

# HILTINGBURY HIGHLIGHTS

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## Headteacher's message

Dear Parents and Carers,

We were welcomed back to school with lots of exciting improvements to the school building and it really does feel exciting as we are on the final home straight towards completing the building project. In assembly on Monday, one addition I shared with the children was the installation of our new Forest school gate which supports the children with having a greater space in the school grounds to explore during their sessions. Wednesday was a very exciting day for us as we launched our first Forest School experience for a group of children across years 4 and 5. The pouring rain did not deter the group from playing on the slackline, lighting fires and relaxing in the canopy shelter. Thank you to our team of parents and Mrs Richardson who led the session and made this important opportunity a reality for the children. As the sessions increase over the summer term we hope that each child will enjoy this experience too.

Miss Bristow works widely within the county supporting the training and development of Geography and this week one of her articles was published celebrating her leadership within school and the diversity of geography across our school. Well done Miss Bristow!



In our staff meeting this week we were reflecting on different types of memories within the Long Term Memory along with the relationship of the Long Term Memory and the Working Memory. Our professional learning continues to support and develop our teaching practice within the classroom. We finished the staff meeting playing a card game of 'Go Fish' to apply and reflect on our newly learnt knowledge!

Wishing you all a less wet and windy weekend!

Best wishes,

*Zoe Loosemore*



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## Dates for your diary

27th February- HSPTA meeting  
7.30pm

29th February - Embrace SEND  
Parent group meeting 9am

1st March - Notification day  
Year 7 Places

4th March - World Book Week

Reading events 9-10am in  
school-

Year 3 - 4th March  
Year 4 - 5th March  
Year 5 - 6th March  
Year 6 - 8th March

7th March - World Book Day -  
Come 'dress your way'

8th March - HSPTA Quiz night  
HSPTA fundraiser Wonderful  
Women sale

8th March - Y4 Trip St. Martins

# Weekly Year group highlights

## **Year 3**

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



## **Year 4**

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## **Year 5**

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## **Year 6**

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## **Highlight Wellbeing**

This week in school, despite the weather, there has been excitement as our new Forest School initiative began in earnest. Thank you to Mrs Richardson. Also children have been involved in looking at ideas for further designing our outdoor spaces.

Being outside in the fresh air is proven to have all encompassing and cost free wellbeing benefits. These include lessened anxiety and feelings of stress, improved memory and cognitive functioning, increased self esteem and self awareness. It helps us sleep more soundly, improves our immune systems, helps with social skills, and all round mental and physical health.

Spring is in the air, and locally in Hocombe Mead there are spring flowers, catkins, and frogspawn, holding the promise of growth and change ahead!

This weekend get outside whatever the weather, and encourage your children to reflect on how this makes them feel

# Book Fair

The Book Fair is coming to Hiltingbury Junior School soon!

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 6th, Thursday 7th and Friday 8th March from 3.20pm till 4.15pm.

You can use your World Day Book Voucher, which we will issue nearer the time, towards the cost of a book worth over £2.99.

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 £1147 in free books for our school!

We hope to see you there!



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