

HILTINGBURY HIGHLIGHTS

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Headteacher's message



Dear Parents and Carers,

Our school's remembrance service was a deeply moving event that brought the whole community together to honour those who sacrificed their lives in times of conflict. All gathering together on the playground created an atmosphere of reflection and respect. The service included readings, a moment of silence, and the playing of 'The Last Post,' by Mrs Liddell, all of which served as powerful reminders of the sacrifices made by so many and the importance of peace for us all. A special thank you to Mrs Liddell, Miss Chambers and Mrs Nurdin for their contributions to leading this important event.

On Tuesday morning, Mrs Hartley and I were excited to meet with Parents and Carers at the Unity meeting, where we shared our progress and vision for creating a positive school culture that enables every child to thrive. Guided by Kit Messenger's 'Empowerment Approach,' we outlined our steps toward fostering an environment that empowers every child, staff member, Parent, and Carer. We were open and honest in sharing our plans to evolve our Behaviour Policy and emphasised the importance of dedicating time to provide thorough training for staff, children, and Parents, ensuring our approach is strategically tailored to fit our unique school community.

Here's what some parents shared about the Unity meeting:

- "This approach is excellent in helping both children and adults understand how the brain works and what lies behind behaviour, instead of just focusing on managing it."
- "I love the ethos of the Empowerment Approach. Encouraging all students to take collaborative responsibility as a group."
- "This helped me think about ways I can support my own child at home."
- "Kit Messenger's video was excellent, the simplicity of the language about executive functioning skills makes it very clear for children."

Working in partnership with our local cluster schools remains a key priority, and last week, we were delighted to welcome Caroline Lowing, Headteacher of Thornden, to Hiltingbury. We both shared our school improvement priorities and were able to identify some key initiatives to be able to work together. I look forward to strengthening this partnership to effectively support our children's transition experiences.

Thank you to everyone who joined in and supported our charity event for Children in Need today - together, we took on new challenges and made a difference for a worthwhile cause. With your support we have raised over £854!

With Christmas around the corner, please save the date for our Christmas Carol event on Wednesday 11th December. The school will open at 3:20 pm for you to visit your child's class and view their work, followed by the concert starting at 4:00 pm. Wishing you all a wonderful weekend.

Best wishes,

Zoe Loosemore



Dates for your diary -

Please check the school website calendar for more events and information

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

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WC 2nd December - Last week for after school clubs held outside (apart from Toast & Crackers)

WC 9th December - Y6 Mock SATs & Last week for indoor clubs (apart from Toast & Crackers)

Monday 9th December - Elfridges HSPTA fundraiser

Tuesday 10th December - Connected Parent group meeting 9am- all welcome

Wednesday 11th December - Christmas Carol Event 4pm & Share your child's work - 3.20pm

Thursday 12th December - Christmas Lunch & Festive Jumper day- Charity event for Baby Necessities

Weekly Year group highlights



Year 3

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

Year 4

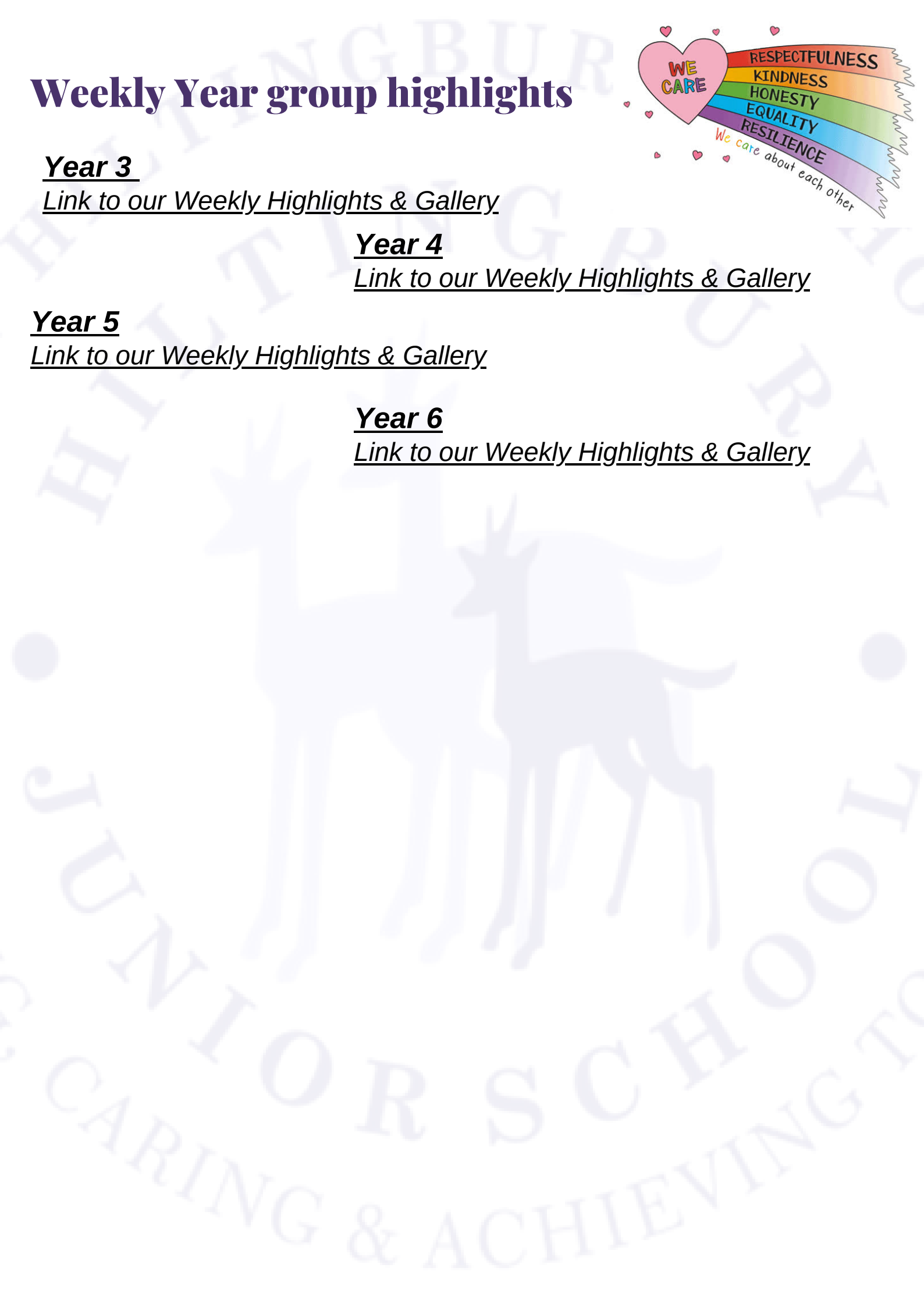
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Year 5

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Year 6

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DESIGN OUR HJS

CAROL CONCERT

PROGRAMME COMPETITION 2024

DESIGNS
TO BE A4
SIZE &
PORTRAIT



ENTRIES TO BE GIVEN TO
YOUR TEACHER BY 6TH
DECEMBER