

HILTINGBURY HIGHLIGHTS

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Headteacher's message

Dear Parents and Carers,

We were delighted to welcome everyone back after a lovely long Easter break. The children and staff have returned well rested with an exciting Summer Term ahead.

From a curriculum point of view, year 4 and 5 have had exciting project launches.

Year 4 launched their exciting new curriculum project: "Which Is More Important – The Journey or the Destination?" They began by thinking about different types of journeys and what they mean to us. We can't wait to see how this project unfolds!

Year 5 have kicked off their new project: "Are the Best Things in Life Free?" They explored the first aspect of PDL - Taking Notice. The children spent a peaceful afternoon observing the natural world, colour matching with swatches, and creating beautiful nature-inspired drawings at Hiltingbury Lakes.

Year 3 have their trip to Fishbourne Roman Palace next week where they will bring their history learning to life and Year 6

And year 6 have started to explore legacy through their Summer Term project 'How will we be remembered?' They are also doing an amazing job in the run-up to their SATs and we are incredibly proud of their commitment, focus, and resilience. A big thank you as well to all the staff who are supporting the children during this important time.

The Empowerment Approach and work with Kit Messenger

This term, our focus continues on helping children understand and strengthen their executive functioning skills. Over the next 3 weeks our focus will be impulse control with children being supported in developing self-awareness and practicing impulse control - often through fun and engaging games. As we have shared, as a school, we are working with Kit Messenger, the author of 'Curious not Furious' in developing our revised approach to supporting children with behaviour and attitudes. As a staff team, we had another training session with Kit this week, in which we focused on 'coaching' language and systems to support children which will be mapped out in our new behaviour policy ready for September.

You will have also received an email inviting you to a parent event with Kit Messenger on Wednesday 7th May at 3.45pm in which she will introduce the Empowerment Approach - we encourage as many of you as possible to attend this and kindly ask that you complete the google form sent out in the email earlier this week if you can attend to help us plan for numbers.

We're looking forward to a term full of creativity and as always, thank you for your continued support!



Dates for your diary -
Please check the school website calendar for more events and information

WC 28.4.25 - All clubs begin

Thursday 1st May - Y3 trip Fishbourne Palace

Friday 2nd May - HSPTA fundraiser Non school uniform day

Monday 5th May - Bank Holiday

Wednesday 7th May - Kit Messenger Parent event 3.45pm / Year 5 trip Parliament

Thursday 8th May - VE Day

WC 12th May - Y6 SATs week

Wednesday 14th May - Parent workshop 'Anxiety' 1.30pm

Saturday 17th May - HSPTA Summer Fayre

WC 19th May - Walk to School Week

Monday 19th May - Raffle ticket winners non uniform day

Tuesday 20th May - Unity Parent Meeting 2pm / Year 5 Parent outcome 9-10am / HSPTA meeting 7.30pm

Thursday 22nd May - Whole school community celebration day 1.15pm. Parents & Carers invited to attend

Friday 23rd May - INSET day

May Half Term - 26th - 30th May

Charlotte Hartley

Acting Headteacher



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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

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



Highlight Wellbeing

We are delighted to share with you the Parent Newsletter from MyHappyMind

Please use the [link here](#) to be taken to our MyHappyMind information page on our school website, where you will find the newsletter and other information

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Celebrate

Parent Newsletter



SAVE THE DATE

SCHOOL COMMUNITY CELEBRATION DAY

*Small Worlds:
Little things make a big difference*



**Thursday 22nd May
1.15pm**

**All parents & carers
are welcome!**

Community News

Sustrans -Share your views in the Walking and Cycling Index 2025!

Dear Parents / Carers,

Our Sustrans Schools officer, John, has asked us to share the following with you:

Would you be willing to share your views on walking, cycling or wheeling locally to help influence changes for the better?

Sustainable transport charity, Sustrans, is calling for stories about walking, wheeling and cycling from people aged 16+ from Southampton, Eastleigh, Totton and Hedge End.

The Walking and Cycling Index supports leaders of cities and towns to understand and improve walking, wheeling and cycling across the UK and Ireland. The Index provides high-quality evidence to help ensure walking, wheeling and cycling are attractive and accessible for everyone.

Please help Sustrans bring the Index to life by [sharing your story here](#).

Thank you for your support!

