

HILTINGBURY HIGHLIGHTS

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Headteacher's message

Dear Parents and Carers

Well done to everyone for handling the intense heat this week at school! It's been a scorcher, but we're thrilled to report that all the children are leaving school with smiles, thanks to how smoothly they've settled in. A very special welcome to our new Year 3 children who have experienced their first week at school. We hope they have enjoyed it just as much as we have.

This week marked an exciting milestone as we launched our new school blog on Facebook and Instagram. Our goal is to continue sharing highlights and celebrations from across the school, offering you a glimpse into your child's school life. We owe a huge thank you to Mrs Gowland and Mrs Batten for their dedicated efforts in developing this exciting new endeavour for the school.

We're fortunate to have numerous pupil voice groups throughout the school, all of which play vital roles in supporting the school's development in various ways. The children have learned about the roles and responsibilities available to them this week and we are looking forward to hearing from all of the applicants next week. Our school website remains a valuable resource, with information about your child's upcoming year and the subjects they'll be exploring this Autumn term. Additionally, we'll be hosting our 'Meet the Team' meetings in a few weeks' time. These meetings are a fantastic opportunity to meet your child's Teachers and gain insight into the upcoming opportunities, and answer any questions you may have. We will be sharing the dates of these on Monday.

Everyone has adapted remarkably well to the new safety measures we've put in place too in response to the building work. The progress of our school building project continues to impress, with the contractors right on schedule for Phase 1. On their first day back, each class had the chance to tour the school and witness the changes to the building, as well as have their questions answered. Throughout this project, we aim to turn this experience into a valuable learning opportunity for the children, enhancing their understanding of sustainability and inspiring them to make positive changes in their own lives now and in the future.

We hope you all enjoy a warm and sunny weekend.

Zoe Loosemore



Dates for your diary

Tuesday 12th September - HSPTA meeting 7pm - information below

Friday 14th September - Year 3 Story time after school (message below)

Monday - Wednesday 18th-20th September - Y6 Harry Potter trips

Thursday 21st September - Harvest collection begins

All after school extra curricular clubs & Music lessons begin wc 11.9.23

Weekly Year group highlights

Year 3

[Link to our Weekly Highlights & Gallery](#)

Year 4

[Link to our Weekly Highlights & Gallery](#)

Year 5

[Link to our Weekly Highlights & Gallery](#)



Year 6

[Link to our Weekly Highlights & Gallery](#)

Year 3 Story Time Friday 14th September

Mrs Thomas would like to welcome our Year 3 children and their siblings to a storytime session after school on Friday 14th September.

Mrs Thomas, our school Librarian has a great picture book to share 'How To Count To One' by Casper Salmon. You might think this sounds easy but don't be caught out and it might just make you laugh!



***Please come along and listen as you are never too old for a picture book!
Please sign in at the main school office after collecting your child at the end of the day.
Mrs Thomas will be waiting for you in the library area.***



Music Lessons

Music Lessons are starting next week.

Please make sure your child brings their instrument and music book with them on the following days:

Monday - Ms Watz Owens - Piano & Keyboard

Tuesday - Mr Kellett - Guitar

Thursday - Mrs Nurdin - Bowed Strings

Friday - Mrs Hyland - Woodwind

Highlight Wellbeing



'How was your day?' is a caring question that expresses your interest in how your child is settling into their new class/school. However, most parents find that a child's response may be minimal, and the conversation doesn't strengthen connection and understanding as hoped!

Here are some suggestions for alternative questions to ask your child. Meal times, car journeys and bedtime are good times to ask. You are likely to have a better conversation once your child has had a rest and something to eat and drink, rather than question with your immediate 'hello'. As always, do let your child's class teacher know (email through the school office) if there is any concern.

1. What feelings have you experienced today?
2. What have you learnt today that you didn't know yesterday?
3. What has made you feel proud today?
4. What do you think your teacher has noticed about you so far?
5. Who did you most enjoy spending time with today?
6. Did you have the chance to help anyone today?
7. Do you have any worries or frustrations that you would like to tell me about?
8. What has made you laugh today?
9. If you could change one thing about your day, what would that be?
10. Is there anything that you need any help with?



Welcome Back - We hope you have all had a lovely Summer Holiday.

Last year your generosity in time, money and enthusiasm raised a whopping

£34,000!!

Thank you

The PTA are looking forward to another year of exciting activities for both the kids and the parents, while raising much needed funds for the school, which in turn benefits the kids!

We would love you to join our fantastic team and our next PTA Meeting is on 12th September - come along and find out what's going on behind the scenes - no obligation to join the PTA but it would be lovely to have a few more faces. You also get the opportunity to decide on how the money is spent.

The next HSPTA Committee meeting will be held on 12th September 2023 at 7:30pm via Zoom.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/98762356935>

Meeting ID: 987 6235 6935

Passcode: 8748225617

HSPTA Quiz Night

INFANT School Hall

Friday 6th October 2023 @ 7:30pm

First round starts at 7:45pm

£40 per table plus raffle prize.

Make a team of up to 8 people. Bring your own refreshments, alcohol is permitted, maybe a few nibbles, some cash for the raffle and have a great social night out!

NB: Number of teams is limited to 12 teams (as we will be located in the infants school) and entry is on a first come, first serve basis.

Pre-bookings only - No tickets will be available on the night

Purchase your tickets here: [HSPTA \(pta-events.co.uk\)](https://pta-events.co.uk)

Website for orders and info: <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/hspta/>

Private Facebook Group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/hspta>

Contact the team: info.hspta@gmail.com