



# Hillborough Infant and Nursery School

Newsletter – 24<sup>th</sup> April 2026

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

**Language of the month** – Turkish

Dear parents and guardians,

Welcome to the first newsletter of the summer term at Hillborough Infant and Nursery School! We hope you all had a restful break and are as excited as we are to dive into the new term. As the days grow longer and the sun shines brighter, we are thrilled to embrace the good weather and the opportunities it brings for outdoor learning and activities.

This term promises to be full of engaging events, from sports day to exciting outdoor learning opportunities, all designed to enrich our pupils' learning experiences. Let us make the most of this wonderful season together!

**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.

**Water bottles** – Last year all our children were given a wonderful, safe material, water bottle and we would hope that all our families and children are successfully using it. For health and safety purposes and due to storage space – we cannot have large excessive sized water bottles, or bottles made of glass or metal. Please use the gifted water bottle, which is environmentally friendly and particularly safe for young children. If you require a new one, they can be purchased from the main office. With increasing warmer weather, **please ensure that you child has their school water bottle with them**.

**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.

**SEND** – The school is supporting the local authority in signposting families to complete the following survey and shape the future for children and families (the link is at the end): For parent carers of children and young people with SEND (0–25) who live in or access services in Luton. It may take around 15–20 minutes to complete. [EPIC Annual Survey 2025/ 2026](#)

**Stay and Play: Fun for Little Ones** - We warmly invite you to come, join our '**stay and play**' sessions on **Friday mornings from 9am until 10am** in the school hall. Children under 3 years old are welcome with their parents/guardians and do bring along your friends and their children.

**Child accident prevention trust & child safety week** – is for every day, however the national week for this is the first week in June. We would signpost you to '[child accident prevention trust](#)' website, which has a wealth of resources and information about keeping children safe, in and out of the home. We would especially signpost you to the importance of children and babies being in the appropriate car seat or booster seat

**Exercise for children** - research indicates that inactive children are likely to become inactive adults, putting young people at risk of developing conditions as they grow up and become adults. This is why it is

important to encourage exercise and keeping fit from a young age. We would like to signpost you to links that may support increased activity outside of school: [GOSH – exercise for children and young adults](#), [Change4Life](#) and the [NHS Live Well](#) website.

**Cost of living support** – we know that times are challenging with regard to the cost of living and other factors. We have attached a document that might signpost you to local agencies that might be able to support you. We are also signposting you to some websites that might support you to compare prices – click on the blue words to take you to the websites. Comparing grocery prices at [trolley.co.uk](#); ‘superizon’ which can be found on Google Play or Apple’s App Store – again a supermarket comparison site and finally a website for bargains in food, fashion, books, home and other areas – [LatestDeals.co.uk](#) We would like to point out that school is not endorsing any of the sites and is just signposting you to possible sites that might be able to support you and your family.

#### **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** – Welcome to the start of another busy term. Throughout this fortnight, the children have been working extremely hard with their learning. In English, we have been helping Little Red from the story ‘[The Last Wolf](#)’ and have written an explanation text about ‘[How beans grow](#)’. This links with our science topic for this half term, which is ‘plants’. In maths, we have been learning about repeated addition e.g.  $2 + 2 + 2 + 2$  and how this links to multiplication. We have learnt about arrays as part of this.

[Mary Anning](#), the fossil hunter is the focus of our history topic. The children already know so much about her and Palaeontology. They have started to learn how to join our writing focusing on the ‘hill join’ which is the most common join. In art, we are looking at the work of Vincent Van Gogh and will be creating a piece of artwork based on this. In computing, the children are learning about the functions of a keyboard. We have learnt what the space bar and enter keys do and how to turn a letter into an uppercase letter.

Year 1 enjoyed a visit to St Margaret’s Church this week. They learnt about the features of a church and listened to a bible story about showing love to our neighbours. Thank you to everyone that offered to attend the trip.

- **Year 2** - Welcome to summer term and we all have been working hard over the past fortnight. In English, we have focused on a book called "[Four Feet, Two Sandals](#)". This story is about two girls in a refugee camp who find one pair of shoes and decide to share them. It teaches us about kindness, friendship, and sharing what we have. The children felt so moved by the story that they wrote persuasive letters to you. They are asking for donations of good quality old clothes to help people. They used their best writing to try to convince you to help! With the rest of our core subjects: In Maths, we have been dividing with remainders and looking at ‘Fact Families’, for example, if we know  $2 \times 5 = 10$ , then we also know  $5 \times 2 = 10$  and we understand that 10 divide by 2 is 5 we also know that 10 divided by 5 will be 2. In science, we are looking at living things and their habitats. We are learning where animals live and why they like their homes (like a pond or a forest).

With our foundation subjects, we are combining history and geography this half-term to learn about famous explorers. Our first explorer is [Ibn Battuta](#). He lived a long time ago and spent 30 years travelling all over the world! He visited more than 40 countries, which is more than almost any other explorer from the past has. In DT, we are learning about healthy food. We are talking about which foods are good for our bodies to keep us strong. With computing, we are starting to learn about [animation](#). Well done, Year 2! Keep up the great work!

Wishing you a peaceful weekend and let us hope the sunshine continues.

Hillborough Infant & Nursery School Team