



# Hiltingbury Highlights

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## Message from Miss Loosemore

Dear Parents and Carers,

On Monday during our INSET day all staff contributed towards two of our school priorities for this year. To start the day we all joined in a team building session led by Mr Wright as part of our staff wellbeing strategy. The favourite challenge, that we know the children enjoy too, was building the tallest structure to hold a balloon using only marshmallows and spaghetti! You can see our achievements below! Mrs Hartley then led a training session developing our practice in the effective use of guided groups within the classroom. In the afternoon, our subject leaders all participated in a 'Teach meet' which is a short presentation held by Teachers to work together for professional development. Each subject Leader shared the vision for their subject, the National Curriculum links and their aims for the children's knowledge and experiences by the end of year 6. These have been informed by our Subject Leaders working with Staff from both the Infant school and our local Secondary schools. I have included some of the examples of this too which we will be using to support the development of our new curriculum. If you would like to hear more about our curriculum subjects Miss Bristow will be leading the next Parent Forum meeting about Geography on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2023 at 2pm.

We welcomed the children back on Tuesday and they all had many exciting stories to share about their half term break. After lunch they then had their important part to play in sharing their ideas about the curriculum. The children were able to voice their opinions about which people they would like to learn about in the world, what experiences they would like to have at school, what technology they would like to use and apply across different subjects and what knowledge and skills they would like to learn. A few favorite topics came from our existing curriculum such as the Stone Age and going to Warner Brothers Studios and some new ideas were learning about famous explorers, having the opportunity to do more cooking and visiting London as a school trip.

A very popular event we have coming up at the end of the term is our school DISCO! We know how much the children enjoyed the previous one and we were able to raise a lot of money for the Helpful Hounds charity which we are hoping to do again so please put the date 23.03.23 in your diaries.

Thank you to all of our parents so far who have signed up to Arbor and downloaded the app. Mrs Batten, Mrs Rose, Mrs Bailey and Mrs Gowland are all very pleased to share that 81% of the school community are now up and running! They are looking forward to using the Arbor app for the first time soon to open Parents Evening bookings. If you are one of the 19% who have yet to download the app and complete this sign up please do so as soon as possible!

To celebrate 'World Thinking Day' children from across the school came dressed in their uniforms from a variety of Cub, Scouts and Girl Guide divisions. Mrs Chapman wrote to me to say that the children were very proud to be able to do this and explain to their friends about their uniform and what they do at their unit meetings.

I hope you all have received and read our Ofsted report that was shared with the community yesterday. I just wanted to say my final thank you again to everyone for their commitment and support towards the school.

Best wishes,

**Zoe Loosemore**

**You can now subscribe to our school website  
calendar!**

**Link to our school website calendar for dates  
and events**

[Website Calendar Link](#)



## By Year 6, Linguists at HJS will have..

- Been introduced to French in a way that is **enjoyable and fun**, using songs/games etc;
- Fostered an **interest in learning other languages** at KS3 and beyond, becoming **curious** about how languages work;
- Become aware of (some of) the **cultural differences** between the UK and Francophone countries;
- Grown in their **confidence** to speak in French, working on their fluency and refining the precision of their pronunciation and intonation, and having the skills to find different ways to communicate what they want to say;
- Become confident to **engage in conversations**, asking/answering questions, expressing opinions, responding to others and seeking clarification/help where needed;
- Had the opportunity to **present ideas/info orally** to a range of audiences.
- Developed a growing **bank of French HFW in their long-term memory**, which can be applied in different contexts/topics.
- Used their understanding of French **phonics** to decode (writing/reading).
- Developed their confidence to **write phrases and sentences** (using a scaffold &/or from memory) and adapt these to create new sentences.
- **An understanding of the basics of French grammar**, e.g. conjugation of high frequency verbs, word order in sentences, fem/masc forms etc.

## By Year 6, children at HJS will have..

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- Listened to, analysed, explored and performed a wide range of music from a breadth of eras, cultures and genres.
- Experienced high quality live performances.
- Performed music in front of an audience.
- Developed their vocal skills to be able to perform part songs with confidence.
- Learnt how to play an instrument, using musical notation.
- Improvised and composed using a variety of different components.
- Become increasingly independent in making creative choices.

# 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](#)

## Highlight Well-being



The positivity and open hearted attitude expressed by a simple smile is a wonderful gift that we can all share.

We are all very proud that our '*warm, welcoming and upbeat atmosphere*' was recognised by Ofsted, as we are lucky to be such a supportive team and that smiles abound at HJS.

Our school dog Hugo has developed a beautiful habit of smiling too! An expression which is 100% impossible not to share when you witness it.

