



# HILTINGBURY HIGHLIGHTS

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## HEADTEACHERS MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the Spring Term. It has already felt a little more like spring this week with some sunshine and far less rain than we have been used to!

I hope you all enjoyed a restful half term break. While many of our staff took the opportunity to recharge, Mr Achilles set himself a personal challenge, completing his first 10km event. We are delighted to share that not only did he achieve this fantastic milestone but he also raised an impressive £270 for Cancer Research. A wonderful achievement for a very worthy cause - well done from everyone!

Before half term, we met with Mike Chater, Principal Architect, to review our post-occupancy evaluation report linked to our school building project. The aim of the project was to develop lessons and benchmarks to inform a long term strategy for the decarbonisation and adaptation of SCOLA buildings. More specifically, the project focused on the holistic refurbishment and upgrade of a SCOLA school building to improve climate resilience and achieve carbon targets aligned with RIBA's 2030 Climate Challenge. It also trialled the use of offsite timber construction in a school refurbishment - the first project of its kind in the UK.

We have always been incredibly proud of our school building but seeing the outcomes and impact formally recognised has made us even prouder. All of the adaptations and improvements we worked so hard to implement have proven worthwhile. Our project is now featured in the Department for Education's *Estate Strategy: A Decade of National Renewal*, which is a significant acknowledgement of the positive difference our learning environment continues to make. For more details please see: [Education Estates Strategy: a decade of national renewal](#)

Finally, a huge thank you to our Year 3 parents who supported the recent trip to the Hawk Conservancy. The staff and children thoroughly enjoyed this new experience and your support helped make it possible.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend.

Zoe Loosemore  
Headteacher



## UPCOMING EVENTS

WORLD BOOK WEEK 2-6 MAR 26

MONDAY 2 MARCH- Y4 TRIP  
BUTSER FARM

WEDNESDAY-FRIDAY 4-6 MAR  
BOOK FAIR AFTER SCHOOL

THURSDAY 5 MARCH - WORLD  
BOOK DAY - DRESS DOWN DAY

WC 16 MARCH - THE BIG WALK  
& WHEEL / LAST WEEK OF  
EXTRA CURRICULAR CLUBS

MONDAY 16 MARCH - CLASS  
PHOTO'S

TUESDAY 17 MARCH - PARENTS  
EVENING

TUESDAY 17 MARCH - EMBRACE  
PARENT MEETING 2.15PM

TUESDAY 17 MARCH - Y6  
PARENT OUTCOME -DETAILS TO  
FOLLOW

THURSDAY 19 MARCH -  
PARENTS EVENING

THURSDAY 19 MARCH - Y6  
NCMP NURSING TEAM

**Case Study: Hiltingbury Junior School – innovative approach to retention and recladding of a 1960's building**



This project adopted an innovative approach to the retention and re-cladding of an occupied 1960s system-built junior school, through the construction of an offsite-manufactured structural timber replacement external envelope.

Delivered in 3 phases over 1 year, with its timber finish exposed internally, the scheme transforms the school both inside and out, achieving a fully refurbished, natural learning environment that is resilient to overheating with improved energy performance – for 1/5 the cost and a 1% of the embodied carbon of a complete rebuild. With its rooftop photovoltaic array, the refurbished school's heating load is sufficiently reduced to enable the replacement of its gas boiler with a ground source heat pump in the future and the completion of its decarbonisation.

"The children have commented on how calming and inviting the classrooms are. They like the smell of the wood too. We're feeling cooler and not overheating – and are now looking forward to teaching in the summer!" – Headteacher, Hiltingbury Junior School

# Scholastic Book Fair at Hiltingbury Junior School

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



There will be a fantastic selection of high-quality children's books to suit a range of interests and reading ages. You will be able to use your child's World Book Day Book Voucher (which will be issued nearer the time) towards the cost of any book priced over £2.99.

The books will be on sale after school on:

Wednesday 4th March

Thursday 5th March

Friday 6th March

From 3:20pm to 4:00pm each day.

There is something truly special about children choosing books of their own to treasure and enjoy at home. Even better, every purchase made at our school book fair helps us too — all sales generate commission in the form of free books for Hiltingbury Junior School.

Last year your incredible support was fantastic, and we raised £1,000 worth of free books for our school!

We look forward to seeing you there!

## WEEKLY YEAR GROUP HIGHLIGHTS

### Year 3

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

### Year 4

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### Year 5

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### Year 6 -

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