



## Hillborough Infant and Nursery School

Newsletter – 10<sup>th</sup> July 2026

**Value of the month** – our value of the month is **aspiration**. We would recommend **happiness** for the summer holidays

Dear parents and guardians,

It is hard to believe that we now have just five school days left until the end of term! School is certainly full of energy now, with so many exciting events, celebrations and special moments planned for the days ahead. As always, it is wonderful to see the children making the most of every opportunity as we bring another busy and memorable school year to a close.

**Keeping safe in the current heatwave** – we have added two websites that may contain supportive tips around how to keep your children safe current this period of hot weather. Just click on the following links to take you there – [Gov.uk – beat the heat](#) and [Save the Children – heatwave tips](#)

**Reminder** - our final day of term is **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July**. We have so many exciting things planned for the children during the last week, and it is important that all pupils attend right up to the last day, as these sessions will include special lessons and reflections on the year. Thank you for ensuring your child's good attendance.

**Carousel Day** – a whole school day of fun is planned for all the children and across the whole day. On Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> July will be experiencing the following fun: A Dance Workshop, Cake Decorating, Craft Station and so much more!

**End of Year Reports** – End of year reports were sent home on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July, and my senior leadership team and I very much enjoyed reading the children's reports and teacher comments. It was wonderful to reflect on just how much progress the children have made over the past year, both in their learning and in their confidence, independence and friendships. We hope you enjoyed sharing these reports with your children and taking time to celebrate their many achievements. Thank you, as always, for the support you give at home, which makes such a difference to each child's journey.

**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** – What a truly joyful morning we had for our annual Sports Morning on 1<sup>st</sup> July! The playground was full of smiles, cheers and wonderful determination as the children took part in each activity with such enthusiasm and team spirit. It was a real pleasure to see them encouraging one another, celebrating every effort and showing great resilience throughout the morning. A huge thank you to all the families who joined us and helped create such a special atmosphere — your cheers, claps and encouragement made the event sparkle and gave the children memories to treasure.

**Language of the Month** – At Hillborough Infant and Nursery School, we are incredibly proud of the rich mix of languages, cultures and experiences within our school community. Our Language of the Month assemblies are a wonderful opportunity to celebrate this diversity, learn from one another and help every child feel proud of the languages spoken in their homes and families. It is always a joy to see the children listening with curiosity, sharing their knowledge and discovering something new together.

**Year 2** – We were so very proud of our year two children who completed three performances to parents with their end of year production 'School-O-Vision'. They sang, spoke and performed with such confidence and enthusiasm, and it was wonderful to see their personalities shine on stage. The production was a real celebration of how much they have grown during their time with us, and there were many proud smiles from families and staff alike. A huge

thank you must go to the Year 2 team for all their hard work in preparing the children, and to parents and guardians for supporting with costumes, practising lines and cheering the children on so warmly.

#### 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 and with a dress rehearsal to the whole school and then performances to parents. The voices of angels have been filling the corridors around school. The children have been amazing at learning their lines and stage cues. We are certain that it was a memorable spectacular, for all those who attended.

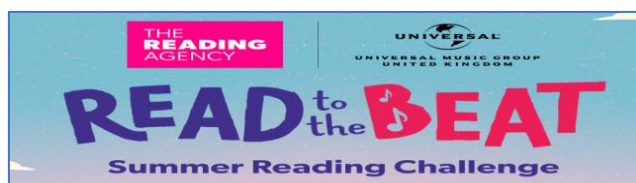
All the practicing has made us long for [Grandad's Island](#), a wonderful book written and illustrated by Benji Davis. The book has been an inspiration to us and we have written some enchanting narratives in English. From journeying to a distant island to our maths journey, which returns to place value 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 2026** – 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](http://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.

Wishing you a relaxing weekend and keep safe in the sun.

Hillborough Infant & Nursery School Team