

# HILTINGBURY HIGHLIGHTS

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## Headteacher's message



Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you've enjoyed attending our 'Welcome events' this week as much as we have. It has been wonderful to share with you the exciting plans for the year ahead and be able to answer any questions.

This week, Miss Bristow, Mrs. Richardson, and I, along with our ECO Team, took part in a Climate School 180 workshop, during which we conducted a comprehensive School Grounds Audit. The audit results emphasise the need to continue enhancing our outdoor and climate policies, continue to integrate climate and outdoor learning more deeply into our curriculum and increase biodiversity across the school grounds. This reinforces our school improvement plans for continued development in such an important area.

On Wednesday, our ECO Team also had the exciting opportunity to participate in a Climate Unity Primary Conference, which saw over 100 schools in attendance! It was an engaging and thought provoking morning that included a workshop with the Hampshire Wildlife Trust, where we explored pollution and climate change in shared areas. We also discussed a text called The Crown as part of the Climate Unity Artivism Project. Our Eco Warriors were particularly enthusiastic, creating innovative 3D models designed to help farmers in Zambia protect their crops from hungry elephants! Be sure to visit our school blog to see their hard work in action.

A huge thank you to everyone for supporting our Macmillan Cancer fundraiser today. We certainly achieved our mission 'Go green for Macmillan'. The staff also enjoyed a lovely coffee morning during break, complete with cakes donated for a raffle. We will update you early next week with the total amount raised by the school community.

As we settle into the new academic year, we're also beginning preparations for the next. This week we've had the pleasure of welcoming prospective Year 3 children and their families for school tours. Our Year 6 children did an incredible job leading the tours and we're so proud to share what makes our school community so special.

Finally, a reminder that our Embrace Parent meeting will be held on Tuesday, 1st October, at 9 am. If you haven't signed up yet, please do!

Wishing you all a relaxing and enjoyable weekend.

Best wishes,

Zoe Losemore



## Dates for your diary -

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

Monday 30th September - Harvest collection for Eastleigh Basics Bank begins (last day for donations 15th October)

Tuesday 1st October - Early Reading Parent Information Event - 3.30-4pm / Embrace parent meeting 9am

Wednesday 2nd October - Individual school photos

Monday 7th October - Unity parent group meeting 1pm

Tuesday 8th October - Y3 trip to Hiltingbury Lakes / Year 6 remote residential information evening / HSPTA AGM 7.30pm

Tuesday 15th October - Last day for Basic Bank donations

Thursday 17th October - Connected parent meeting 9am / Disco - Lower school 3.20-4.30pm & Upper school 5-6.15pm

Monday 21st October - Parents evening 3.30-6.30pm / Raffle ticket class winners non-uniform day

Wednesday 23rd October - Parents evening 3.30-6.30pm

*Half Term - 28th October - 3rd November*

# 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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## Highlight Wellbeing

*A recent Sport England study found that less than half (47%) of children in the UK currently meet the Chief Medical Officers' guidelines of taking part in an average of 60 minutes or more of sport and physical activity a day. While this figure may see a rise during events like the Olympics or Euros, taking this chance to get children and young people engaged in regular exercise could cement the increase in a more permanent way.*

*However, it can be tricky to know where to start, or how best to encourage young people to stay active. This week, we're sharing expert advice on how to promote exercise and the importance of physical wellbeing for the younger generation.*

1. Make it Fun to foster social connections.
2. Mix movement with learning to stimulate creativity like Revision walks.
3. Create opportunities to provide clear chances for physical activity and limit screen time.
4. Provide positive reinforcement.
5. Variety is key to keeping children engaged.
6. Enjoyment over competition.
7. Set goals by starting small and slowly increase time.
8. Lead by example - Parents and carers are positive role models.



# HILTINGBURY JUNIOR SCHOOL

*Learning, Caring and Achieving Together*

## School Tours

23rd September 2.15pm

24th September 2.15pm

1st October 9.15am

2nd October 9.15am

3rd October 9.15am

8th October 9.15am & 10.15am

To book your place [click the link here](#)

Year 2 children are welcome to join you

For more information please contact

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# **'ROCK TO READ'**

# **SCHOOL DISCO**

**WHEN:**  
**THURSDAY 17TH OCTOBER**

**TIME:**  
**Y3 & Y4 :3.20-4.30PM**  
**Y5 & Y6 :5-6.15PM**

**TICKETS £5**  
**SALES VIA ARBOR RELEASE DATE:**  
**26TH SEPTEMBER AT 10AM**

**FUNDS RAISED WILL GO**  
**TOWARDS OUR SCHOOL LIBRARY**



SHARE YOUR VIEWS ON CHANDLER'S FORD

# COMPLETE OUR COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT SURVEY TODAY

**As your Parish Council, we want to hear your views on:**

- The Parish and Borough Councils
- Your awareness of local community associations
- Your use of Parish buildings and assets
  - Local transport links
  - Sustainability in the Parish
  - Our communication with you

Tell us your views via the survey on our website, accessible via the QR code below.

Alternatively, head to [chandlersford-pc.gov.uk/2024-survey](http://chandlersford-pc.gov.uk/2024-survey)

Physical copies of the survey can be found at the Parish Offices.



**The last date to complete the survey is 20 October**



# DON'T MISS THIS TALK! DESCRIBING NEW DINOSAUR SPECIES

PhD student Chris Barker, Dr Neil Gostling and his team have described three species of dinosaur previously unknown to science, from bones found on the Isle of Wight.

Find out more:  
[www.southampton.ac.uk/news](http://www.southampton.ac.uk/news)  
Artwork credit: Anthony Hutchings

## Dr. Neil Gostling talks about Giant Sea Monsters at **The Hilt**

Dr. Neil Gostling will deliver a fascinating talk and presentation at The Hilt following his contribution to the BBC documentary, titled 'Attenborough and the Giant Sea Monster' first shown on BBC1 in January.

Neil's scientific twister carries us from 21st Century Southampton back 100s of millions of years to unrecognisable worlds with beasts, stranger and more terrifying than flying monkeys.

He'll touch on some of the major events through the history of life; everything from the origin of mammals to how birds took to the air, and the dinosaurs that roamed Mesozoic Britain as well as the latest South coast Jurassic find 'The Sea Monster'. (Suitable for all ages)

# FREE ENTRY + DONATIONS

**Afternoon Talk:**  
2.30pm - 4.00pm



The Sea Monster



British broadcaster, biologist  
and natural historian

Sir David Attenborough

Associate Professor in Evolution  
and Palaeobiology

Dr. Neil Gostling

BSc PhD FLS



**talkingpoint**  
Topics of conversation at The Hilt

Date: Saturday 26th October 2024

Doors open: 2.00pm

Talk Starts: 2.30pm

**Tickets: Free Entry** (first come, first serve basis)