



Hillborough Infant and Nursery School

Newsletter – 16th May 2025

Value of the month – our value of the month is **community**.

Language of the month – Chinese

Dear parents and guardians,

As we move through the summer term, I'd like to thank you for your continued support and involvement in school life. It's wonderful to see our pupils thriving both in and out of the classroom, and we're especially proud of their enthusiasm for recent events and activities. Please remember to check the key date's section below for upcoming events and opportunities to get involved. As always, if you have any questions or would like to share your feedback, don't hesitate to contact us.

ParentMail – is the school's preferred method of communication with all our parents and guardians. We would like you to ensure that you are signed up for this communication method. Documents can easily be translated into a wide range of languages.

Reception Spring Performance – what a wonderful joy it was to welcome so many families into school this week to watch the wonderful performance by our reception children. They have grown from little saplings into wonderful children who are able to demonstrate a wide range of developing skills.

Good weather - With the lovely weather upon us, we want to ensure that all pupils stay safe while enjoying the sunshine. To support this, please make sure your child comes to school with a sun hat, a refillable water bottle, and sunscreen already applied at home, as school staff cannot administer sunscreen. Staying hydrated and protected will help them enjoy outdoor activities comfortably and safely.

Mental Health Week - we marked this week, by focusing on the theme for this year of 'community'. This theme fits perfectly with our school values, as we believe that supporting one another and working together helps everyone to thrive. Throughout the week, children took part in activities designed to strengthen our sense of belonging and encourage open conversations about wellbeing. We know that mental health matters for all of us, and we're committed to supporting every member of our school community.

If you'd like more information, or are looking for ways to support your child's wellbeing at home, the following UK websites offer practical tips and advice for families:

- [YoungMinds](#): Support and resources for children and parents about mental health.
- [Childline](#): Confidential advice and support for children and young people.
- [NHS Every Mind Matters](#): Ideas and guidance for families and young people on looking after their mental health.
- [MindEd for Families](#): Free, trusted advice to help families understand and support children's mental health.

Jumble Sale/Pre-loved items - our school community came together for a fantastic pre-loved jumble sale, organised in connection with Year Two's exciting work on recycling and community action. Thank you to everyone who donated, helped, or came along to support the event. Not only did we give new life to lots of items, but we also raised awareness about the importance of recycling and helping others. The children were delighted to see how their learning could make a real difference in our school and local community!

Sports Day – do look out for a **ParentMail** about when this event will be happening.

Parentsafe – click on the blue for a wide range of advice and support around '[keeping your children safe: online & beyond](#)'.

Book/School bags – school is unable to store the backpacks that some children come to school with. Your child has a tray in their classroom, which comfortably fits a standard book bag into it. School would request that you do **NOT** send in backpacks. School would also request that you **do not attach charms or other items** to book bags as they are very dangerous to some of our children; can pose a choking hazard and potential lead to envy and theft.

Updates from year groups:

- **Nursery & Reception** – produce a wonderful weekly newsletter with all the exciting information about what they are working on and how you can best support your child during the week.
- **Year 1** – has had a wonderful and busy fortnight. With our core subjects we have been focusing on the following: in English, we are reading the imaginative story [Chalk](#). The children have loved this story, which has no words. They will be authors and write their own narrative for the story. We have learnt about plurals and looked at how to use exclamation marks. We took our learning outdoors and used chalk to draw our own images. Science has been very hands-on! We have planted cress seeds and are observing them closely as they grow. This is helping us learn about what plants need to thrive. We've also been learning to identify common trees in the UK and in our local area.

In our foundation subject we have been focusing on the following: in history lessons have been all about [Mary Anning](#), the famous fossil hunter. The children have enjoyed learning about her discoveries and why she is such an important figure in history. With art we've been getting creative in art by making our very own clay vases. The children worked hard to mould and shape their vases, showing fantastic concentration and creativity. We're excited to announce that we'll be painting them soon—watch this space for some colourful masterpieces! In PE, we've been composing routines by exploring the different shapes we can make with our bodies. The children have worked together to create sequences, focusing on balance, teamwork, and expressing themselves through movement.

- **Year 2** – what a wonderful fortnight, full of exciting discoveries and hands-on activities! With some of our core subjects we have been focusing on: in maths, we've been learning all about time! The children have been busy reading clocks, learning to tell the time to the hour and half past. We've even started to explore quarter past and quarter to. You can help at home by asking your child to tell the time using an analogue clock and talking about their daily routines using time words. With science, we learned about the famous scientist Charles Darwin. We discovered how he studied animals and plants and developed his ideas about evolution and natural adaptation. The children enjoyed looking at different animals and thinking about how they are suited to their habitats, just like Darwin did!

In our foundation subjects we have been focusing on the following: our D&T lessons were delicious this week! The children were planning how to safely cut and prepare a variety of fruits to make their own fruit salads. We discussed the importance of healthy eating and had lots of fun designing and we look forward to making our fruity creations next week. In art, we discovered the fascinating work of [Giuseppe Arcimboldo](#), an artist who made portraits using pictures of fruits, vegetables, and flowers. The children created their own imaginative collages in his style, showing fantastic creativity and attention to detail. We were so impressed with their originality!

Ideas for the weekend and beyond - [Events, arts and culture in Luton](#) or [The Culture Trust Luton](#)

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