



Hiltingbury Highlights

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Message from Miss Loosemore

Dear Parents and Carers,

An enormous thank you to our brilliant HSPTA team, other volunteers and everyone who came along to support Spooks and Sparks yesterday evening. As always, the event was superbly organised with lots of activities, stalls and a great firework display to keep the children entertained. Above all though, it was again so lovely to hold another event during which our community could come together – thank you again to everyone.

Staff started this half term with a training day in which we joined the infant school to participate in further safeguarding training delivered by Hampshire. This was really informative, contributing further to maintaining our strong safeguarding culture at Hiltingbury. During the afternoon, we focused on our school improvements for 'the quality of education'. Our research led training enabled us to reflect on and explore how children learn, specifically thinking about how to maximise active learning opportunities and the way on which adult guided groups support and challenge this. It has been exciting to see the impact of this training develop across the school this week.

We were delighted to welcome the children back to school on Tuesday – we heard all about the exciting things they had done over half term, but their highlight had certainly been Halloween. Our school council delivered an excellent assembly following their learning review of our 'working together' skills – our learning skill in focus for this term. We heard about some great improvements that have been made with some specific next steps as we continue build on these improvements throughout Autumn 2. Thank you to Miss Chambers in supporting the school council with this.

A real highlight this week have been both our year 3 and 5 school trips to enrich their curriculum. Year 3 visited Hilliers gardens as their hook into their Stone Age unit – the children had a great time and were excited to tell me about making wood and string stone age bracelets, clay houses and even fire. As part of their geography unit - a view from space, Year 5 visited Hiltingbury Lakes to develop their field work skills. They enjoyed carrying out some mapping, sketching and motif designing activities.

Another big thank you to Mrs Thomas, our brilliant school librarian, and our pupil librarian team who each picked a poetry book from the school library to rehearse over half term which they then read to lots of enthusiastic children who visited the library at lunchtimes – it was a special moment when the children broke into spontaneous applause at the end of each poem.

A key part of our safeguarding curriculum this week has been for the children to watch an NSPCC assembly during which they were reminded of key child protection messages and the childline phone number. Please talk to your child about this at home and support them in remembering the phone number – 0800 1111 <https://www.childline.org.uk/>

Thank you again to everyone for your support this week and we look forward to sharing our exciting events throughout Autumn 2.

Best wishes,

Zoe Loosemore



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

[Website Calendar Link](#)

We Care nominations:



Tamsin A-D (6W) Tamsin has recently displayed a very ambitious approach to her learning, trying her best across the whole curriculum. In particular, I have been impressed by Tamsin's ambitious approach to her maths work this week, working hard to master short and long multiplication. Well done Tamsin and keep up your ambitious attitude.

Nadia (6B) Nadia is such a conscientious learner and is always trying her absolute best. She has been ambitious this week with her Maths, whilst we've been learning the compact method for multiplication. I'm so impressed by what she has achieved! Super job!



Annabelle B-E (4P) Annabelle has demonstrated excellent Working Together skills this week particularly in her partner talk where she has been enthusiastically engaged and focussed. Her contributions to whole class discussions have benefited everyone.

Grayson K, Vaishnav K, Ethan H and Freddie H (4DN) - We have been creating our own arrangements and performances of a song in 4DN, and all of the children have shown excellent working together skills. This group wowed us with their unique ideas, choreography, enthusiasm and the way that the more confident group members supported the less confident - what a team!

Amelie (5CR) - Amelie has fully embraced our class targets for working together this week, actively reflecting on turning her whole body to face her partner and showing she is a role model for using the learning time most effectively for paired talk. She has also suggested really well-considered ideas for how our whole class can continue to improve our working together skills. In all respects, she has been a super role model - both in and out of the classroom, including at choir!

Florence W (4S) Florence has a new partner this half term and all the adults have noticed how she is supporting, inspiring and sharing her ideas with enthusiasm. Her kindness and generosity is not only standing out in the classroom but is the perfect role model for her peers. Well done Florence you have really impressed us all this week.

Oliver R (3BC) Oliver has really impressed us this week with his super working together skills. His kindness and thoughtful attitude shone brightly during our Stone Age trip to Hilliers. He made sure his partner was supported at all times and was a role model to his peers. We are very proud of you Oliver, what a super start to this half term.

Seb Spencer (6C) Seb, your working together skills in guided groups and sharing of ideas has enriched the learning of the group and moved them forward. Well done - keep it up!



Rory T (3D) - Rory has been an absolute star this week! He has been a true role model to his peers demonstrating excellent active listening skills. Rory has constantly got his hand up to contribute his ideas to lessons across the curriculum. What a fantastic attitude to have, Rory! Well done!

