Hillmead Headlines

Include Inspire Empower

Friday 16th October 2026

Diary Dates

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
Flu vaccinations
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
Friday 27th November
School closed

Message from Mrs Collier

It's been another fun filled week at Hillmead with anticipation building for the disco tonight and the Hilltop residential for Daisy Class!

A huge thank you to those of you who came along to the PTA AGM on Wednesday evening and giving your time for our school and children. There are so many exciting events to look forward to!

After half term, we will be launching our social media pages on both Instagram and Facebook. Posts will be for information only until we are up and running but I am so excited that we will have more opportunities to share what is going on in school with you all!

This week our whole school attendance was: **95.3%**

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.

Join our Journey

We are changing the way children share their learning with you, creating more opportunities for you to come into school and see what they have been working on. This might involve playing a maths game together or sharing a project, but whatever the activity, the children will be delighted to welcome you into their classroom!

These sessions will replace sharing assemblies, allowing you to become more involved in your children's learning and gain a greater insight into life at Hillmead. Our partnership with you is essential to your children's success, and we hope you enjoy these opportunities to celebrate their achievements.

Tulip Class will be the first to get involved, inviting parents into school next week to share their fantastic English work. Information is on Class Dojo!

Harvest Assembly

We enjoyed a lovely Harvest Assembly today, joined by Gill from Bishop's Stortford Food Bank. We are incredibly grateful for your generous donations, which will make a real difference in supporting local people and families in need.



Golfing Greats!

A group of children from Sunflower Class took part in a golf tournament on Thursday. Mr Webb and Mrs Gibson joined the children and it is clear they had a wonderful time and showed amazing sportsmanship too.

Mr Webb said that the children represented the school wonderfully and showed real enthusiasm for the game! We are so proud of you all.

Around the school...

Meadow Class had great fun on an inflatable slide in PE with Mr Webb!

Clover Class have been learning all about hedgehogs and their habitat. We then made our own hedgehog nests from leaves and sticks to try and keep them warm in the cold!

Bluebell Class have celebrated Black History Month by exploring the contributions and inventions of Black and African American people. They also created their own patterns by weaving colourful paper Kente cloths.

Primrose Class have created their own book about buses in English. The children have tried to use capital letters and full stops in their sentences.

Daffodil Class have been writing in role as people living in 1666, waking up to the smell of thick smoke and a sky that's glowing brightly when it should be dark... some super diary entries written using their senses.

Snowdrop Class , explored the vibrant artwork of Alma Thomas for Black History Month. Inspired by her piece 'The Eclipse', they created their own colourful interpretations, experimenting with patterns, shapes and colours.

Sunflower Class discovered the story of Alison Bennison, who travelled from Barbados to Britain aged just 19 to become an NHS nurse as part of Black History Month. They imagined life in a new country, writing letters to their grandma about their experiences and feelings.

Tulip Class have been exploring 'Hidden Figures' for Black History Month, learning about Dorothy Vaughan, a pioneering African American mathematician. They have begun writing about her, using abstract nouns such as courage, determination and intelligence to describe her qualities.

Daisy Class explored characterisation through drama, acting out scenes from 'The Invention of Hugo Cabret', using tone, body language and actions to show contrasting characters. They shared performances, gave feedback and made improvements before delivering their fantastic final versions.



