



Hillborough Infant and Nursery School

Newsletter – 16th October 2026

Value of the term – our value of the half term is **community**

Dear parents and guardians,

As we move towards the end of what has been a busy and productive half term, I want to take a moment to thank our entire school community for your continued support and dedication. Our children have worked incredibly hard, and it has been wonderful to see their progress and enthusiasm for learning. A huge thank you to all our staff for their commitment and energy, and to our families for your partnership in supporting your children's education. We hope everyone enjoys a well-deserved break, **which is from the 26th October to the 2nd of November 2026**. School will reopen on **Tuesday 3rd November 2026 at 08:50**, and we look forward to welcoming everyone back refreshed and ready for the second half of term.

We would like to thank you again for ensuring your children get enough sleep. I am sure 10 hours can sometimes feel like a great challenge, but I cannot emphasise enough the impact sleep has upon your child's learning. If you need any further support, please click on [The Sleep Charity](#) link.

Finally, as we move further into autumn, please send your child to school with a raincoat. Physical Health is a crucial part of our curriculum, and it is important for your children's learning for them to be outside and moving every day despite the weather. We also ask they come to school wearing appropriate footwear for the day, so they can move at ease.

School uniform - please ensure that your children are wearing the correct uniform and suitable footwear. Hair accessories should be kept to a minimum and in the school colours. If you are unsure, do check out our website - <https://www.hillboroughinfants.co.uk/uniform/>

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](#).

Official Unveiling – We were delighted to officially unveil our magnificent new Key Stage 1 play equipment, centred on a giant climbing frame ship named HMS Ward alongside fantastic new outdoor apparatus. This special vessel was named in honour of our former Chair of Governors, celebrating his outstanding dedication and lasting legacy within our school community. To mark the occasion, we were privileged to welcome a host of distinguished guests for the official ribbon-cutting ceremony. Our honoured visitors included the Lord Lieutenant for Bedfordshire, Rachel Hopkins (MP for Luton South), the Deputy Mayor of Luton, and the wife of our former Chair of Governors. Having his wife present to help unveil the ship made the celebration extraordinarily poignant and memorable for everyone involved. The children are already having an absolute blast setting sail on imaginary voyages and exploring their wonderful new play space!



Space Week – Equally inspiring this fortnight was our spectacular space helmet competition, which saw our hall transformed into a brilliant galaxy of pupil creativity. We were overwhelmed by the incredible turnout, receiving scores of ingenious helmet designs crafted from all kinds of colourful and recycled materials. It turned out to be a wonderful family undertaking, with parents, carers, and children collaborating brilliantly at home to bring these

stellar ideas to life. The remarkable effort on display truly reflects the vibrant enthusiasm for discovery and hands-on learning that fills our school every single day. This project links wonderfully with our formal science accreditation and award, celebrating the exceptional high-quality science learning taking place across all year groups. A huge thank you to all our families for supporting this competition so enthusiastically and helping us showcase our award-winning science curriculum!



Luton Food Bank / Harvest Festival week – we have received wonderful contributions towards this and thank you to everyone who has supported this. We have celebrated this event in a variety of ways and our School Council have been very supportive in so many different ways and will ensure all the items donated will safely arrive at Luton Food Bank. Here is a link to their website - <https://lutonfoodbank.org.uk/>. If you are struggling, you can contact them directly or do contact our Family Support Worker who can also support you and signpost you to other agencies that can provide support. We are aware that **The Stockwood Park Academy school** run a food bank on Saturday mornings – there are no questions asked and you just need to live in the local area.

Safeguarding – Keeping your children safe: online and beyond. Do click on the following blue writing link that will take you to a wonderful site that is dedicated to offer guidance and support for parents whilst their children are using the internet and devices. [ParentSafe](#) by LGfL

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 One & Year Two** – want to share all their exciting learning experiences and do see the infographic.

Family Support – again we will highlight how much sleep all of us need, whether you are child, parent or grandparent. Sleep is so vital for all of us and really helps all to function well, learn more, solve problems and be less reactive to small niggles. There is plenty of advice on the following link -

<https://thesleepcharity.org.uk/information-support/children/>

Anger management in Children – The NSPCC have a wonderful page around anger management and how best to support this area. Just click on the blue writing and it will take you to the website page.

What's on in Luton this October 2026 – please find below a link to The Culture Trust Luton, which provide a lot of free entertainment and activities for children and adults - <https://www.culturetrust.com/>

Wishing you a lovely weekend

Hillborough Infant & Nursery School Team

