



Hillbourne Primary School



Newsletter – 22nd May 2025

As we approach the end of this half term, I would like to take a moment to reflect on the incredible hard work and dedication shown by our pupils. Their commitment to learning and growth has been truly inspiring.

This half term has been filled with rich learning experiences that have brought joy and excitement to our school community. Our Reception class had the wonderful opportunity to observe and care for chicks, which provided a hands-on learning experience about life cycles and responsibility. Year 3 enjoyed an educational trip to Corfe Castle, where they explored history and engaged in activities that brought their studies to life.

I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to all the visitors who have enriched our curriculum and to our dedicated staff for their unwavering support and enthusiasm. Also, I am sure you would all join me in thanking the Heart of Hillbourne PTA for funding the chicks in Reception and organising their very original smarties challenge, which will allow them to continue to support all of our pupils.

As we head into the half term break, I wish you all a restful and enjoyable time with your families. Let's hope for some lovely weather so we can all make the most of this well-deserved break

Teak

Year 2 had a little visitor to help them with their literacy and science work! His name is Leonardo. We planned and wrote fact files about Tortoises. We found out about their natural habitats, diet and their food chains! Leonardo loves cucumber and red pepper as a treat!



SATS – Year 6

The Year 6 pupils have worked extremely hard in the run up to SATs and sitting them last week. The pupils sat a maths, reading, spelling, grammar and punctuation test. The SATs tests do not assess what makes each of the Year 6 pupils unique and special. They do not know that some of the pupils speak two languages or that they love to sing and dance. They do not know that the pupils are the most caring individuals and are always there for their friends. They do not know that the pupils are kind, trustworthy and thoughtful. The results from the tests are due on the 8th July. They will tell us something, but not everything about our Year 6 cohort. We are very proud!

' Educating the mind without educating the heart is no education at all.' *Aristotle*

Redwood

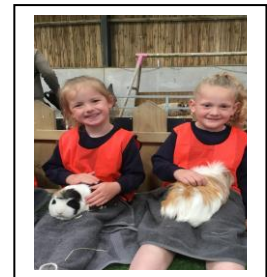


Chicks:

Redwood were incredibly lucky to experience hatching chicks from their eggs. The incubator arrived and we could already see the chicks were pipping their way out - they must have been very excited to meet us! Soon the eggs had hatched and we had 4 girls and 5 boys running around in their new blue home under a heat lamp to keep them warm. The children loved holding them and watching them run around in their paddling pool, we were so proud of how gentle and caring Redwood were with them. We worked together to keep them clean, watered and fed and watched them grow bigger each day - they even had feathers by the time they left us. We loved learning all about the life cycle of a chicken - thank you Heart of Hillbourne!

Farmer Palmers:

Wow Redwood, what a wonderful day out we had! Last week we went to Farmer Palmers to learn all about the animals we might find on a farm and what their life cycles looked like. Children described what they could see, hear and feel around them and took part in some lovely activities. We started our day in 'The Big Barn' where we held guinea pigs and hand fed the lambs, sheep, baby kids and goats. This was shortly followed by our bumpy tractor trailer ride where children told their friends all about the other animals they could see. Redwood were so excited to watch the goat racing - most of us backed 'Blue Bouncing Bandit' to represent our Hillbourne uniform, unfortunately for us he took his time down the track and came last! Our final activity was watching the cow milking, we were all very excited to learn how milk makes it way from the cow, to our supermarkets and then into our fridges. Well done Redwood for being such great representatives of Hillbourne - you were safe, respectful and definitely ready for our fun day of learning!



VE Day – Red, White and Blue

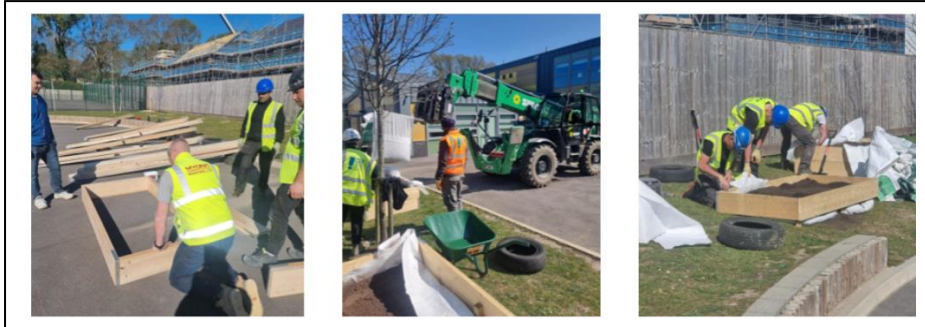
We marked the 80th anniversary of VE Day with a joyful celebration. As children arrived at school, they were welcomed with wartime music to set the scene. Each class held an assembly to learn about the significance of Victory in Europe Day and reflect on its historical importance. To add to the spirit, everyone came dressed in red, white, and blue, creating a vibrant and patriotic atmosphere across the school. It was a meaningful day of remembrance and learning for all.





