



HILTINGBURY HIGHLIGHTS

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HEADTEACHERS MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week, our reading lead team; Miss Downer, Miss Oliver, Mrs Richardson, Mrs Spence and myself met to review how we continue to support children's reading fluency across the school. As a school, we place great importance on using educational research to inform our practice and we are now trialling a new approach to our fluency lessons. Developing strong reading fluency helps children read with accuracy, pace and expression, freeing up valuable cognitive resources so they can focus on making meaning from the text. This in turn supports deeper understanding and stronger reading comprehension. We are excited about the positive impact this focused and consistent approach will have on children's enjoyment of reading, as well as their progress and will continue to share our journey with you.

In the final week of this half term we are looking forward to taking part in Children's Mental Health Week, a national event that shines a spotlight on the importance of children and young people's mental wellbeing. This year's theme 'This Is Our Place' highlights how a strong sense of belonging with friends, at school and in our communities plays a vital role in young people's emotional wellbeing, helping them feel secure, connected and ready to learn and grow together.

We are continuing to explore ways to further develop our school grounds, with a particular focus on increasing biodiversity and expanding gardening opportunities for our children. Last week, Mrs Bullock and I met with Jill and Felicity, Education Trustees from the Hampshire Gardens Trust, to begin exploring the development of an Edible Playground on our school site. This exciting project aims to give children practical opportunities to learn about growing food, caring for the environment and developing a deeper understanding of where food comes from. To support this development, we are seeking a keen gardener or gardeners, who would be willing to share their time and expertise. If you know of anyone who may be interested please contact the school via the admin office.

Today, I was pleased to meet Jon, our new Children's Minister from the Parish of Chandler's Ford, who will be replacing Debbie Pearce. Debbie has been a wonderful support to our school community over many years, generously giving her time to work with children and staff and helping to strengthen the links between school and parish. She has also supported the school by attending our residential visits, where her care and encouragement have been greatly valued by both children and staff. We are extremely grateful for all that Debbie has done for our school and we look forward to working with Jon as he begins his role with us.

We hope you all have a wonderful weekend break!

Best wishes,

Zoe Loosemore
Headteacher



UPCOMING EVENTS

THURSDAY 5 FEBRUARY
MOVIE NIGHT - FUNDRAISER

FRIDAY 6 FEBRUARY - HSPTA
QUIZ NIGHT

WC 9 FEBRUARY - CHILDRENS
MENTAL HEALTH WEEK

MONDAY 9 FEBRUARY - Y5
RESIDENTIAL INFORMATION
EVENING 5PM IN SCHOOL

MONDAY 9 FEBRUARY - CLASS
RAFFLE TICKET WINNERS NON
UNIFORM DAY

FRIDAY 13 FEBRUARY - BREAK
THE RULES DAY HSPTA
FUNDRAISER

HALF TERM - 16-20 FEBRUARY

Message from the Office Team

adminoffice@ emails

We have been made aware that our auto response is not working quite as it should be. Rest assured our IT providers are working hard to rectify this issue as soon as possible.

Just a reminder that we endeavour to respond to all emails in school office hours and within a 48hr period.

Reminder of our - How to contact for:

*Changes to collection arrangements - please always call the team and leave a voicemail.

*Changes to Toast & Crackers bookings - email toastandcrackers@hiltingburyjuniorshool.co.uk

MOVIE NIGHT

HOTDOGS & HUGO



**Thursday
5 February 2026**



**Time
3.20 – 5.30pm**



FILM: INSIDE OUT 2

**TICKETS £5
PURCHASE VIA THE ARBOR
SCHOOL SHOP**



TICKET SALES WILL CLOSE 11AM 5 FEBRUARY

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Governor Services

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We have a vacancy for a Co-opted Governor to join our board

Hampshire's school governance community

You do not need to be a parent or a teacher. Boards value diversity of skills, knowledge and experience. Play your part in preparing the children and young people across our community for the future.

Volunteer today and you 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 your community.



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