This week please help your child reflect on doing more of the things that make them feel happy. It is proven that the more time spent on hobbies, interests and activities that make us feel good, really do affect our mindset. Reflect with your child on which activities bring wholesome, long term positive outcomes, for example, music, sport, reading, art. And also enjoyable activities which have a shorter term, momentary, yet still valuable happiness, such as gaming or drinking a hot chocolate. Talking it over leads to personal awareness, which leads to personal growth. Have a happy weekend!



## Hiltingbury Junior Scholastic Book Fair

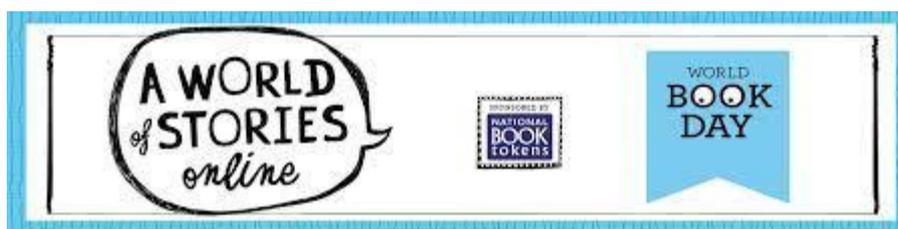
The Book Fair is coming to Hiltingbury Junior School next week!

We are delighted to welcome you to our **Book Fair on the 1st and 3rd March 2023** at Hiltingbury Junior School.



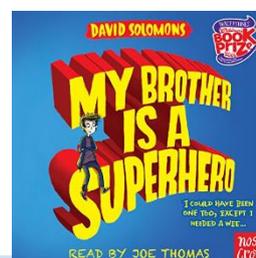
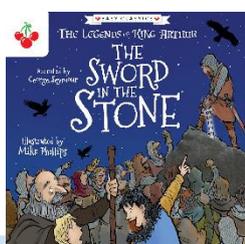
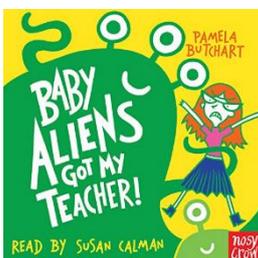
The book cases are coming from **Scholastic**, who are one of the best companies for offering a fantastic selection of really good quality children's books. Books will be on sale after school on **Wednesday 1st March and Friday 3rd March from 3.20pm till 4.15pm** in the school hall.

You can use your World Day Book Voucher, which your child has been issued. It is lovely for children to have special books of their very own to treasure and furthermore all purchases generate commission for free books for our school. Last year your support was FANTASTIC and we raised £415 in free books for our school! *We hope to see you there!*



Audiobooks are a brilliant way of enjoying stories, whether you're reading together with the family, or listening in your own time, find your next **FREE** audiobook on the World Book Day website. <https://www.worldbookday.com/world-of-stories/>

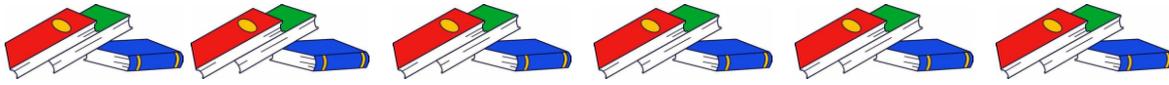
There are over **40** audiobooks to choose from, here are just a few:





## Are you ready for all our events?!

Hope you had a fantastic half term! We're back into this half term with a bang!



### 2nd Hand Books - ONLY 50P PER BOOK!

Thank you for all the donations! Our book stall will be up and running from 3pm on Monday 27th February. Come and have a browse and let your children choose a bargain selection of stories to inspire them to read!



**Wonder Women** - Children can choose a special gift for a special person in their life, just before Mothers Day. Gifts will be wrapped up and sent home.

**£5 per gift, sales end 13th March**



**Easter Egg Hunt** - Children will be able to hunt for eggs / clues and claim their reward, with a big prize available for one lucky winner too! **Tickets on sale now! £3.50/child.**



**HSPTA Quiz Night** - Get your brains ready for a night of fun at our next quiz night! A great chance to socialise and test those brain cells and always a few curveballs to challenge you! Pizza's available to order and you can bring your own drinks!

Friday 21st April @ 7:30pm. £40/ table of 8 people, with a limited number of single tickets available for a mixed table.

**Buy all tickets, uniform and more on our website: <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/hspta/>**

Event	Date
World Book Day - 2nd Hand book Sale	27th February 3pm
PTA Meeting on Zoom	9th March 7.30pm
Wonder Woman Celebration Sale	13th March
Easter Egg Hunt	24th March 3.20pm
Easter Craft Bags	31st March
Spring Quiz	21st April 7.45pm
Summer Fayre	Pencil in 8th July!
Summer Colour Run	End of summer term

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

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

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