Theo C (3P) During our Year 3 trip to Hilliers to kick start our history unit, Theo shone as he shared his knowledge of artefacts from the Neolithic period with his classmates. Great work Theo!

Matthew S (5M) Matthew thoroughly deserves this award for his enthusiasm and eagerness on our trip to Hiltingbury Lakes. He particularly stood out for his questioning during our fieldwork activities - well done Matthew. Keep it up!



Noah M (5MR) - throughout the term Noah has modelled the Hiltingbury Learner values to the rest of his class. He shows keen listening skills and draws upon his previous learning. This week Noah has particularly stood out with his contributions in maths. He has used his knowledge of charts and graphs to apply his thinking to a range of problems. Well done Noah.



Year Group Highlights



This week's year group Highlights to follow!

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 &](#)

Well-being Highlights

Art Therapy!

There is something inherently relaxing and sensory about the process of painting, which has nothing to do with the finished result, or a person's level of confidence about art.

The consistency and colour of a blob of paint and the way that it can flow from a brush can bring our minds a brief moment of existing purely in the present moment.

Try it - take some time this weekend to enjoy painting with your child. The poppy pebbles for Remembrance Day present an ideal opportunity to have a go at a simple but effective design.

This is also a perfect opportunity to communicate with your child about the significance of those in the past, and sharing precious memories of any loved ones that we have lost.





Library News

The Pupil Librarians have each picked a poetry book from the school library and have practiced reading them during half term

This week the Pupil Librarians have read poems to lots of enthusiastic children, who came to the library at lunchtimes. It was a special moment when the children broke out into spontaneous applause at the end of each poem.



Library services for children and families



Every public library in Hampshire offers a warm welcome to all members of the local community. Inside our buildings families and can find:

- Warm and vibrant children's area
- Magazines and books for adults
- Books for all children, including teenagers, in their own part of the library
- Free WiFi
- Free public computers
- **Printing and photocopying** (available for a small charge)
- Boardgames and jigsaws
- **Welcoming library staff and volunteers** - who will all be wearing an ID badge, so they are easy to spot
- **Free Rhymetime sessions** which support communication and language in the early years. Also an opportunity to meet other parents/carers
- **Free storytime sessions** for toddlers, younger children and school-age children
- **Free construction club sessions** where children can play with building bricks
- Free craft and colouring sessions, where all the materials are provided



Some libraries also have special tables, with a quiz, game or puzzle, where you can sit if you want to have a chat with someone. You can bring cold food, snacks, and drinks into the library too.

We also offer a range of free courses just for parents and carers and places for people who enjoy the same hobby, like knitting, colouring, or jigsaws, to sit together and talk.





What's coming up?

November 10th
November 18th
Nov 26th & Dec 3rd
December 3rd

PTA Committee Meeting
Pottery Painting & Prosecco Night
Christmas Tree Collection
Dine with Santa

All welcome on Zoom
Ticket sales end soon
Tickets online now
Tickets online now

Book and find out more here: <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/hspta/>



Pottery painting and Prosecco evening!

Come and join us to get creative! Tickets are £10, which gets you entry, a glass of fizz or other tasty drink and a snack! Then choose a product or more that you'd like to paint on the night. Beautifully glazed products will be delivered in December.

We will have a cash bar open on the night for additional drinks and snacks to ensure an evening of fun, creativeness and merriment. November 18th at 7.30pm.



[BOOK NOW](#)



Plan your Christmas!

Order your **Christmas Tree** now! For collection on 26th Nov or 3rd Dec.

Dine with Santa! A wonderful family Christmas event where everyone gets to have some food, drinks, Christmas activities and visit the big man himself! A huge success last year so tickets might run out quickly!

Christmas cards – your child's art on a Christmas card – available to buy soon



Thank you for supporting!

PTA Quiz Night

This was a very fun evening with a great set of questions on the theme "Everything is not what it seems", leaving us baffled but battling to see who would win!



Well done to our winners!!

Spooks and Sparks Fireworks Night!

We hope everyone enjoyed the Fireworks! Massive thank you to Sparks Ellison for both their sponsorship and giving up their time. Also big thanks to Speedy's in Southampton for the lights, Pains Fireworks for the excellent display, Baynham's for burgers, Eastleigh Lions as marshals, Asda Eastleigh for snacks and everyone else who helped or came along to support the event!



Money Raised – Over £1.5k so far!

Uniform Sales £267	Tuck Shop £338	Lottery £250	Quiz £692	Spooks & Sparks TBC!
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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