



# HILTINGBURY HIGHLIGHTS

MAY 8TH - ISSUE #22

## HEADTEACHERS MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Carers,

Today we celebrated 'Power Down Day' where the children took part in a range of creative outdoor learning activities designed to encourage us all to reduce electricity use as much as possible and think more carefully about sustainability. The day promoted creativity, outdoor learning, teamwork and an enjoyment of the natural world we have in our school grounds.

This event also celebrated the birthday of David Attenborough, one of the world's most respected natural historians and broadcasters, whose work has inspired generations to care for the environment and protect wildlife across the planet. The children learnt about his lifelong commitment to conservation and the importance of taking responsibility for the world around us. The occasion was particularly meaningful for our school community as Attenborough is also one of our school houses.

All day the children enjoyed a range of practical creative learning activities across the school grounds. They created imaginative tree faces using natural materials, designed and sculpted clay critters inspired by wildlife and habitats and took part in a collaborative sculpture challenge this afternoon. Working in class teams, the children built sculptures inspired by the work of David Attenborough using only the materials available to them.

As a school, we have a dedicated team of staff who continue to lead our Climate Action Plan, which is shared below. We are striving to develop a strategic approach that places sustainability at the heart of school life. This includes practical changes, such as introducing recyclable glue sticks, alongside developing pupils' understanding of climate change through our curriculum. We are also busy planning wider outdoor learning opportunities, including gardening. We value the important role that outdoor play has in supporting children's wellbeing, creativity and understanding of the world around them and look forward to updating you with our progress towards this.

We hope you all enjoy a wonderful weekend!

Zoe Loosemore  
Headteacher




### UPCOMING EVENTS

WC 11MAY - MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS WEEK / Y6 SATS WEEK

WC 18MAY - WALK TO SCHOOL WEEK

TUESDAY 19MAY - CONNECTED PARENT EVENT 3.30PM / 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

WC 1JUN Y4 MTC MULTIPLICATION CHECK

MONDAY 1JUN - EMBRACE PARENT EVENT 9AM

WEDNESDAY 3JUN - SAFER INTERNET DAY

THURSDAY & FRIDAY 4&5 JUN - Y6 HARRY POTTER TRIP

WEDNESDAY 10JUN - Y3 TRIP FISHBOURNE



### INSET Days 2026-2027

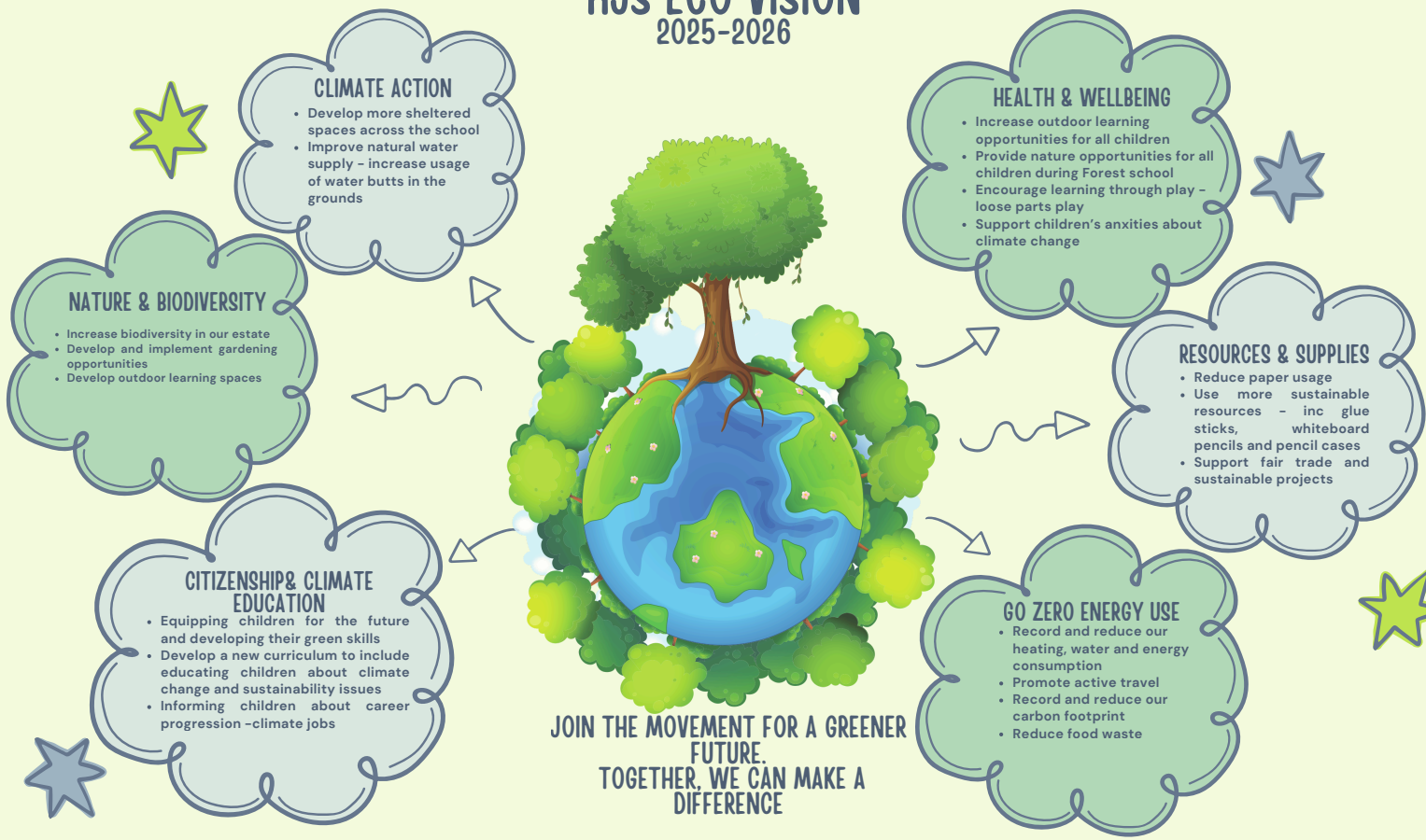
Tuesday 1st September  
Wednesday 2nd September  
Monday 2nd November  
Monday 4th January  
Friday 28th May



