



HILTINGBURY HIGHLIGHTS

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HEADTEACHERS MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to everyone who supported our school disco yesterday. It was really a fantastic event and we are delighted that the money raised will go towards developing our school garden, creating an even more exciting outdoor space for all our children to enjoy. A special thank you also goes to our resident DJ, Mr Purewal, who kept the energy high throughout the evening and had all of the children up on the dance floor enjoying themselves. We would also like to thank our wonderful HSPTA for organising the tuck shop which was a huge hit with the children and helped make the evening even more enjoyable. Our recent music concerts and orchestra performances have been a real highlight of the year. The Teachers have all shared that it has been wonderful to see the children performing with such confidence, enthusiasm and talent. Thank you to our families and our young musicians for making these events so memorable.

It was lovely to welcome so many of you to our whole school open event this week. We hope you enjoyed sharing your children's work and celebrating all they have achieved this year. We also hope meeting your child's new teacher has helped make the transition to September more exciting too!

We are all looking forward to next week's Colour Fun event on Wednesday which promises to be a wonderful way to celebrate the end of another fantastic year. We thank our HSPTA for organising this final extravaganza for everyone. A reminder that school will be closing early on Wednesday at 1.15pm.

For the final few days of term next week children are welcome to continue wearing their PE kits to school.

We know many of the children are disappointed that England won't be taking part in the FIFA World Cup Final this weekend, but we hope you all still enjoy a wonderful weekend with family and friends.

Best wishes,
Zoe Loosemore



UPCOMING EVENTS

MONDAY 20JUL - YEAR 6
LEAVERS PARTY 5.30PM

WEDNESDAY 22 JUL -
HSPTA COLOUR FUN RUN

LAST DAY EARLY FINISH
TIME 1.15PM



**Find your family's
summer offer**

The government is cutting VAT from 20% to 5% on family days out from cinema and theatre tickets to attractions, and children's meals out. Less to pay, more summer to enjoy.

25 June - 1 September 2026, right across the UK

The DfE have
launched a
Summer
savings
scheme. Use
the [link here](#) for
more
information



Water Safety Awareness for Parents and Carers

Child drownings increase during hot weather. Recent reports from the last UK heatwave suggest that over a dozen children and young people lost their lives in water-related incidents, highlighting how quickly risks can escalate when temperatures rise and more children are around water. As a professional working with children and families, you are well placed to help share important safety messages and support prevention.

The HSCP Water Safety Toolkit for parents and carers offers simple, practical advice to help families stay safe, including:

- everyday risks at home – including bath time safety and garden hazards
- staying safe outdoors – such as the beach, around rivers and in open water
- practical safety advice – including the Water Safety Code and how to “Float to Live”
- age-specific guidance – for babies, young children, older children and teenagers
- what to do in an emergency – including simple first aid steps and where to find further support.

Small actions – like close supervision, choosing safe places to swim and talking regularly with children – can make a big difference.

As results days approach for young people across the country, we recognise this is a pivotal and often emotional time for both students and their parents or carers. To support our young people in making confident, informed decisions about their next steps, we are pleased to offer a dedicated Exam Results Helpline, providing free, impartial information, careers advice and guidance.

Our helpline is staffed by our team of Level 6 qualified Careers Advisers, who are ready to offer expert support tailored to everyone’s needs.

The Helpline for A-Level, T-Level, BTEC and GCSE Students will be open 9.00am – 3.00pm
Wednesday 12th August and closing end of day Friday 28th August

How to Access Support:

Support will be available via phone: 03707 796122 and email careers.service@hants.gov.uk during these dates. Additional guidance can also be arranged where needed.

Our Advisers can help with:

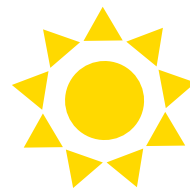
- Understanding exam results and what they mean;
- Exploring further education, training, or employment options;
- Guidance on university, apprenticeships, vocational pathways, and more.

Thank you for your continued support in helping young people and their families navigate this important stage in their education journey.

