



Hillborough Infant and Nursery School

Newsletter – 26th June 2026

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

Dear parents and guardians,

As we move swiftly towards the end of the school year, it is incredible to reflect on how fast the weeks have flown by. With only three weeks left until the end of term, our school remains filled with immense energy and dedication.

This month, our focus turns to our core value of aspiration. We encourage all our pupils to set high goals, dream big, and realize their full potential. It is heart-warming to see our children demonstrating this value every day by putting maximum effort into their learning and showing great determination to succeed. We will continue to deliver a full and rich curriculum until the very last days of this term to ensure every child reaches as high as they can.

Hot Weather – please ensure that your child/children have plenty of water to stay hydrated and any other necessary precautions are taken. Sunscreen/sunblock– must be applied at home, as school are unable to support with this. The [NHS link](#) has some good advice about dealing with hot weather.

Award: Primary Science Quality Mark (PSQM) - We are thrilled to announce that our school has successfully achieved the prestigious PSQM! This national award recognises our ongoing commitment to excellence in science teaching, learning, and leadership. A huge congratulations and thank you goes to Mrs Shaheen, who has led this initiative across the entire school, ensuring our pupils continue to receive an inspiring and high-quality science curriculum.

Hello and welcome – Due to recent unexpected weather conditions, we have had to reschedule our admissions evening for the families of children starting in Reception this September. We are incredibly eager to connect with you and cannot wait to meet in the upcoming week to ensure a smooth and happy transition for your child as they begin school. It is wonderful to know that our school community continues to welcome families with rich heritages from all parts of the globe.

Sports Day – is this upcoming week and do check your ParentMail for all details and information

Transition day – On the **3rd July**, your child will have an opportunity to visit their new class and teacher for the morning. You will also be made aware, via ParentMail, of their new class and teacher.

End of year reports - We are pleased to let you know that end of year reports for all pupils will be sent out, via ParentMail on **Friday, 3rd July**. The reports provide an overview of your child's progress and achievements throughout the year. If you would like to discuss any aspect of your child's report, we are holding a drop-in session after school on **Monday, 6th July**. Members of staff will be available to answer any questions that you may have.

Year 2 Performance – our end of year and end of school performance is coming soon and do check your ParentMail for all details and information.

Summer Fayre – is being held during the final week of term and it is a very exciting time for all the children. We have so much planned for them and so many people coming to entertain the children. The theme is summertime and with a beach feel.

Staffing Update - As we approach the end of the school year, some of our team are moving to new schools and with exciting new career opportunities. We thank them for their hard work and dedication to our school community and wish them all the best for the future. We are also excited to welcome new staff members who will be joining us in September, bringing fresh ideas and enthusiasm to our team. We look forward to introducing them to you and your children in the new term.

Upcoming Whipsnade Zoo Trips – these will be a wonderful days for all our children and they will gain so much from this experience. There is a map below, so that you can talk to your child about an exciting day at the zoo! Do monitor your ParentMail for all the latest information linked to this event. We want to give, in advance a big thank you to all our volunteers who have offered to give up their time to support the day. Finally, a whole school event like this takes a vast amount of coordination and we would like to thank Mrs Barber for leading on such a big project. We are aware that all our school staff support such events.



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](#).

Celebration Assembly – Our '**Stars of the Week**' continue to grow each week. If your child has achieved something outside of school, they can bring in their certificate, badge, trophy or medal to show everyone during this assembly.

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 – With our core subjects - In English, we have been reading ["The Ugly Five" by Julia Donaldson](#), and have thoroughly enjoyed exploring the wonderful world of African animals. They focused on using descriptive adjectives to bring the characters to life and worked hard to write their own highly detailed fact files about the spotted hyena. In maths, we have been learning all about capacity through hands-on activities, comparing different containers and exploring which held more or less fluid. In maths, we have been learning about capacity. The children enjoyed many hands-on activities, comparing different containers and exploring which held more or less. We also continued our number bonds to 20, helping to build strong number sense and confidence with numbers.

In our other subjects - In geography, we have been learning about continents and oceans. The children used maps and globes to find where we live in the world and memorised the names of the seven continents and five oceans—be sure to ask your child if they can sing our continents and oceans song to you! A major highlight in D&T was making fruit kebabs, where the children practiced their fine cutting skills and learned about healthy eating choices while proudly making colourful fruit combinations. In science, we have been tracking the four seasons, focusing heavily on summer and how the weather transitions throughout the year. The children have loved completing their own weather charts on a daily basis, and it has been great to have such a sunny weather report to log this week!

- **Year 2** – With our core subjects - It has been an incredibly busy and exciting two weeks in Year 2. In English, inspired by the book [Shark Lady](#), the children expertly utilised Chromebooks to research and write fantastic, fact-filled reports on their chosen sharks. In maths, they have mastered complex geometry by classifying, sorting, and exploring the properties of various 2-D and 3-D shapes.

In our other subjects - Our creative side shone incredibly brightly in art, where the children explored African art, experimented with impressed printing and monoprints, and used their gorgeous designs to decorate stylish summer caps to wear outside in the sun. Meanwhile, in computing, they have become digital authors using 'Book Creator' to write biographies about famous explorers. In RE, the children reflected deeply on "The Gift of Creation" and what it means to be responsible, proactive stewards of the Earth. Of course, the biggest excitement of all has been our daily rehearsals for Hillborough's Got Talent—our upcoming end-of-

year production. The children are working incredibly hard on this performance, and we cannot wait to showcase their amazing musical and theatrical skills to you soon!



Local Events – we would signpost you to the following links for any local events listings – [The Culture Trust Luton](#) and [Experience Bedfordshire](#).

Summer in Town - There are some exciting free and fun activities planned for all the family, taking place in the town centre, over the summer. More information can be found at [Summer in Town](#)

Wishing you all a lovely weekend

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