# Climate Action Plan

## Hiltingbury Junior School

### HJS ECO VISION 2025-2026



JOIN THE MOVEMENT FOR A GREENER  
FUTURE.  
TOGETHER, WE CAN MAKE A  
DIFFERENCE

# 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 school needs you! Help us win £1,000 of National Book Tokens for the school library to fill the shelves with new and inspiring books and you have the chance to win yourself £100!

To celebrate the 2026 National Year of Reading, even more prizes are available. Each week until 24th June, a flash winner will be picked to receive a £100 National Book Token for their school, and £25 for themselves!

The more nominations our school receives, the higher the chances of winning – so please spread the word!

Just enter the competition online, it takes less than a minute via the link here:

[https://www.nationalbooktokens.com/schools-prize?  
utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=nbt&utm\\_campaign=20260505-schools&utm\\_content=schools-  
prize](https://www.nationalbooktokens.com/schools-prize?utm_medium=email&utm_source=nbt&utm_campaign=20260505-schools&utm_content=schools-prize)

(scroll down the page to the nominate a school)



## Information & Support

Mental Health Awareness Week is next Monday 11th May – Sunday 17th May.

As part of our ongoing commitment to this, we will be taking part in different activities across the week Whether that is a lesson outdoors, myHappyMind session, story outside or mindful colouring or journaling.

We also have a virtual assembly from our friend, Greig, from the School of Kindness. We are looking forward to a week of mindfulness

Reminder of our A-Z of available support on our school website:  
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[Link to our Support A-Z](#)  
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MyHappyMind support - parent app QR



# Support for young people

## Helplines & textlines

If you feel overwhelmed, or like you want to hurt yourself, you can:

**Text SHOUT to 85258** to contact the [Shout textline](#).

**Call HOPELINE247 on 0800 068 4141** or the **NHS on 111** and select option 2.

**Contact Childline** by using **1-2-1 chat** or calling **0800 1111**.

**Call Samaritans on 116 123** for 24/7 support.

## Online

[Mind's information pages](#) for young people shares more about mental health, where to get support and tips for coping.

[YoungMinds](#) also offer mental health support for young people, parents and carers.

**Read our full list of useful contacts for young people.**

A full list of useful contacts can be found on [Mind's website](#).

# Support for adults

## Mind's helplines

**Support line: 0300 102 1234**  
Monday to Friday, 9am-6pm

**Infoline: 0300 123 3393**  
Email: [info@mind.org.uk](mailto:info@mind.org.uk)  
Monday to Friday, 9am-6pm

**Welfare benefits line: 0300 222 5782**  
Monday to Friday, 9am-5pm

**Legal line: 0300 466 6463**  
Email: [legal@mind.org.uk](mailto:legal@mind.org.uk)  
Monday to Friday, 9am-6pm

## Local Minds

**Local Minds** offer face-to-face services across England and Wales. These services include talking therapies, peer support and advocacy.

## Side by Side

**Side by Side** is our supportive online community for anyone experiencing a mental health problem. The Side by Side community is available 24/7.  
[sidebyside.mind.org.uk](http://sidebyside.mind.org.uk)

# Other useful contacts

## Samaritans

Call 116123  
Email [jo@samaritans.org.uk](mailto:jo@samaritans.org.uk)  
24/7 support

## CALM

Call 0800 58 58 58  
Helpline open 5pm-midnight, 365 days a year. Webchat available on website

## SHOUT

Text SHOUT to 85258  
24/7 confidential text support