

# HILTINGBURY HIGHLIGHTS

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## Headteacher's message



Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to begin by congratulating our cross-country athletes for their outstanding performance at the Hampshire School Games Cross Country Competition on Wednesday. Their determination and teamwork throughout this challenging event were truly inspiring. We are immensely proud of each and every one of them!

Football - Matt to add in

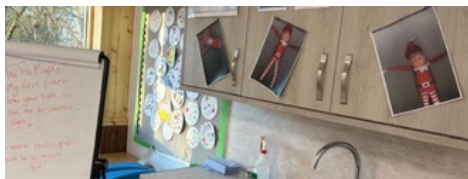
A big well done also goes to our football heroes this week for their fantastic efforts. The boys team played well and showed great team work and resilience despite a 2-0 defeat to Otterbourne.

As part of our new Year 6 curriculum project, 'Does adversity make you stronger?', our children really wanted to learn more about local charities and what we can do to help those dealing with adversity in their lives. After a visit at school from Wessex Cancer and hearing stories of their work, we were all very inspired to get involved and raise as much money as we could! Cancer touches all of our lives in different ways and in recent years has impacted our school personally so we are so pleased to be able to fundraise for them at our Carols Around the tree event next week. If you are able to support this event please visit their stall which will be in the playground from 3.30pm-4.45pm on Wednesday 11th December.

This weekend, our wonderful choir will be out and about in the local community, performing at the Southampton Wind Band Concert. We wish them the very best of luck! Their commitment to rehearsals has been exceptional, and we are sure it will shine through in their performance. We hope they enjoy the experience, and we're looking forward to hearing them for ourselves at our own school carol concert on Wednesday.

Next week we are excited for Miss Bristow's return to school. She is eager to get back and shares this message with us all in the meantime 'I am delighted to let you know that my recovery, following surgery, has been really successful and I am thrilled to officially be returning to school on Monday. The children may have mentioned I popped in a week ago. I am really excited to be back and can't wait to hear all about what the children have been up to during my absence. I look forward to a fun and festive final 2 weeks before Christmas and I am really excited about starting our new project in the Spring term.

Our school Elf on the Shelf has been busy playing pranks across the school!



Wishing you all a wonderful weekend.

Best wishes,

Zoe Loosenmore



## Dates for your diary -

*Please check the school website calendar for more events and information*

**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

**Friday 13th December** - Flu immunisations - remember to consent / Christmas Story Time after school 3.20pm

**Monday 16th December** - Raffle ticket winners non-uniform day / Year 4 Parents invited -project outcome 2.25pm

**Tuesday 17th December** - Last day for the School Christmas post

**Wednesday 18th December** - Year 6 VE day party parents invited

**Thursday 19th December** - Winter House Sports day/ Sycamore class Listen to Me concert 2.25pm

**Friday 20th December** - HSPTA Santa Dash & Last day of term-normal school finish time 3.20pm

# 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

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## Library News



Friday 13th December at 3.20pm

Mrs Thomas is reading *CHRISTMAS STORIES*  
in the library

*All children must be accompanied by an adult. Siblings are welcome. 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.*



# Hitlingbury Junior School

Join us for a heartwarming celebration

3.30-3.55pm Classrooms  
are open for you to share  
your child's work

4pm Carols led by our  
School Choir &  
Thornden Community  
Band



## Christmas Carols

A r o u n d t h e t r e e

4PM DECEMBER 11TH, 2024

*All are welcome*



WESSEX CANCER SUPPORT CHARITY FUNDRAISER  
LEAD BY YEAR 6  
CAKES & FESTIVE TREATS WILL BE AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE  
USING THE QR CODE



# CHRISTMAS CALENDAR

Event	Date	Information
Christmas Post Box	Monday 2nd December	Closes Monday 16th December
Design our Christmas Carol Concert cover competition	Competition open	Closes Friday 6th December
Elfridges	Monday 9th December	Book via HSPTA website
Carols Around The Tree	Wednesday 11th December	Year 6 leading a cake sale in support of The Wessex Cancer Trust
Christmas Lunch	Thursday 12th December	Google Form by 3rd Dec
Festive Jumper Day	Thursday 12th December	Gift donations to our giving tree in support of Baby Necessities
Giving Tree in support of Baby Necessities	Gift donations open	Last day to bring in your gifts Friday 20th December
Winter House Sports Day	Thursday 19th December	Children come to school in warm sports clothing /PE kits for the day. See below information.
Santa Dash	Friday 20th December	Book via HSPTA Website