<https://www.hampshiresendiass.co.uk/workshops/>

Self-care summer toolkit:

Primary



The summer holidays can be a time to relax, recharge and take a break.

However, school staff can find it difficult to switch off during summer, while young people may struggle with the loss of structure and not seeing their friends every day.

It's important that you and your pupils look after your mental wellbeing during the break. The summer can also be a great time to develop good self-care habits, so that when term starts again, you have techniques you can turn to in stressful times.

This toolkit contains activities, teaching materials and guidance to help support and boost mental wellbeing over the summer and beyond.

It is divided into resources to use with pupils and staff.

Resources

Resources for pupils



My self-care plan - Anna Freud

A set of simple activities and a step-by-step guide to help young people create their own self-care plan.

Wellbeing activities: being kind to yourself - British Red Cross

A set of activities from the British Red Cross to help students to be kind to themselves and look after their own wellbeing.

Self-care resources - Anna Freud

A collection of strategies and activities for young people to support them to boost and look after their mental wellbeing.

Dealing with change and transitions toolkit - Anna Freud

Resources to support young people dealing with change and potential transitions at the end of the academic year.

WEEKLY YEAR GROUP HIGHLIGHTS

Year 3

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

Year 4

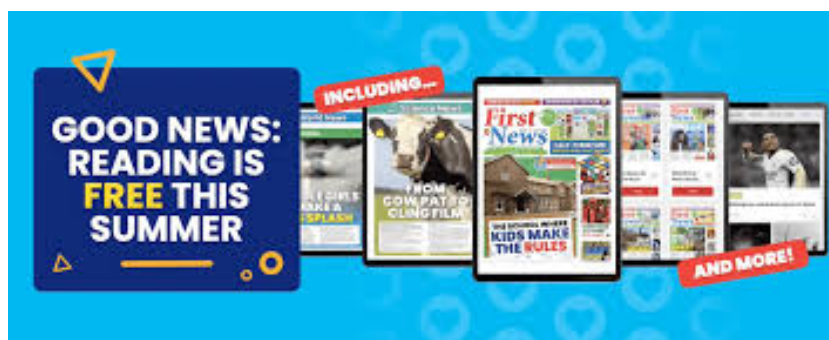
[Link to our Weekly Highlights & Gallery.](#)

Year 5

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Year 6 -

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We are thrilled to offer all Hiltingbury Junior School children a FREE First News digital subscription over the summer, available 9th July to 4th September 2026. It's packed with fun and educational content that will keep minds active and entertained.

What's included in your free summer subscription?
Unlimited access to the First News app until Friday 4 September, which includes:

-  The weekly newspaper and an archive of past issues
-  Weekly news quiz to test knowledge in a fun way
-  Daily news stories to read, listen or watch
-  Polls and interactive content
-  Puzzles and games
-  Discussion points for families

It's fun, educational and completely free – all summer long.

Click here to get started

<https://subscribe.firstnews.co.uk/summer-reading-2026/?fn=A0187F85>





Hampshire Library Summer Reading Challenge

To help maintain and develop your child's reading skills and confidence over the summer holidays, we encourage all children to take part in the popular Summer Reading Challenge at Chandler's Ford Library or any Hampshire library.

Next week, the children will attend a special assembly led by staff from the local library, who will introduce this year's challenge and inspire them to get involved in this exciting summer event.

The Summer Reading Challenge starts on the 11th July until the 12th September. This year's theme is 'Read to the Beat!' The theme inspires children to explore the connection between stories and songs, discovering how reading and music both ignite imagination and creativity.

As part of the challenge, children can:

- Discover fantastic new books
- Collect rewards and achievements along the way
- Build their reading confidence
- Enjoy a fun and rewarding summer activity

For more information, or to sign up, please visit your local Hampshire library or explore the challenge online: Hampshire Libraries – Kids' Zone

We hope the children enjoy reading lots of wonderful books over the holidays. We look forward to celebrating everyone who completes the Summer Reading Challenge when we return to school in September.

Keep reading!

Mrs Thomas