



HILTINGBURY HIGHLIGHTS

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HEADTEACHERS MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week we have been celebrating World Book Week at HJS. The theme this year was "Go All In" encouraging children to immerse themselves in reading for pleasure as part of 2026 being the National Year of Reading. It was wonderful to see so many children either dressed as their favourite book characters or dressed comfortably ready to enjoy the day!

Staff also joined in the celebrations with a Roald Dahl themed dress up day. Each year group represented a different Roald Dahl book and during assembly the children had great fun trying to guess which book each team had chosen.

Mrs Thomas says that 'every day in the school library is a book day', but World Book Day is a particularly special time of year for both staff and children at HJS. The book fair has been very busy, with many children purchasing their very own special books. Thank you for your support and we hope your children enjoy their new books.

We are always keen to promote a love of reading through a wide range of class texts, our well stocked school library and our new SORA app, which gives children access to magazines, comics, eBooks and audiobooks. If you would like some top tips to encourage your child to read more, or support with selecting suitable books, please feel free to visit the school library. It is open every Friday from 3:20pm until 4:00pm for all families and Mrs Thomas will be available and happy to help.

A huge thank you to Mrs Thomas and Miss Downer for planning such a wonderful week for everyone.

Following this week, we would appreciate your ongoing support with ensuring your child has read their school curriculum reading book when it is sent home by their year group. Ahead of any curriculum books being sent home, you will receive a communication from your child's teaching team to notify you of the book which your child will come home with. The pages and chapters that need to be read at home will be shared on Google Classroom. As the children will be reading at home, please ensure that this is also recorded in their reading record. Thank you for your ongoing support with this.

This week has also seen a change to our lunchtime provision, led by our House Captains and Sports Leaders. Having recognised the need to increase the range of activities available during lunchtime, a new plan has been introduced to provide more opportunities for active and social play. Children can now take part in activities such as dancing to music, boules, chess, skipping and space hopping. After a few weeks of dry weather, we are also pleased to have reopened our forest area, which has been very popular with the children.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend.

Zoe Loosemore
Headteacher



UPCOMING EVENTS

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

WEDNESDAY 18 MARCH- Y6 LOCAL COMMUNITY VISITS

THURSDAY 19 MARCH - PARENTS EVENING

THURSDAY 19 MARCH - Y6 NCMP NURSING TEAM

FRIDAY 20 MARCH - RED NOSE DAY NON UNIFORM DAY

22-25 MARCH - Y5 RESIDENTIAL

TUESDAY 24 MARCH - Y4 BEOWULF PERFORMANCE 1.30PM

WEDNESDAY 25 MARCH - Y3 PARENT OUTCOME / Y4 BEOWULF PERFORMANCE 9.30AM

THURSDAY 26 MARCH - BIRCH CLASS LISTEN TO ME CONCERT



LAMDA Sessions – Register Your Interest!

We're excited to be bringing LAMDA lessons to Hiltingbury Junior School in the Summer Term, delivered by Showstoppers Performing Arts during the school day.

LAMDA (London Academy of Music & Dramatic Art) helps children build confidence, communication and performance skills while working towards a recognised drama qualification.

Lamda Information:

Students will take part in 1:1 or very small group lessons, allowing for personalised coaching in acting and speaking in a fun, supportive environment.

Spaces are limited.

If you would like your child to take part, please register your interest and find out more information please email us info@showstoppersacademy.co.uk

SHOWSTOPPERS

PERFORMING ARTS ACADEMY

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 -

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



Our Romsey and District MHST are offering two upcoming online sessions in April, to support understanding and management of common Mental Health challenges in Primary aged children. Please find details attached, and links below to join these one-off workshops. No booking is required, please use the details attached, or join using the links below:

Primary Parent Workshop for Understanding & Managing Childhood Anxiety

Friday 17th April 2026, at 9:15am

Zoom details:

Meeting ID: 836 5320 0910

Passcode: 019187

MHST West is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83653200910?pwd=MrfJI5xgERdbY8X6d8wlb4beFgY6hX.1>

Primary Parent Workshop for Understanding Low Mood in Childhood

Friday 24th April 2026, 9:15am

Zoom details:

Meeting ID: 812 6323 8232

Passcode: 199346

MHST West is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81263238232?pwd=xuU0iO0cTV2B7HBoAOV8dbhc8hcecn.1>

We hope you find this useful and look forward to seeing you there - The MHST Team 😊



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.

During each day of the 10 day challenge 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!

There are currently 14 Hampshire Bike It Schools have registered, if you have not yet registered the please do so here - <https://bigwalkandwheel.org.uk/register>

There are plenty of schools running a host of incentives including the Golden Lock, an inter class competition with the best class each day having the honour of Jasper the Active Travel Bear joining their class and Bling Your Ride competitions. We also have a wonderful new School Journey Bingo resource. This eye spy challenge is designed to add fun to the active school run!

Check out the resources on the website once you have registered, for all the posters, parent letters and bingo cards to get your schools travelling actively and winning some amazing prizes!



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.

