

HILTINGBURY HIGHLIGHTS

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Headteacher's message

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and wish you a very Happy New Year!

We've had an exciting start to the term with several enriching experiences for the children. Year 3 enjoyed a visit from author Andy Seed, who inspired their love for reading and writing. Year 5 had the opportunity to explore the wonders of space through an immersive space dome experience, and next week, Year 6 is eagerly looking forward to their highly anticipated trip to Warner Brothers Studio.

This morning, we were delighted to welcome Liz Jarvis, the Liberal Democrat MP for Eastleigh, on her first visit to Hiltingbury Junior School. She was enthusiastic about meeting our pupils and staff and learning more about our school community.

Our new ELSA (Emotional Literacy Support Assistant), Mrs Batten, has been settling into her role. She shared this lovely update with us:

"I am now halfway through my ELSA training and am thoroughly enjoying it. I'm learning so many valuable skills and techniques to support me in my role moving forward. The children I've worked with so far have loved spending time in our warm and welcoming ELSA room. This calm, inviting space is the perfect environment for our sessions." We're so excited about the positive impact Mrs ELSA Batten is already having on our school.

Last half term, our amazing Hugo's Heroes played a vital role in supporting Hugo's training towards achieving his Helpful Hounds Silver Award. Each week, they worked alongside Hugo and Mrs Batten, engaging in a variety of training activities such as recall from a distance, settling in busy environments, and of course, giving him plenty of well-deserved cuddles! During today's assembly, I was thrilled to introduce our next group of Hugo's Heroes, who will take on the important responsibility of continuing Hugo's training journey.

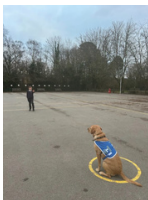
This term promises to be another busy and exciting time for everyone. Please remember to check the school website for key calendar dates and opportunities to visit us. Highlights include:

- Parent and Carer Maths Event
- Connected Parent Meeting – where we'll share more about our new approach to implementing The Empowerment Approach
- Embrace Parent and Carer Meeting – scheduled for the final week of term

We look forward to welcoming you to these events and hope they provide valuable insights into your child's learning and development.

Wishing you all a relaxing and enjoyable weekend.

Zoe Losemore



Dates for your diary -

Please check the school website calendar for more events and information

WC - 13th January - Clubs & Music lessons begin *netball starts wc 20th

Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday 13th-15th January - Y6 Harry Potter Warner Bros Trip

Wednesday 15th January - Y3 Admissions closing date & Girls Football match away

Monday 20th January - Y6 Hampshire Fire & Rescue visit

Tuesday 21st January - HSPTA meeting 7.30pm

Monday 27th January - Connected Parents meeting 2pm - more information to follow

Thursday 30th January - Maths information evening 5pm, sign up to attend

Tuesday 4th February - Y4 Butser Hill trip

Wednesday 5th February - Y6 NCMP nursing team in school

Thursday 6th February - Film Night - charity fundraiser. More information to follow

Wednesday 12th February - Embrace parent meeting 9am

Friday 14th February - HSPTA fundraiser 'Break the Rules Day'



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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Vacancy - Lunchtime Supervisor

We currently have 2 vacancies for lunchtime supervisors. This important role involves supporting and engaging with the children over the lunchtime period for both their playtime and also while in the hall for their meal.

The hours are 11.55am to 1.05pm Monday to Friday term time only. For more information, please visit our website or pop into the School office and speak to a member of the team. We would be more than happy to answer any questions you may have!

Highlight Well-being



Returning to the usual routine after the holidays can be a stressful time for anyone and that includes those children and young people who are making their way back to school. Difficulty readjusting to a structured schedule, worries about reuniting with classmates and teachers, and potential pressures around continuing their education cannot only impact children's academic performance, but have further negative effects on their emotional wellbeing.

Of course, there's plenty we can do as parents and educators to help make the transition back to education as easy as possible for the youngsters in our care.

1. Create a sleep plan: Sleep can present as one of the biggest challenges as children can become night owls. Limit screen time before bed and encourage winding-down activities like reading or listening to calming music.
- 2: Focus on nutrition: Make sure children are receiving a balanced diet putting them in the best possible state to learn.
- 3: Communicate openly: Talk with your child about how they're feeling about the return to school and how the first week has gone. Validating their emotions makes them feel supported and understood.



Free* Courses for Parents this Spring Term

Course	Location	Date	Time
Positive Parenting	Online	Mondays 13 January - 10 February	7pm - 8:30pm
Emergency Paediatric First Aid	Ringwood Library	Friday 17 January	9:30am - 4:30pm
Introduction to Paediatric First Aid	Online	Tuesdays 21 January - 11 February	6:45pm - 9:15pm
Thriving Together in the Early Years	Online	Mondays 24 February - 31 March	7pm - 9pm
Makaton Signing with Family and Babies	Gosport Discovery Centre	Wednesdays 26 February - 9 April	10am - 11am
Introduction to Paediatric First Aid	Online	Mondays 10 - 31 March	6:45pm - 9:15pm
Paediatric First Aid	Basingstoke Discovery Centre	Saturdays 15 - 22 March	9:30am - 4:30pm
Emergency Paediatric First Aid	Andover Library	Wednesday 26 March	9:45am - 4:30pm

*Free tuition, some courses may have a certification or materials fee



SUNDAY 23 MARCH 2025 EASTLEIGH JUNIOR FUN RUN

UKA LICENSE 45091

This is your chance to 'Go for Gold' at the Eastleigh Junior Fun Run event for the 12s and unders on Sunday 23 March 2025. The event is run around Fleming Park, Eastleigh and will be supporting WESSEX Heartbeat.

FUN RUN FEATURES

- The race starts at 11am for 9-12s, and 11.15am for 4-8 year olds.
- Entry is only £8 per child but limited to a maximum of 300 e.g. 150 per race (entries will not be taken on the day).
- Appropriate running clothes or tracksuits are recommended.
- Free medal and a £5 voucher for Up & Running in Chandler's Ford, for all finishers.



To enter visit www.runningmania.co.uk

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