

HILTINGBURY HIGHLIGHTS

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Headteacher's message

Dear Parents and Carers,

I was delighted to be joined by some of our children in assembly on Monday as they shared their celebrations for Chinese New Year. They proudly showed us their decorations, helping us all learn more about this important tradition. A big thank you to them all for giving us all an insight into these experiences.

Enrichment, both in and out of the classroom, is a key part of our curriculum. This week has been particularly exciting, with Year 4 visiting Butser Farm, Years 5 and 6 exploring a VR experience and Year 6 enjoying a visit from author Alexandra Stewart, who discussed Everest, the book they are currently reading. We finished up the week with our first ever school film night, which was a fantastic success! We truly appreciate your support in ensuring the children could participate and we are thrilled to share that the event raised over £700 for the Helpful Hounds charity, which supports Hugo's training.

Next week, we look forward to Children's Mental Health Week, promoting the theme "Know Yourself, Grow Yourself." This initiative encourages children to develop self-awareness, resilience, and personal growth. Our activities will also include visits to our new library and exploration of the loose parts play area, providing enriching experiences for all.

Each year, our Lead Learning Partner (LLP) from Hampshire visits to review our progress against our school improvement plan. This year, we welcomed a new LLP and had a valuable opportunity to reflect on our achievements so far, particularly in developing our new curriculum projects and refining our inclusive teaching practices. We are incredibly proud of our dedication and progress in these key areas and I thank all staff for their continued dedication towards supporting all children across the school.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend!

Zoe Losemore



Dates for your diary -

Please check the school website calendar for more events and information

Monday 10th February - New School Library open to families 3.20-4pm

Wednesday 12th February - Embrace parent meeting 9am

WC 10th February - Children's Mental Health Week - information below

Friday 14th February - HSPTA fundraiser 'Break the Rules Day'

Half term - 17th - 21st February

Tuesday & Wednesday 25th/ 26th Y3 Trip

Tuesday 25th February - World thinking day - Members of Girl guides & Scouts wear your uniforms to school

WC 3.3.25 - World Book Week - letter to follow with more information

Monday 3rd March - Y7 school places Notification day

Wednesday 5th March - Unity Parent meeting 9am *all welcome

Thursday & Friday 6th & 7th March- Book fayre open after school

Thursday 6th March - World Book Day - Non uniform day, costume theme to be confirmed

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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Exciting Library news – Our new school library is now open!

Our New school library is open to parents on Monday 10th February 3.20pm-4pm supporting children's mental health week.

On Monday 10th February our BRAND NEW school library is open to families after school till 4pm, please come along to enjoy some time to relax and read in our lovely new library. Mr Achilles, our mental health leader, will be in the library to meet parents and highlight the importance of mental health with Mrs Thomas, our school librarian. Please sign in at the main school office after collecting your child at the end of the day.

Reading is a mindful activity, enjoy some quiet time to enjoy being in the present moment. Reading can help you relax, boost your mood and escape elsewhere – and it doesn't have to be a book. It could be the post-match analysis of Saturday's football game, an interview with your favourite actor, DIY hacks or even recipes. Reading something that interests you can transport you away from day-to-day life.

**Please note the change in day for the later opening time after school for this week - Monday 10th February only instead of Friday 14th*





Spring Half-Term



Join us for lots of free fun activities, trails, crafts and more during half-term! This year's crafts will be themed around Green and Thrifty fortnight which means lots of eco-friendly activities such as junk modelling and an eco-themed library trail! No need to book, just come along and enjoy the fun!