-baked Potato Wedges ^{VG}	Vegetable Fingers & Chips with Ketchup ^{VG}
Sandwiches	Ham	Cheese	Tuna Mayonnaise	Cheese	Ham
Vegetables	Baked Beans & Sweetcorn	Country Mixed Veg or Broccoli	Seasonal Greens & Carrots	British Red Tractor Garden Peas, Sweetcorn	British Red Tractor Garden Peas, Baked Beans
Baked Jacket Potatoes	Jacket Potato with Cheesy Beans, Tuna Mayo or Cheese or Beans	Jacket Potato with Cheesy Beans, Tuna Mayo or Cheese or Beans	Jacket Potato with Cheesy Beans, Tuna Mayo or Cheese or Beans	Jacket Potato with Cheesy Beans, Tuna Mayo or Cheese or Beans	Jacket Potato with Cheesy Beans, Tuna Mayo, Cheese, Salmon Mayo, or Beans
Dessert	Vanilla Shortbread ^{VG} & Chocolate Sauce	Chocolate & Pear Crumble ^{VG} & Custard	Strawberry Jelly ^{VG}	Oaty Date Cookie	Vanilla Ice Cream

Available Daily: Salad, Fresh Bread, Fresh Fruit & Yoghurt

Autumn / Winter Menu Week 2					
27 th Oct, 17 th Nov, 8 th Dec, 5 th & 26 th Jan, 16 th Feb, 9 th March					
WEEK TWO	FAVOURITES MONDAY	WORLD TUESDAY	ROAST WEDNESDAY	PIZZA PARTY THURSDAY	FISH FRIDAY
Main Meal Option 1	Pork Sausage & Mash with Gravy	Red Tractor Beef Pasta Bolognese & Garlic Bread	Roast Chicken, Gravy, Yorkshire Pudding & Roast Potatoes	Wholemeal Margherita Pizza & Home-baked Potato Wedges	MSC Battered Pollock & Chips
Main Meal Option 2	Veggie Sausage & Baked Bean Hot Pot ^{VG}	Plant-based Pasta Bolognese & Garlic Bread	Quorn Grill, Gravy, Yorkshire Pudding & Roast Potatoes	Macaroni Cheese	Cheese Flan & Chips
Sandwiches	Ham	Cheese	Tuna Mayonnaise	Cheese	Ham
Vegetables	Broccoli, Sweetcorn or Baked Beans	Broccoli, Cauliflower & Carrots	Seasonal Greens & Carrots	British Red Tractor Garden Peas, or Sliced Carrots	British Red Tractor Garden Peas, Baked Beans
Baked Jacket Potatoes	Jacket Potato with Cheesy Beans, Tuna Mayo or Cheese or Beans	Jacket Potato with Cheesy Beans, Tuna Mayo or Cheese or Beans	Jacket Potato with Cheesy Beans, Tuna Mayo or Cheese or Beans	Jacket Potato with Cheesy Beans, Tuna Mayo or Cheese or Beans	Jacket Potato with Cheesy Beans, Tuna Mayo or Cheese or Beans
Dessert	Chocolate Mousse	Chocolate Fudge Cake	Apple Crumble ^{VG} & Custard	Flapjack ^{VG}	Shortbread Pin Wheels & Fruit Slices ^{VG}

Available Daily: Salad, Fresh Bread, Fresh Fruit & Yoghurt

Autumn / Winter Menu Week 3					
3 rd & 24 th Nov, 15 th Dec, 12 th Jan, 2 nd & 23 rd Feb, 16 th March					
WEEK THREE	FAVOURITES MONDAY	WORLD TUESDAY	ROAST WEDNESDAY	PIZZA PARTY THURSDAY	FISH FRIDAY
Main Meal Option 1	Beef Burger with Home-baked Potato Wedges	Mild Chicken Curry served with Mixed Rice	Roast Chicken, Gravy, Stuffing & Roast Potatoes	Margherita Pizza with Home-baked Potato Wedges	MSC Fish Fingers & Chips
Main Meal Option 2	Vegetable Burger with Home-baked Potato Wedges ^{VG}	Vegetable Sausage Hotdog served with Home-baked Potato Wedges ^{VG}	Quorn Grill, Gravy, Stuffing & Roast Potatoes	Vegetable Lasagne & Garlic Bread	Crispy Vegetable Fingers & Chips ^{VG}
Sandwiches	Ham	Cheese	Tuna Mayonnaise	Cheese	Ham
Vegetables	Sweetcorn, Baked Beans	Broccoli, Cauliflower & Carrots	Seasonal Greens & Carrots	Broccoli or Sweetcorn	British Red Tractor Garden Peas, Baked Beans
Baked Jacket Potatoes	Jacket Potato with Cheesy Beans, Tuna Mayo or Cheese or Beans	Jacket Potato with Cheesy Beans, Tuna Mayo or Cheese or Beans	Jacket Potato with Cheesy Beans, Tuna Mayo or Cheese or Beans	Jacket Potato with Cheesy Beans, Tuna Mayo or Cheese or Beans	Jacket Potato with Cheesy Beans, Tuna Mayo or Cheese or Beans
Dessert	Chocolate Oaty Slice ^{VG}	Syrup Sponge Pudding & Custard	Apple & Cinnamon Rolls	Vanilla Cookie & Fruit Slices ^{VG}	Iced Sponge Cake with Sprinkles

Available Daily: Salad, Fresh Bread, Fresh Fruit & Yoghurt

England's target for 'free sugar' intake for your child
* Recommended fruit and vegetable portion sizes are calculated using School Food Standards.
On average our desserts do not exceed a third of a child's recommended 'free sugar' intake.

