

HILTINGBURY HIGHLIGHTS

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Headteacher's message

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope all the children had a fantastic time dancing and enjoying themselves at 'Hugo's Wishes' disco last week. We were thrilled to see so many children having fun and taking the opportunity to dance the night away! We are pleased to announce that we raised £1400 in total. Half of the funds will be donated to Helpful Hounds charity, and the other half will go towards our library improvements.

This week, we held our Unity Parent Group meeting, where we discussed the 'Smartphone Free Childhood' Parent led movement. Mrs. Boardman, one of our Year 4 parents, shared valuable information about the mission to protect millions of children from the dangers and distractions of smartphones. The meeting provided an excellent forum for Parents and Carers to engage and share their views. We will continue to provide the opportunity to reflect and collaborate on this topic in the Autumn term. Please see the pictures below for an example of the questions and views shared by parents and carers.

We hope your child enjoyed meeting their new class and teacher yesterday. We certainly enjoyed building new connections across the school and we look forward to continuing this experience next Tuesday.

Our Year 6 cohort has been working tirelessly to create their Matilda performance, which promises to be one of the highlights of the school year. The children have dedicated their time to rehearsals, perfecting their acting, singing, and dancing. Their enthusiasm and hard work are truly inspiring, and we are all waiting in anticipation to see the show next week. The performance is set to be a wonderful showcase of their talents and a memorable experience to their time at the school.

We wish you all a lovely weekend.

Best wishes,

Zoe Losemore



Dates for your diary -

Please check the school website calendar for more events and information

Tuesday & Wednesday 9th & 10th July -
Year 6 Performance

WC 8th July - Last week of Sports clubs & Choir

Wednesday 10th July - Mrs Hyland Music concert / Street Dance performance 4pm

Thursday 11th July - 4DN listen 2 Me concert 2.30pm / New Y3 Welcome Information evening 5pm

Friday 12th July - Reports shared / Dress down day HSPTA Rainbow Raffle

Monday 15th July - Whole school open event 3.20-4pm

Wednesday 17th July - Raffle ticket winners non uniform day / Year 6 trip to Thornden 'Annie'

Thursday 18th July - Mrs Nurdin music concert 9.30am / Year 6 leavers assembly 5pm

Friday 19th July - Year 6 Party / Winning house treat

**Please note the last day of term Tuesday 23rd July - School finishes at 1.15pm*

Weekly Year group highlights

Year 3

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

Year 4

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

Year 5

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Year 6

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Highlight Wellbeing

A parent's guide to creative expression of emotion at home.

To carry on with the recent highlight and how to support your child at home through creativity. Play and arts-based activities act as a vehicle for providing the key relational experiences that a young person needs to develop a healthy sense of self and to learn how to self-regulate. Creative activities help to reduce our levels of stress and can allow us to be present and in the moment, reducing levels of anxiety and enabling us to find calm.

- Do colouring activities to music, either individually or as part of a piece of shared art – draw a picture for young people to colour or choose a design and print it off.
- Invite young people to 'take a pen for a walk' in pairs – one person leads and the other follows. On a large piece of paper, the leader and the follower create lines and patterns together with their pens. At the end of the activity, have them look at the patterns they have created and then create a picture or pictures from their 'pen walks'. Repeat the activity, taking it in turns to lead.
- Drawing or painting to music – they listen to music and draw whatever comes into their mind. You can change the music and do a different drawing or add to the original drawing by playing a different piece of music. They should compare their creations at the end.

UNITY Parent Forum



Returning School Library Books

ALL library books need to be returned to school so that we can check our stock in readiness for the next academic year. Many thanks for your support over the year to ensure our books are returned to school at the right time.

Year 6 please return all library books by Wednesday 10th July

Years 3 4 and 5 please return all books by Monday 15th July



Hampshire Library Summer Reading Challenge

To support your child's reading skills and confidence during the summer, we encourage your child to take part in the popular Summer Reading Challenge at Chandler's Ford library or any library in Hampshire. The children will be having an assembly led by the local library, to enthuse them about this exciting event.

The Summer Reading Challenge starts on the 13th July. This year's theme is Marvellous Makers which will celebrate creativity, imagination and the power of reading. Discover fantastic new books, unlock rewards along the way, and achieve something amazing this summer.

Use the link below or pop to a Hampshire library to find out more information about the reading challenge, <https://www.hants.gov.uk/librariesandarchives/library/kids-zone>

We hope the children enjoy reading many good books over the holidays. We look forward to celebrating all the children that complete the Summer Reading Challenge back in school in September.

*Keep reading!
Mrs Thomas*