



# Hillborough Infant and Nursery School

Newsletter – 30<sup>th</sup> January 2026

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

Dear parents and guardians,

It is a pleasure to share another update on the vibrant life here at school. As we focus on our value of the month, **aspiration**, we have been incredibly impressed by the children's drive to learn new skills and dream big. From Year 1 embarking on an "incredible learning journey" with subtraction and superheroes to Year 2 researching the pioneering lives of Mae Jemison and Katherine Johnson, our pupils are truly reaching for the stars. We hope you enjoy reading about the fantastic progress our children are making as they challenge themselves across the curriculum.

Please do ensure that your child has the correct coat and footwear for their day, the weather is changing all the time. We would also add that all clothing does need to be labelled in some way or form.

**Supervision of children** – Please ensure your children are not left unsupervised before or after school hours, as this can cause distress and concern for their safety. We appreciate your cooperation in ensuring all children are supervised during these times to maintain a supportive and secure environment.

**After school clubs** - this is a reminder that **ALL our clubs finish at 16:10** and no later! When children are picked up late from their club, they can become quite distressed and worry that their family are not coming to collect them. Please ensure that you do pick up your child at 16:10. We really appreciate your support with this matter.

**Uniform** - Wearing the correct uniform fosters a powerful sense of **community and belonging**, ensuring every student feels like a valued part of our school family. Please refer to the **attached sheet** for full details on our requirements; if you face any hardships or barriers in providing uniform, our **Family Support or Inclusion Support** teams are here to help in total confidence.

**TV shows, games and apps** – we are sending out with this newsletter some updated advice and guidance for parents regarding certificate ratings for some recent shows, games and apps, that children may be accessing and the potential impact on their behaviour and emotional development. We encourage you to review the age ratings and content of these media to ensure they are suitable for children aged 4 to 7. Open discussions about what they watch and play can help them understand the difference between real and make-believe.

## 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** - Over the past fortnight, Year 1 have been on an incredible learning journey! With our core subjects - In maths, the children have been learning the vocabulary associated with subtraction. This has led to them subtracting one, one-digit number for a two-digit number. Our English lessons focused on writing a narrative about "[A Superhero like You](#)", where we explored verbs and connectives like "and" and "because" to make our writing more exciting.

With our foundation subjects - Materials is our topic in Science and we have been learning which materials are man made or natural. They made great posters depicting this.

In History the children were excited to meet Florence Nightingale from the Flo on the Road experience. They made lanterns and learned more about her life by completing a timeline of events.



- **Year 2** – With our core subjects - In English, we have been learning about [Mae Jemison](#). She was the first African- American woman to enter the NASA training program. The children have been researching facts about her and planned to write her biography. You can explore her more, with your child on the NASA link! <https://www.nasa.gov/former-astronaut-mae-c-jemison/> Our journey through maths has been about pupils practising using various written methods for calculation. They applied these techniques to solve both addition and subtraction problems, building their confidence in using formal layouts to work with two-digit numbers. Meanwhile, our knowledge of science is ever growing as we investigate which materials can change and which remain the same. The children identified different substances and explored their characteristics, discussing why certain materials were suitable for specific purposes based on whether they were hard, soft, flexible, or waterproof. Hit the BBC link to find out more! <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zmdrjfr>

In our foundation subjects - Our History lessons focused on the incredible life of [Katherine Johnson](#). The children learnt about her significant contributions to space exploration and how her mathematical genius helped NASA send astronauts to the moon. In Art, the pupils explored the work of the famous Impressionist painter Claude Monet. They studied his use of light and colour and created their own artistic pieces inspired by his signature style.

Wishing you a wonderful weekend.

Hillborough Infant & Nursery School Team