Hillmead Headlines

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Friday 9th October 2026

Diary Dates

Wed 14th October
Flu vaccinations
PTA AGM 7.30pm
Fri 16th October
Last day for Food Bank contributions
PTA Halloween Disco
Mon 19th October
Reception 2027 parent tour
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
Anti-Bullying Week
Fri 20th November
Children in Need
Thurs 26th November
Reception 2027 parent tour

Message from Mrs Collier

Autumn is most definitely in the air now; with that comes the need for warmer clothes and, unfortunately, raincoats too!

We have also begun celebrating Black History Month, and the theme this year is 'Honouring our Communities'. We have shared many thoughtful conversations in both assemblies and classrooms, learning about the amazing contributions of people such as Mary Seacole, with the children describing her as resilient, brave and determined – wonderful qualities we can all aspire to.

Please can I encourage you all to come along to the PTA AGM next Wednesday, 14th October, at 7.30pm. Our PTA members work tirelessly for our children and families, and they have some exciting projects and events ahead!

I hope to see you there.

Our whole school attendance this week is 96.3%!

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 have front facing photos.

Hello Yellow

It was wonderful to see the children brightening the day with their yellow clothing. As part of the day, the children have thought about belonging and identifying emotions as well as what it means to support others. As always, they showed such thoughtfulness and kindness towards each other. Thank you to all those families who have donated. The school has raised over £180 so far, and the fundraising page is still open should you like to contribute. Here is the donation link



Fantastic Footballers!

Our amazing football team secured an amazing win beating All Saints Primary School 3-0 on Tuesday! We had a number of goal scorers who did a fantastic job, but the whole team deserves our congratulations for their amazing team spirit, sportsmanship and determination. We are so proud of you and the way you represented our school.

Brilliant Boccia!

Boccia is a six-a-side team game. Hillmead sent a crew of fantastic children to Birchwood High School on Thursday to play the game with other schools from Bishop's Stortford. Bea (Y6) said, 'It was a very fun and unique afternoon. It was joyous and we got to do it outside too!'. Well done to them all.

Foodbank Donations

We are now collecting our Harvest donations for Bishop's Stortford Foodbank, whose representatives will be joining us for an assembly. As you know, the foodbank is a vital resource for our town, supporting many families every week. Please send any donations into school. Thank you for your support!

Around the school...

Meadow Class have been exploring the large playground equipment. They have had lots of fun climbing and balancing!

Clover Class as part of their learning for Black History Month, the children explored the colourful, abstract artwork of African American artist Alma Thomas, noticing her use of patterns, shapes and bright colours. Inspired by her work, they created their own artwork while celebrating the life and achievements of an inspiring Black artist.

Bluebell Class have been developing their subitising and working on their one to one correspondence when counting objects or sounds that we can't move. They have also enjoyed using 'robot arms' to help them segment and blend some CVC words.

Primrose Class have been learning about Betty Campbell, the first Black headteacher in Wales, who championed Black history and culture and helped establish Black History Month in the UK.

Daffodil Class Daffodil Class had a wonderful visit to see The Gruffalo at South Mill Arts Centre. The children joined in enthusiastically and were praised by the theatre staff for their excellent behaviour. What amazing ambassadors for our school.

Snowdrop Class have been learning how to count from 1 to 10 in French and exploring the names of different colours. The children have enjoyed practising their new French vocabulary and developing their language skills!

Sunflower Class examined the results of their fair test using eggshells to mimic tooth enamel. They were surprised by how badly Coke stained the eggshells and how vinegar dissolved them completely. They concluded that water is the best drink for looking after teeth!

Tulip Class have been learning about multiples and factors in maths! They explored the concept further by creating their own factor bugs, helping them to identify and understand the factors of different numbers in a fun and creative way.

Daisy Class have been learning the formal written method for multiplication. They practised multiplying 3-digit numbers by 2-digit numbers and numbers with up to two decimal places, before applying their skills to reasoning questions!