

HILTINGBURY HIGHLIGHTS

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Headteacher's message



Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you all enjoyed a lovely half-term break as much as we did. We began the half term with an inspiring INSET day on Monday, where we had the pleasure of welcoming Kit Messenger, who led an engaging training session for our team. The Infant school staff joined us as well, making it a collaborative start to Autumn Term 2. Kit's insights have had a positive impact on us all, providing a deeper insight into how we can support children to develop their skills to cope with challenges and use these skills to be successful now and in the future. A key focus of Kit's training was on empowering children to understand their own brains and giving them a structure and language for understanding and communicating their needs. Her approach is underpinned by neurodiversity, the effects of trauma and attachment on behaviour, therapeutic practices, and the importance of strong relationships between children and adults both at school and at home.

We invite you to learn more about this approach by joining our Unity team meeting on Wednesday 13th November at 9 a.m. We look forward to sharing these valuable insights with you too.

Dates for your diary -

Please check the school website calendar for more events and information

Monday 11th November - Whole school Remembrance Service / Y6 SATs evening 4.30pm

Tuesday 12th November - HSPTA meeting 7.30pm - all welcome

Wednesday 13th November - Unity Parent meeting 9am, all welcome

Friday 15th November - Children in Need dress down day charity fundraiser / HSPTA quiz night

Wednesday 20th - Friday 22nd November - Year 6 residential

Thursday 21st November - Year 3 trip Stonehenge

Monday 25th November - Odd Sock Day, as part of Anti Bullying Week

Monday 25th - Friday 29th November - Anti Bullying Week



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Changing Chances Values

Thank you once again to our incredible HSPTA for organising our annual 'Spooks and Sparks' event! It was a fantastic evening enjoyed by our local community. We are deeply grateful to our dedicated team of volunteers who give their time to make a difference for all the children at HJS—thank you all for your hard work and commitment! We also warmly invite you and your families to join us this Monday for our Remembrance Service which will begin at 10:40am - Gate 6. Wishing you all a wonderful weekend!

Best wishes,

Zoe Loosemore



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

5 ways to wellbeing

Enhancing your mental and physical health and wellbeing whilst leading a busy life can seem difficult, particularly in a fast-paced or high-pressure setting. However, the 5 ways to wellbeing provide straightforward actions you can incorporate into your daily routine to feel the best you can.

Connect: Humans are social creatures. Strong relationships are essential for our wellbeing. Connecting with others can help us feel loved, valued, and supported. It's important to build and nurture relationships with the people around you, such as family, friends, colleagues, and neighbours. Spending time with loved ones, having meaningful conversations, joining social groups, volunteering, or participating in community activities.

Top tip: Don't rely on technology or social media alone to build relationships. It's easy to get into the habit of only ever communicating via digital messages.