

# HILTINGBURY HIGHLIGHTS

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## Headteacher's message

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you all had a lovely and restful Bank Holiday weekend and managed to enjoy some time with family and friends.

A massive thank you goes to the Year 5 team for organising a brilliant and educational trip to the Houses of Parliament. The children had the incredible opportunity to learn about how democracy works in the UK, including the roles of the House of Commons and the House of Lords. One of the highlights was actually stepping into the House of Lords itself! Thank you also to all the parent helpers who gave up their time to make this trip possible.

Thank you to all the parents who attended the Kit Messenger parent event on Wednesday, introducing the Empowerment Approach. For those who were unable to attend, this approach to behaviour and attitudes focuses on building positive relationships and supporting children in making responsible choices. Rather than relying solely on rewards and sanctions, the Empowerment Approach encourages self-regulation, emotional understanding, and resilience.

In line with this, we will be sharing a draft version of our updated behaviour policy (due to be implemented in September 2025). We welcome your feedback and questions to ensure the policy reflects our shared values and goals. Please keep an eye out - this will be sent to you in due course. In setting the foundations for delivering the Empowerment Approach, we've continued to focus on building executive functioning skills across the school. This past week, our key focus has been on impulse control, through a game based approach - helping children to pause, think, and make thoughtful choices even in challenging moments.

Finally, a huge well done to Year 6 for all of their hard work and determination over the past year. They've shown incredible commitment in their learning, and we are so proud of the progress they've made. As SATs week approaches, we know they are ready - and we'll be cheering them on every step of the way!

Wishing you all a wonderful week ahead.  
Warm regards,

*Charlotte Hartley*

Acting Headteacher



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

**WC 12<sup>th</sup> May** - Y6 SATs week & Mental Health week

**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> May** - Parent workshop 'Anxiety' 1.30pm

**Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> May** - HSPTA Summer Fayre - All welcome!

**WC 19<sup>th</sup> May** - Walk to School Week

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> May** - Raffle ticket winners non uniform day

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

**Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> May** - Whole school community celebration day 1.15pm. Parents & Carers invited to attend

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May** - INSET day

**May Half Term** - 26<sup>th</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup> May

*\*Don't forget Mrs Thomas is in our school library for families to visit after school every Friday*



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# Weekly Year group highlights

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## Year 3

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## Year 4

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## Year 5 -

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## Year 6

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## Highlight Wellbeing

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**Support your child with their upcoming assessment using the free myHappyMind Parent App. Scan the QR code to sign up, then go to At Home Activities > Be Your Best to get started.**

The 'Be Your Best' programme from myHappyMind is designed to help your children perform at their best when they are preparing for SATs or an upcoming assessment/test. It will give them some Top Tips and strategies to help them feel prepared and ready for their assessment.

The course includes bitesize videos (also available as podcast only), to watch in the run-up, the day before and after the assessments to help them be their best. There is also a workbook for them to complete after each video too!

Scan the QR code to take you to the relevant section in the parent app.

**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!**