

# HILTINGBURY HIGHLIGHTS

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10th March 2025

## Headteacher's message

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week marked the exciting launch of our biodiversity projects as part of British Science Week!

All classes have now completed their school grounds surveys, mapping their findings and ideas to share with our Eco Team. In our whole school assembly, we explored ways to improve biodiversity in our school grounds and gardens, as well as the wider environmental challenges our planet faces.

With projects now underway, keep an eye out for updates as Year 3 begins their wildflower planting and Year 5 creates their nature watch buggies!

Our staff sustainability development team; Mrs Richardson, Miss Bristow, Mrs Hillman, Mrs Gowland and myself met later in the week too to continue to work together to achieve our sustainability aims for this year. At next week's Connected meeting, we will share insights into these plans and invite your feedback. Parents, Carers, and children are all welcome to attend and contribute to making our sustainability initiatives a success. This theme will also be a key focus during our School Community Day on Thursday, 22nd May - please save the date!

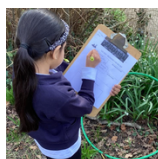
On Tuesday evening, our Governing Body gathered for their annual training session, focusing on Understanding the Governors' Role in Monitoring and Evaluating SEND Provision. This was a valuable session, reinforcing the fundamentals of SEND and the crucial role our Governors play in supporting this area.

It has also been a busy and active week for our children! A group of our Year 4 cohort had a fantastic time at the Multiskills Festival, learning new skills while having lots of fun. Meanwhile, our Year 6 footballers showed great resilience in a challenging away match against Knightwood - well done to all involved! Finally, a gentle reminder to those who have not yet booked their Parents' Evening appointments - please do so as soon as possible to ensure teachers have the opportunity to discuss your child's progress with you.

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

**Monday 17th March** - Y4 St. Martins trip

**WC 17.3.25** - Neurodiversity week

**Tuesday 18th March** - HSPTA meeting 7.30pm

**Wednesday, Thursday 19th & 20th March** - Theatre club performances

**Wednesday 19th March** - Class photo's

**Thursday 20th March** - Connected Parents meeting 9am All are welcome

**Friday 21st March** - Y6 Bikeability begins - continues - 27th March / Red Nose Day - Non uniform day / Library is closed after school

**Tuesday 25th March** - Parents evening

**Thursday 27th March** - Parents evening

**Sunday 30th March** - Y5 Residential

**WC 31st March** - Autism Acceptance week

**Monday 31st March** - Raffle ticket winners non uniform day / House treat

**Wednesday 2nd April** - Y3 Parent project outcome Time TBC

**Thursday 3rd April** - ListentoMe Concert Birch class

**Friday 4th April** - Y5 Parent project outcome 9am / HSPTA fundraiser Easter Egg hunt



Opportunity

Make a difference



GOVERNOR SUPPORT

# Apply to be a parent governor

We are currently seeking applicants for the opportunity to join our school's governing body

## Successful applicant(s) will:

- join a friendly and dedicated team;
- be supported to develop useful new skills and knowledge;
- work with school leaders to assist children and young people to fulfil their aspirations;
- give something of significant value back to our community.



Please get in touch to find out more about this opportunity

[Link to Google register of interest form](#)

Closing date

**Monday 31st March 12pm**

Contact **Hiltingbury Junior School**

Telephone **02380 261808**

Email **Adminoffice@hiltingbury-jun.hants.sch.uk**

You can find out more about the governing body on our website:

<https://www.hiltingbury-jun.hants.sch.uk/>



Hampshire  
County Council

For more information about being a school governor in Hampshire visit: [hants.gov.uk/governors-volunteer](https://hants.gov.uk/governors-volunteer)

# Weekly Year group highlights

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## Year 3

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

## Year 4

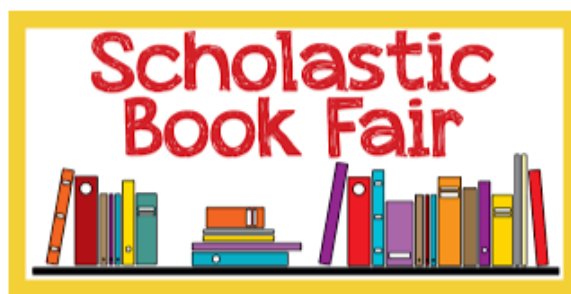
[Link to our Weekly Highlights & Gallery](#)

## Year 5

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## Year 6

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*Wow! The book fair was a huge success thank you to everyone that came along and supported the event. It certainly was very busy! We have raised an INCREDIBLE £1339 in value towards free books for our school. We hope the children enjoy reading their lovely new book(s). Books that have been ordered have been given to the children as soon as they arrive in school, the last remaining books will be handed out very shortly. Thank you to the staff who helped run the event with Mrs Thomas.*

**A M A Z I N G !**



# HOW TO COPE WHEN YOUR CHILD CANT

A one-day event focused on parents/carers understanding their own needs, and learning strategies to look after themselves as they support a young person with their own mental health needs.

The sessions will include looking at emotional regulation. When distress and emotional responses make situations challenging, how can we think clearly & avoid becoming overwhelmed.

The afternoon will focus on

## **How to Feel Better as a Parent in Burnout**

Exploring what burnout is, what contributes to it, the signs and avoiding repeating cycle. An immersive workshop including self-care and nervous system regulation practices you can try. Led by Courtney Freedman-Thompson - coach and wellbeing practitioner with lived experience.

**For more information and to book a place go to:**

**<https://hampshirecamhs.nhs.uk/events/>**

Some events have a small charge to allow us to cover costs, some discretionary free tickets are available

**Thursday, 8 May 2025 9.30am - 3.15pm**

**St Peter's Catholic Church Conference Centre,  
Jewry St, Winchester SO23 8RY**

**Tickets £25**

Tea, coffee and  
lunch included