



# HILTINGBURY HIGHLIGHTS

MAY 1ST - ISSUE #21

## HEADTEACHERS MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Carers,

A big thank you to everyone who supported last night's whole school community event, led by Kit Messenger. It was a really engaging and informative session focused on the Empowerment Approach, giving everyone a great insight into our behaviour vision across both the Infant and Junior schools. Kit explored how this approach is rooted in understanding behaviour as communication and the importance of meeting children's underlying needs so they feel safe, supported and ready to learn. She shared the 5C needs - Comfortable, Connected, Count, Capable, Control - and how these help us create the support and understanding for all children to thrive. There was also a focus on developing children's executive functioning skills, such as working memory and flexible thinking and how these are key to building independence and resilience.

We have already had some fantastic feedback from parents, who really valued the session and the practical ideas shared. It was great to see such strong engagement and to continue building that shared understanding between school and home. Kit is hoping to share details about further parent events that she will also be leading, as soon as we have more information we will let you know.

Over the past two weeks, I have been working with each class to gather the children's voice about the values they feel are important for our school community and to explore why having a clear vision and shared values really matters.

We discussed how a strong shared vision helps bring everyone together, giving us a clear sense of purpose and ensuring that children, staff and families are all working towards the same goals. It also underpins our expectations and decision making, and supports us in continuing to build a positive, inclusive culture where every child feels they belong, is valued and can succeed.

We would really value your input as part of this work. Thank you to everyone who has already completed the survey. If you haven't had a chance yet, please take a few minutes to share your views. Your feedback is incredibly important in helping us shape a vision and set of values that reflect the aspirations, priorities and diversity of our whole school community.

We hope you all enjoy a lovely Bank Holiday weekend.

Zoe Loosemore  
Headteacher



## UPCOMING EVENTS

MONDAY 4MAY - BANK HOLIDAY

FRIDAY 8MAY - POWER DOWN DAY

WC 11MAY - SATS WEEK

WC 18MAY - WALK TO SCHOOL WEEK

TUESDAY 19MAY - RAFFLE TICKET WINNERS NON UNIFORM DAY

THURSDAY 21MAY - WHOLE SCHOOL COMMUNITY DAY / CAREERS MORNING

FRIDAY 22MAY - INSET DAY SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS

HALF TERM BREAK 25-29 MAY

## INSET Days 2026-2027

Tuesday 1st September  
Wednesday 2nd September  
Monday 2nd November  
Monday 4th January  
Friday 28th May



# 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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**YEAR 6 WILL SOON BE STARTING REHEARSALS FOR OUR END OF YEAR PRODUCTION AND WE ARE LOOKING FOR SOME HELP!**

**WE ARE LOOKING FOR A PIANIST, IDEALLY EXPERIENCED AND CONFIDENT. TO VOLUNTEER SUPPORTING THIS YEAR'S PRODUCTION.**

**IF YOU OR YOU KNOW OF SOMEONE THAT MAY BE ABLE TO HELP PLEASE GET IN TOUCH VIA THE SCHOOL OFFICE WE BEGIN REHEARSING IN JUNE AND OUR EVENING PERFORMANCES TAKE PLACE IN EARLY JULY.**

**PLEASE FEEL FREE TO GET IN TOUCH IF YOU WOULD LIKE FURTHER INFORMATION OR TO EXPRESS INTEREST.**

**THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR SUPPORT.**

**THE YEAR 6 TEAM**

