Hillmead Headlines

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Friday 2nd October 2026

Diary Dates



Fri 9th October

Hello Yellow Day

Wed 14th October

Flu vaccinations

PTA AGM 7.30pm

Fri 16th October

Last day for Food Bank contributions

PTA Quiz Night

Mon 19th October

Reception 2027 parent tour (extra date added)

Mon 19th to Fri 23rd October

Year 6 Residential at Hilltop

Mon 26th to Fri 30th October

Half term break

Mon 2nd November

Children return to school

Tues 3rd November

Reception 2027 parent tour

Mon 9th November

Parent consultations

Wed 11th November

Parent consultations

Mon 16th November

Reception 2027 parent tour

Thurs 26th November

Reception 2027 parent tour

Message from Mrs Collier

Another action-packed week has come to a close and October is now with us and what a busy September we have had in school. The highlight for me has been getting to know our school community and all of your amazing children. The school raised a wonderful £138 for Macmillan, so thank you once again to all those who joined me last Friday.

This week I launched the competition to name our 'Attendance Acorn' award with the children. The class with the highest attendance gets to look after them for the week and I am looking forward to hearing all that they learn in each class.

Our whole school attendance this week is 95.1%.

Can I also remind you about the items needed for our Reception, especially any baskets you may no longer need. They are also desperately in need of small socks!

Let's Celebrate!



Congratulations to our Stars and Hot Chocolate Heroes this week! We are very proud of you.

*Only children with photo sharing permission will be included in photographs.

PTA Events

Our amazing PTA have lots of exciting events planned for our children and families (see diary dates). Most importantly, the AGM is on Wednesday 14th October at 7.30pm at the school. Please do come and join us so you can hear the plans for the future and how you can support the PTA to continue to raise such valuable funds for our children.

Hello Yellow!

Hopefully, you have all seen the email regarding wearing yellow next Friday to mark World Mental Health Day. It is so important for our children (and ourselves) to be able to have open conversations about mental health and Hello Yellow is a fantastic campaign that supports children across the country. We cannot wait to see the children brightening the day with their yellow clothing. The link to donate is here.

Parking!

Unfortunately, parking at school is becoming increasingly challenging and, at times, dangerous. While we understand the need to park on the school site, please can we ask all families to park safely and sensibly, keeping the safety of our children and families as the priority.

We are very fortunate to have parent parking available on site, which is unusual for a primary school. However, if there is nowhere to park on the school site, please park considerately on the surrounding residential roads or use the Tesco car park.

Please remember:

- Please do not park in the drop-off zone.
- Please do not block the roundabout.
- Please keep your speed to 5 mph while on the school site.
- Please do not park in the designated staff parking area.
- Please do not cut across the roundabout; use it correctly and follow the one-way system.

We really appreciate your support and cooperation with this. Most importantly, please help us to ensure that all of our children can arrive and leave school safely.

Thank You

Around the school...

Meadow Class had fun with a muddy car wash, cleaning muddy cars with soapy water, sponges and brushes! Mrs Hammond was covered in mud!

Clover Class went on a listening walk around the school grounds. They heard birds tweeting, aeroplanes, a lawn mower, feet walking, a squeaky gate and talking from some classrooms.

Bluebell Class has started their learning around the book 'Biscuit Bear'. They have made their own biscuit bear designs and shopping lists. We have also made and decorated our own biscuit bear friends.

Primrose Class created pictograms to show how daylight hours change across the four seasons. They explored how summer has longer daylight hours than winter using a 24-hour clock and movement.

Daffodil Class have written some AMAZING stories based on 'The Bear and the Piano'. They have worked incredibly hard to edit too. They will be publishing them and are looking forward to displaying them for people to read.

Snowdrop Class enjoyed going outdoors to sketch a range of natural objects. They practised using shading and varying pencil pressures to create darker areas and add detail to their drawings.

Sunflower Class thoroughly enjoyed their guided reading sessions with the rather gory reimagined fairy tale 'Zombierella'. They have done a fantastic job unpicking the author's vivid imagery and discussing the meaning of his wonderfully gruesome descriptions.

Tulip Class created their own water filters using plastic bottles and different materials to investigate which worked best. They observed the results and drew labelled diagrams to explain how their filters worked.

Daisy Class looked at invertebrates in science this week. To help classify these, they made models out of playdough, before labelling the individual characteristics, helping them to understand the differences between them.

well done!





