



HILTINGBURY HIGHLIGHTS

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HEADTEACHERS MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you, as always, for your continued support of our school community. We can hardly believe that next week is the final week of the half term! Our Sustainability Leaders met this week to review our school action plan. We have been working hard to consider how we can reduce waste, save energy and make environmentally responsible choices across the school, with the aim of meeting the expectations set out in the Department of Education Climate Action Plan for Schools. It has been wonderful to see our ECO team taking such an active role in this important area of school life including leading an assembly to support this action across the school.

We are also asking for donations of hardy household plants to help enhance our classroom environments. Plants help to create calm, welcoming learning spaces and support our wider sustainability work. If you are able to donate a plant, please bring it to the school office.

We are still seeking a volunteer gardener to support the development of our edible garden. This role would require only a few hours a week but would make a significant difference to children across the whole school, supporting learning around sustainability, food and the natural world. If you, or someone you know, may be interested, please contact the school office.

We are very much looking forward to World Book Week next half term. Please save the date for the children to 'Dress Your Way' on Thursday 5th March. In line with our "Go All In" theme, children are invited to dress in a way that feels right for them - this could be fancy dress, a favourite outfit or comfy clothes. Today our Governors came into school, starting their visit joining the children for lunch and out on the playground followed by exploring our focus on developing children's fluency skills in reading. We are lucky to have such a dedicated team of Governors who support the whole school community. Next week, we mark Children's Mental Health Week. I would like to say a huge thank you to Mr Achilles for planning and leading a range of engaging activities throughout the week. Children will take part in discussions, creative tasks and practical strategies focused on wellbeing, emotional awareness and positive mental health.

Finally, I would like to thank everyone who supported our recent film night charity event. Thanks to your generosity, we raised valuable funds for Helpful Hounds, a wonderful charity supporting wellbeing and mental health through therapy dogs.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend!

Best wishes,

Zoe Loosemore
Headteacher



UPCOMING EVENTS

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 - MAKE THE RULES DAY HSPTA FUNDRAISER

HALF TERM -16-20 FEBRUARY

Next week is Children's Mental Health Week and we have lots planned in school.

The theme for this year's Children's Mental Health Week is This is my Place. That means feeling like you're part of something, such as your family, your school, your group of friends or a team. These happy moments help us feel connected, valued, and accepted. When we feel like we belong, we feel happy, safe, and ready to learn and play. It helps us grow strong in our minds and bodies, and it makes it easier to make friends, do well in school, and feel good about ourselves. During Children's Mental Health Week, we'll be talking about how we can help everyone feel like they belong. We will share This is my Place so we can learn from each other what makes us feel happy. We'll learn how to show kindness, include others, and make sure no one feels left out. Because everyone deserves to feel like they have a place where they are accepted, cared for, and loved.

The children will be creating their own 'Belonging' map, showing the people, places, and things that make them feel happy and that they belong. To help with this fun activity, we are asking the children to bring into school pages from old newspapers or magazines that are age appropriate that we can use for this activity. If possible, please could the children bring these in from Monday.

Thank you for your support!



Scholastic Book Fair at Hiltingbury Junior School

Wednesday 4th, Thursday 5th and Friday 6th March 2026



The Book Fair is coming to Hiltingbury Junior School soon! The book cases are coming from Scholastic, who offer a fantastic selection of really good quality children's books. Books will be on sale after school on, Wednesday 4th, Thursday 5th and Friday 6th March from 3.20pm till 4pm. You can use your World Day Book Voucher, which we will issue nearer the time, towards the cost of a book worth over £2.99. It is lovely for children to have special books of their very own to treasure and furthermore all purchases generate commission for free books for our school.

Last year your support was FANTASTIC and we raised over £1,000 in free books for our school! We hope to see you there.

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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We'd love to hear from you!

John Clode aka Bike It John is the Schools Officer for South Hampshire.

Please get in touch if you have any great walking or wheeling stories or would like to find out more about

our schoolwork.