Wates

We were delighted to welcome Katherine from Wates back this half term to lead a whole-school assembly. She shared information about their work as a building company and gave us an update on the progress of their build next to school. We're also incredibly grateful to Wates for their generous support—they've built a allotment beds for each class to use, which will give them the opportunity to grow flowers and vegetables as part of our outdoor learning. The children can't wait to get started!



Pirate Day – Whitebeam and Teak



Whitebeam and Teak have been studying Pirates and Smugglers for their History topic this half term. We had a visit from The Poole Museum - Museum on the Move.



The children loved role-playing and learning all about Harry Paye!

We looked at plenty of artefacts and the reasons behind why we know that Harry Paye was a real pirate from Poole!

Uniform

The deadline for ordering uniform (free delivery to school before end of term) is Friday, 4th July. Orders received after this date will need to be delivered to your home address with a package and postage charge. THE DEADLINE FOR SEPTEMBER IS 31ST JULY 2025 [Mapac - Schoolwear, Workwear, Sportswear, Promotional Products or Art Supplies. Quality, innovation and value since 1955](#)

A big thank you from the Heart of Hillbourne PTA!



We are truly grateful to all the children and parents who supported our 2025 Smarties Challenge - your generosity was incredible. We would also like to say a huge congratulations to *Teak* and *Thistle*, winners of the class prize! Due to today's busy schedule their treat will be delivered on the first day back after the holidays. Well done to everyone who took part in the Challenge!

Stay and Play

Our next stay and play is Friday, 6th June. This is for parents or grandparents with preschool aged children. Come along and have a coffee/tea and a chat.

Parent Parking

Please can we remind parents not to park on the yellow lines outside of school as this is causing an obstruction and preventing some vehicles from gaining access. We would also ask that our car park gates are not obstructed as this could prevent any emergency access that is required.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Safeguarding/Child Protection

Hillbourne Primary School is committed to the safeguarding and welfare of children and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.

If you have any concerns, please contact the following people through the school office:
The designated child protection lead is Mrs Laura Bennett, Headteacher. The deputy designated child protection/safeguarding officers are:, Mrs Natasha Guargualini, Deputy Headteacher and Mrs Helen Davis, Operations Manager. Tel: 01202 692604

Email: office@hillbourne.poole.sch.uk

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IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday, 23rd May
Monday, 26th May – Friday, 30th May
Monday, 2nd June
Wednesday, 4th June
Friday, 6th, 13th, 20th & 27th June
Wednesday, 11th June
Thursday, 12th June
Monday, 16th June
Friday, 20th June
Monday, 23rd, 30th June, 7th & 14th July

Friday, 27th June
Monday, 1st July
Friday, 11th July
Thursday, 17th July
Friday, 18th July

Tuesday, 22nd July

Inset Day
Half Term Holiday
School opens 8.30 Summer Term 2
Reception to Year 2 Wates Site Visits
Ice Cream Friday – Heart of Hillbourne
HofH Father's Day Event – details to follow
5pm New Reception 2025 Parent Meeting
Willow Beach Trip
Bournemouth Uni Visit – Invitation only
Forest Schools – Sycamore – letter to follow
Year 6 Transfer Day (BCP Schools)
Fig ATC trip
HofH Disco – details to follow
Year 6 Performance – letter to follow
Year 6 Break the Rules Day – Heart of Hillbourne – letter to follow
Year 6 Leavers Assembly – Letter to follow
Last Day of Summer Term Finish 3.15pm

Wednesday, 23rd July – Tuesday, 2nd September Summer Holidays

2025-2026 Academic Year

Wednesday, 3rd September
Thursday, 4th September
Friday, 5th September

Monday, 27th -31st October
Monday, 3rd November
Monday, 22nd December – Friday, 2nd January
Monday, 5th January 2026
Monday, 16th- 20th February
Monday, 30th March – 10th April
Monday, 25th – 29th May
Monday, 1st June
Thursday, 23rd July

Inset Day
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Return to School 8.30 am 2025 Autumn Term

Autumn Half Term
Inset Day
Christmas Holiday
Inset Day
Half Term
Easter Holiday
Half Term
Inset Day
End of Summer Term – 3.15 pm finish