



# Hillborough Infant and Nursery School

Newsletter – 11<sup>th</sup> July 2025

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

Dear parents and guardians,

Not everyone in school can quite believe that there are seven school days left until the end of term! It really does feel quite non-stop at present with lots of exciting things going on over the coming days.

**End of Year Reports** – my senior leadership team and I very much enjoyed reading all the reports and comments. It was amazing to see how much progress our children have made over the past year and the achievements they have made.

**Term Time Leave** – we would like to remind you that term time leave is only granted in **exceptional circumstances** and **MUST** be agreed by the Headteacher. Any application **MUST** be completed and returned to school, no later than 14 days prior to the request. You will be expected to attend a meeting, in school, to discuss the request before a decision is made. All details can be found by clicking on the following – [Term Time Leave of Absence](#).

**Sports Day** – We were delighted to host our annual Sports Morning this week, and it was wonderful to see so many families join us to cheer on the children. The pupils showed fantastic enthusiasm and teamwork in every activity, and it was heartening to witness such a strong sense of community spirit throughout the morning. Thank you to everyone who attended and supported the event—your encouragement made it a truly memorable occasion for the children!

**Language of the month** - At Hillborough Infant and Nursery School, we are proud to be a community where many languages are spoken and celebrated. Our Language of the Month assemblies help us recognise and value the rich diversity in our school – and give everyone a chance to learn something new!

Each month, we choose a language spoken by many of our pupils and staff. During assembly, we introduce greetings and simple phrases in that language, so all children can join in and practise together. This not only helps us build respect and understanding, but also confidence in communicating with one another.

This month, we celebrated Tamil, one of the most popular languages in our school. Our assembly was made extra special by a visit from a parent in Birch Class, who kindly read a story to the children in Tamil. Hearing a story in a different language was a wonderful experience for everyone and helped bring the language to life.

Hello - Vanakkam  
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Thank you - Nandri  
நன்றி



**Year 2 – end of year production** – at the time of writing this, rehearsals have been most afternoons in readiness for dress rehearsals and performance to parents. We can truly say that the whole year group have amazing voices and are really highlighting their talents and hard work. **Reminder of performances: will be sent out via ParentMail**

### 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** - have had a fantastic two weeks exploring a range of exciting topics across the curriculum! In science, we've been learning all about habitats, discovering where different animals live and what they need to survive. This learning was solidified with our epic trip to the zoo!

In maths, the children have been working hard on counting and recognising numbers from 1 to 100, building their confidence with number patterns and place value.

In English, we read the captivating story of "[Zeraffa Giraffa](#)". After reading the book, we explored the features of discussions and engaged in thought-provoking debates on topics like "Should children have a bedtime?" The highlight was our analysis of whether Zeraffa Giraffa was happy or not, encouraging critical thinking and empathy.

We are so very proud of the enthusiasm and engagement shown by our Year 1 students across all subjects! They will make amazing learners whilst in Year 2 and we wish them continued success.

- **Year 2** - have been particularly busy the last few weeks practising for their production of School 'o' Vision. The voices of angels have been filling the corridors around school as we learn the songs. The children have been amazing at learning their lines and stage cues. Thank you to all that helped to provide costumes. We are certain that it will be a memorable spectacular.

All the practicing has made us long for [Grandad's Island](#), a wonderful book written and illustrated by Benji Davis. The book has been an inspiration to us and we have written some enchanting narratives in English. From journeying to a distant island to our maths journey, which returns to place value and written calculations.

Amelia Earhart fly by our classes, via our history and geography lessons, this week. The children learnt about her solo flight. They will be writing fact files about her life as a result. What an amazing woman and an inspiration to us all.

**Summer Reading Challenge 2025** – is a FREE holiday activity for children. It is all about reading for fun, aiming to improve children's reading skills and confidence. All children aged 4-11 are welcome to take part and simply asked to read 6 books of choice over the school holidays. They will also collect free rewards for their reading along the way.

**Plus, any child who enters can swim for just £1 at any Active Luton pool\* by showing their library card at reception.**

Pop in to your local library or visit [summerreadingchallenge.org.uk](https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk) to sign up.



**Well-being and mental health** - The summer holidays can be a time to relax, recharge and take a break. However, young people may struggle with the loss of structure and not seeing their friends every day. It is important that you 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.

Just as we look after our physical health, it is important to look after our mental health. Self-care is all about what you can do to help yourself feel better or to keep yourself feeling good. It is a way that we can look after our own mental health and wellbeing. It can help your body and mind to relax, drift away, or be more energised.

Attached to this week's newsletter is a self-care plan. It walks primary-aged children through a series of steps, helping them create a simple self-care plan that works for them. It helps children identify activities that they can use to support their mental health.

Some of the suggested self-care activities include:

- music and dance
- mindfulness
- art

The resource were co-written by Anna Freud experts and young people, who shared ideas on self-care strategies that work for them.

**SEND** – Support available for children, young people with special education needs or a disability aged 0-25 years



<https://directory.luton.gov.uk/kb5/luton/directory/localoffer.page>

**Summer in Town** – Is a Luton Initiative with support from the UK Government. On their web page, they are saying that we need to *'Get ready for an unforgettable summer packed with free and fun activities for the whole family, right in the heart of Luton town centre.'* The activities offered range from: yoga, storytelling, summer open-air cinema, circus street show, steel pan workshop, tale shaker Tuesdays, hula hoop street show and so much more. All information can be found on their website or click on blue writing to take you there



**Luton Libraries** – [free weekly activities for the summer](#)

- click on the above blue writing to take you to all events that are taking place in Luton Libraries over the summer holidays.

**Kidz Zone Holiday Club** - [Holiday Club | Kidz Zone Club](#)

- Click on the above to take you to a 10% discount exciting multi activity holiday club for ages 5 to 12

Wishing you a relaxing weekend and let us hope that there is plenty of sunshine.

Hillborough Infant & Nursery School Team