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Bike It School Dates

· Tuesday 3rd, 10th & 24th February—Bike maintenance lessons at King's Academy Bay House

· Wednesday 11th February—Free bike security coding at Elson Junior School

· Monday 23rd February—Bike maintenance lessons at Cams Hill School

Fact(s) of the Month

Active travel can provide significant benefits for children, especially on the school run; children who walk and wheel have a better understanding of their surroundings as well as enabling better social interactions with their peers

December Activities December saw the biggest Leg it to Lapland yet with 12 schools taking part to get the largest percentage of active journeys to school over a week. We had Rudolph's Nose (Golden Lock), inter class competitions, and Bling Your Rides across many schools, so well done and thank you to everyone who took part! It's wonderful to announce that this year's winners are Shakespeare Infant School who will be having their grand prize of a day with former world scooter champion Terry Price in the spring term!

The top 5 schools were

- Shakespeare Infant School - 90.4%
- King's Academy Gomer - 88.4%
- Hiltingbury Junior School - 75.9%
- Hiltingbury Infant School - 68.5%
- Alverstone Infant School - 63.9%



Rudolph's Nose at Hiltingbury Junior School

Bling Your Ride at Elson and Alverstone Infant Schools



Bikeability at Boorley Park Bike It John had the pleasure of spending a few days at Boorley Park Primary School as the school had their first taste of Bikeability training since the school opened. There was a Bike Dr to ensure all pupils' bikes were roadworthy and some fun cycle skills for a bit of extra practice.



Year 6 pupils putting their skills into practice for their Level 2 Bikeability award



Bike Maintenance Lessons The first bike maintenance lessons of the year took place in November and December at Cams Hill School. Teaching children from all year groups how to fix punctures, adjust brakes and gears and identify problems with their bikes.

A Pupil from Cams Hill said *"now I know what to do and my Dad doesn't have to mend my bike when he's too busy, just so that I can ride to school."*

A Parent from Cams Hill said *"Many thanks for including [child] in the bike maintenance class this week. He found the day extremely useful and informative (and fun!) and we are so pleased he was not only able to fix up his bike but learn invaluable skills to keep it running well."*

What's coming up?

Walk Wheel Cycle Trusts Big Walk and Wheel 2026!



We are excited to announce that Big Walk and Wheel 2026 will take place between 16th–27th March!

Big Walk and Wheel is the UK's largest interschool walking, wheeling, cycling, and scooting challenge and is sponsored by Schwalbe. Each day schools compete to see who can record the largest proportion of pupils travelling to school actively. Our 2025 challenge saw an incredible 2,759 schools register and just over 2.8 million active journeys logged- that's the most journeys ever logged for Big Walk and Wheel!

11 Hampshire Bike It Schools have registered already, if you want your school to be entered into the early bird prize draw then register here before 16th February

<https://bigwalkandwheel.org.uk/register>

Cycle Together Eastleigh Events

Bike It Ray has some great FREE events coming up in the Eastleigh area, including fun bike agility courses and maintenance sessions.

You can find out more and book your place on Eventbrite now

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/cc/cycletogether-eastleigh-workshops-and-rides-3539489>



Useful information:

Learn to Ride Learning to ride a bike for the first time is an individual journey that can be exhilarating and exciting. Walk Wheel Cycle Trust offers nine easy to follow steps to help children and families on this exciting journey. [Teach a child to ride without stabilisers in 9 easy steps](#)

Check your Bike Want to keep your bike in good shape? Then check out our M-check guide to make sure your bike is safe to ride and working well. [Walk Wheel Cycle Trust M-Check](#)

National Cycle Network

Created by Walk Wheel Cycle Trust (formerly Sustrans), The National Cycle Network is a UK-wide network of signed paths and routes for walking, wheeling, cycling and exploring outdoors.

In 1979, Sustrans built their first traffic-free path that would become part of the Network, the Bristol and Bath Railway Path.

Over the years many more miles of walking and cycling routes across the country have been created.

To find out more and find a route near you to explore visit:

<https://www.walkwheelcycletrust.org.uk/national-cycle-net-work/>



Walk Wheel Cycle Trust is grateful for the support of Hampshire County Council and the My Journey team for our work in schools across Eastleigh, Fareham and Gosport.



Opportunity

Make a difference



Hampshire
County Council

Governor Services

Join Our School Governing Board!

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.



The role of school governor is subject to a DBS check

To find out more and how to apply click the link below or scan the QR code:

[Link here](#)

