



Hillborough Infant and Nursery School

Newsletter – 12th June 2026

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

Dear parents and guardians,

As we move towards the weekend and already into two weeks of this term, I want to take a moment to celebrate our school value of **aspiration**. Over the past two weeks, we have seen our pupils showing real determination and enthusiasm, whether it is through their learning in the classroom, their creativity in art projects, or their participation in sports and extra-curricular activities. Aspiration is about believing in ourselves, setting goals, and striving to achieve them – and it is wonderful to see this value shining through in so many aspects of school life. Thank you for encouraging your children to aim high and supporting them every step of the way.

Lunch Ordering via Swift Kitchen app – we have noticed an increasing number of families not ordering lunch for their children. This is very distressing for the child and leads to tears, feelings of not being cared for and other emotions. You will have been sent out your information sheet, login details etc. and you **MUST** signed up. You can order a week in advance or for the whole term. This is a lovely opportunity to sit with your child, choose together and talk about healthy eating.

Contacting school - we are always here to support you and your child. To help us respond quickly and effectively, please use the right channels when getting in touch. For general enquiries or to report absences, please call the school office or email the admin team. For matters relating to your child's learning, please contact their class teacher via Class Dojo, in person - during drop off, pick up, or use the school email. Using the appropriate contact method helps us make sure your message reaches the right person as soon as possible. Thank you for working with us to keep communication clear and efficient.

World Cup 2026 at HI&NS – This week the school launched their own tournament, which is running across the whole school and is being led by our Outdoor learning & PE co-ordinator – Miss Bianchi. You will have received, via ParentMail, information of how, you and your family can also be part of this wonderful event.

Birthday treats/gifts - A gentle reminder that we do not allow birthday sweets, cakes or gifts to be brought into school. This is to keep all children safe from allergies, ensure no family feels under pressure to provide treats, and to make sure every child is treated equally. Thank you for your understanding and support with this policy.

Class photos – Were taken on the 8th June 2026 and they will come out to you, as soon as we receive them into school and/or the relevant links will be sent out via ParentMail

Sports Day - is fast approaching, and we are looking forward to a fun and active event for all our pupils. Please keep an eye out for a ParentMail with all the dates and times—more details will be shared very soon. We hope you will be able to join us and cheer on the children!

Fruit Trees and vines – We would like to remind you that all fruit trees and vines belong to the Junior School. We would also advise you **NOT** to pick and eat any fruit as it may cause stomach upset. We want to ensure that everyone is kept safe.

Flying Start - Give your child a Flying Start in life. [Flying Start](#) is a wonderful organisation that supports parents and families in Luton from pregnancy to the early years. Together, we build strong foundations for

your child's future through play, learning and care during the vital first 1001 days. Click on the link and it will take you to their home page.

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** - We have had so much fun in English over the last two weeks diving into our book, "[Meerkat Mail](#)"! The children have been working super hard to write letters from Sunny the Meerkat's family, trying to persuade him to come back home. We started by getting to know the story, pretending to be Sunny, and writing our own postcards. Then, we looked at what it means to persuade someone and played a fun dice game to practice using question marks. Finally, the children put everything they learned together to plan, write, and check their own letters, even teaming up with a partner to help improve their writing. We have also been practicing our 'wh' and 'ea' spelling words like *which*, *where*, *dream*, and *meat*. We are so proud of how hard everyone worked—see if they try out any of their new persuasion skills on you at home this weekend!

We have had so much fun in geography over the last two weeks starting our brand new topic on continents and oceans! We began by exploring our very own home continent, Europe, and the children rose to a wonderful challenge of making tourist leaflets packed with facts, drawings, and cool landmarks to encourage people to visit. This week, we travelled all the way across the world to South America! We looked at all kinds of amazing places, from hot deserts to snowy mountains, and learned how people celebrate at the Rio Carnival. The children then teamed up in groups to make some beautiful, colourful artwork using tissue paper, fabric, and feathers to show different scenes like the Amazon rainforest and Machu Picchu. We've also loved singing our continents song to help us remember them all—see if your little explorer can sing it for you or point out Europe and South America on a map at home!

- **Year 2** - Hello everyone, and welcome back to our final half term of the year! We cannot quite believe we are in the final weeks of Year 2, but we have had a fantastic fortnight. The children have come back full of energy and are eager to learn.

We have officially cast our end-of-year production! All the children are busy learning their lines, no matter how big or small their part is. We are so proud of how enthusiastic they are. Please help them practice their lines at home if they have them! On top of that, we are all incredibly excited about the upcoming Hillborough World Cup, which has definitely added to the buzz around school.

With our core subjects: In English, we have been reading the brilliant book '[The Rainbow Bear](#)'. Inspired by the story, the children got creative and chose their very own arctic animal and have written their own stories. We tied this beautifully into our science work on rainforest habitats. The children pretended to be intrepid explorers discovering the jungle, and designed another imaginary animal suited to that environment. We have also been working hard in maths on multiplication and division using arrays, this week, we focused heavily on equality.

With our foundation subjects: In geography, we went on a virtual trip across the globe, comparing life in the UK with the stunning Galapagos Islands, looking at how different the landscapes and weather are. Meanwhile, in art, we have been looking at stunning patterns inspired by African cultures. The children have loved looking at the bold shapes and bright colours, and they have been busy creating some amazing patterns of their own.

Something for the weekend – [Culture Trust Luton](#) has a 'what's on' page with ideas for the weekend and beyond. Luton Borough Council has an events, arts and culture page, that you may find other ideas.

We hope that you have a lovely weekend.

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