

HILTINGBURY HIGHLIGHTS

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Headteacher's message

Dear Parents and Carers,

What an enchanting week it has been for Year 6 as they embarked on a captivating journey into the wizarding world of Harry Potter at The Warner Brothers Studios. We would like to thank both our dedicated staff and the supportive parents who made this magical trip possible. We trust you enjoyed it as much as the children did!

Our school social media sites, Facebook and Instagram posts have continued to gain interest from our school community and we hope that it gives you an insight across the week about what the children have been learning and achieving in school. If you have not visited it yet, please use the [links on our school website](#) or scan the QR code here.



The rain this week hasn't stopped the construction on site with our new panels arriving soon. This will give everyone an insight into what the whole school exterior will look like. The children and staff have all been very patient and flexible in adapting to the new routines in school, whilst also making the most of our links with the local community venues in using The Sports Centre and The Hilt, which we are very lucky to have very close by.

As a school we work in partnership with local Universities and I would like to thank all of our Parents who have supported this in giving consent for your child to be part of our recent various research projects. We are all very grateful!

Hugo, Mrs Batten and I have started our book tour throughout school this week. We visited various classes, sharing stories and providing updates on Hugo's training. In addition, some children volunteered to read some new books to review their suitability for their respective year groups. The children were all very respectful towards Hugo, understanding that when he wears his bandana or jacket, he is training so they need to try not to distract him. This year, we plan for Hugo to work closely with small groups of children during pastoral sessions and spend more time in various classrooms. We also talked with the children about what charity events we could lead this year to raise money for Helpful Hounds and the unanimous decision was a Christmas school disco which sounded like a great idea to us too!

We hope you all have an enjoyable weekend and we look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at our welcome events next week.

Zoe Coosemore
Best wishes,



Dates for your diary

Thursday 21st September -29th

September - Harvest collection

begins [Link to Eastleigh Basic Bank](#).

Monday 25th September -

Welcome to Year 4 event - 9am at The Hilt & Year 3 - Aesops fables

Tuesday 26th September -

Welcome to Year 3 event - 9am at The Hilt & **Individual School Photo's**

Wednesday 27th September -

Year 3 Geography walk in the community

Thursday 28th September -

Welcome to Year 6 event - 9am at The Hilt

Friday 29th September -

Welcome to Year 5 event - 9am in school

School Tours

Do you have a child starting year 3 in September?
Join us for a tour of our school - see leaflet below for more information

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](#)

Reading Updates



On Friday 29th September, Mrs Thomas is having a drop in session in our school library, for Year 4 children and their parents/ carers and siblings and the Pupil Librarians. Please pop along, and find a quiet spot to enjoy reading with your child. Mrs Thomas will be available to answer any questions you may have about your child's reading.

If your child is a Pupil Librarian and you are available, you are also welcome to pop along on Friday after school and come and meet Mrs Thomas.

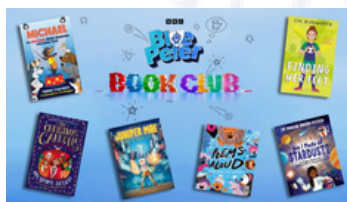
Please sign in at the main school office after collecting your child at the end of the day. Mrs Thomas will be waiting for you in the library area.

Would your child like to join the Blue Peter Book Club?

The Blue Peter Book Club is all about sharing the joy of reading! Everyone is welcome to be a part of the fun. Although you're welcome to read any book you like, to make things easier there is a list of six amazing books. You can even earn a Blue Peter Book badge designed by one of the UK's best known illustrators, Sir Quentin Blake. Information to join the Book Club is at this link:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/joinin/blue-peter-book-club>

If your child joins the Blue Peter Book Club and earns a badge, please email the school office, for the attention of Mrs Thomas, so we can celebrate this achievement in a school celebration assembly.



Highlight Wellbeing



It has been great getting our 'Wellbeing Hub' off the ground this week (weather permitting!) Please talk to your child to ensure that they know this is an option for anyone who would like some company, or a game, or art activity.

We will be in the sensory garden or near it, on dry lunchtimes.

Wet lunchtimes, we plan to visit classes.

A big thank you to our enthusiastic new team of Wellbeing Ambassadors who have given us lots of ideas for resources and plans.

This term I would like to add a section to Highlight Wellbeing to give parents and children the opportunity to get to know school staff a little better. Each week a different member of staff will have their answers to the same 3 questions featured.

Thank you to Mrs Thomas Our knowledgeable, kind and very well read school librarian for her answers -

Mrs Thomas has worked at HJS for 6 years as school librarian

1. What do you do to unwind and support your wellbeing?

Read, read, read! I read in my favourite chair with a cup of tea. If the sun is shining through the window, I find this even more relaxing.

I enjoy taking my dog for a walk. I find walking clears my thoughts and I strive to walk a minimum of 10,000 steps a day, but it's usually far more.

At home, I often put some music on, it makes doing jobs a bit more fun and I may even sing and dance along!

2. Please share a favourite piece of life advice which has made a difference to you:

I have two pieces of advice - couldn't choose!

Don't stress, try your best.

Take things one step at a time.



3. What do you most enjoy about your job?

Enthusiasing all the children at HJS to read and helping them to choose books they would like to try.

Being creative in ways to develop reading for pleasure with children, parents and all the teachers.

Organising fun events such as the book fair and celebrating reading at every opportunity.



SPOOKS & SPARKS



Due to Building work at the school site this term, we regret to tell you all that Spooks and Sparks will not be able to go ahead this year!

We are in discussions of planning other activities around this time... so watch this space.

What's coming up?

October 1st

October 6rd Christmas Tree Sales go Live!

HSPTA Quiz coming soon

3 Tables Left!

October 12th

October 1st PTA AGM Meeting

Christmas Tree Sales go Live! All welcome on zoom
coming soon

November 17th Wreath Workshop NEW!

November 25th Christmas Tree Collection coming soon

December 2nd

December 9th Christmas Tree Collection

Christmas Tree Collection coming soon
coming soon

Buy tickets online here: <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/hspta/>

Christmas Cards

Children will be doing their Christmas card Art this coming week!

Keep your eyes peeled for further information about how to order Christmas Cards and alternate items.



HSPTA QUIZ – 3 TABLES LEFT

Hurry Book your table now!

INFANT School Hall

Friday 6th October 2023 @ 7:30pm

Order Hot food from Papa Johns on our website until 3rd October.

<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/hspta/>

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



HILTINGBURY JUNIOR SCHOOL

Learning, Caring and Achieving Together

School Tours

25th September 2.15pm

26th September 2.15pm

2nd October 9.15am

3rd October 9.15am

6th October 9.15am

9th October 9.15am & 10.15am

To book your place [click the link here](#)

Year 2 children are welcome to join you

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