



# Hillbourne Primary School



## Newsletter – 18<sup>th</sup> July 2025

As we wrap up another successful term at Hillbourne Primary School, we celebrate our pupils' achievements and the unwavering support from families and staff.

A major highlight was our 'Outstanding' Ofsted inspection in February, reflecting the dedication of our school community. We are also proud of our Key Stage 2 results, which met or exceeded national standards. Well done Year 6!

Our "Your Time" initiative saw 100% pupil participation in extra-curricular clubs, including STEM, gardening, and mindfulness, ensuring inclusive opportunities for all, including PP and SEN pupils.

In September, we'll launch the VIP initiative, where pupils who consistently demonstrate our core values, Being Ready, Respectful, and Safe, will be recognised with a red hoody.

Every pupil also visited Broadstone Library, encouraging a love of reading by borrowing books for the summer. We were honoured to host the Mayor of Poole and our local MP and look forward to the School Council's visit to Parliament next term.

Thank you to all parents and carers for your continued support, your partnership is key to our pupils' success.

### **Corfe Castle visit**

Year 3 had a fantastic day exploring the historic ruins of Corfe Castle! The children spent the day walking around the site, discovering shot holes in the stone walls, and imagining what life was like in the past. They learned about William the Conqueror, discussed who lived in the castle, and what daily life might have looked like. A highlight was seeing the steam train pass by, adding to the atmosphere of the day. Most importantly, we explored the story of the Parliamentarians and Royalists, and how their conflict shaped the castle's dramatic appearance today. It was a fun and educational experience for all!



### **Year 3 Visit to The Etches Collection**



Year 3 had a brilliant time visiting The Etches Collection Museum. The children were given a guided tour of the museum, where they saw an incredible range of fossils and learned all about them from Nick, our expert guide. He taught us about how fossils are formed and the different types of soils they're found in. The highlight for many was getting to hold real fossils in our hands—it was a truly hands-on learning experience that brought our science topic to life!

## **Year 5 Trip to the Ancient Technology Centre**

Fig Class had an unforgettable and educational day at the Ancient Technology Centre, diving into the world of Anglo-Saxon life. The children trained as warriors, tried their hand at weaving and construction, and watched a fascinating fire demonstration over lunch. We're incredibly proud of how much the class learned and how brilliantly they represented our school.



## **Redwood – Pizza Party**

Redwood worked so hard to fill their gem jar up ready for their 'Pizza Party Day', the children finally filled it up and put their pizza orders in ready for the following week. Children were rewarded gems for following our school values of 'Be Ready, Be Respectful and Be Safe'. We had the best day making pizza faces, prepping and topping their own pizzas, making pizza party hats but most importantly eating the pizzas they'd made with Italian music playing!



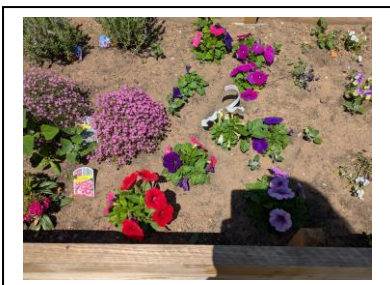
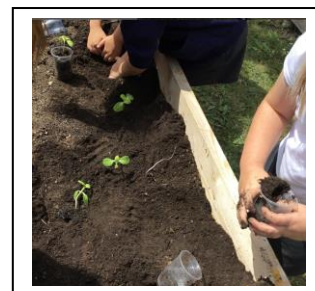
Well done Redwood.



## **Whitebeam – Green Fingers**

Whitebeam class had a fantastic time planting a beautiful selection of flowers and vegetables in our brand-new class planters! The students have shown great enthusiasm and dedication to this project, and we are thrilled to report that the plants have made excellent progress this term already!

The sunflowers, in particular, are thriving and adding a splash of vibrant colour to our school grounds. We encourage everyone to take a moment to admire these beautiful blooms the next time you walk past. The children have worked hard to ensure each plant is well-cared for, and their efforts are truly paying off.



## **Allotments**



A big thank you to Wates who sent volunteers to help us varnish our new allotment beds which they kindly built for us too! The children had great time and they look wonderful.

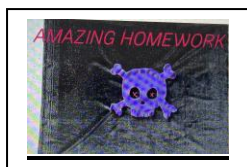
## **Willow - Sandbanks**

Year 1 had a fantastic time at Sandbanks! The sun was shining as we arrived, setting the scene for a fun-filled day. We made Punch and Judy puppets and performed mini shows, created shell art inspired by Andy Goldsworthy, and built some impressive sandcastles.



We also explored the beach, spotting human and physical features as part of our geography learning. A highlight was the RNLI lifeguards' talk, where we learned how to stay safe by the sea. After lunch in the sunshine, we returned to school for ice lollies and seaside-themed crafts — the perfect end to a brilliant trip!

## **Whitebeam and Teak Textile Topic**



Whitebeam and Teak have really enjoyed the textile topic in their Design & Technology lessons! They learnt how to thread their own needle, how to use running stitch and backstitch and then design, do and review their own pirate style flags using their initials. Some of the children even

made some fantastic flags for their homework as well!



## **Year 6 Bournemouth University**

A group of Year 6 students were invited to visit Bournemouth University to discover the wide range of opportunities available to them in the future. They took part in a university quiz where they learnt about the vast array of university courses that they could do. The children explored the campus, such as the new media buildings, whilst doing a scavenger hunt before considering what their aspirations are for the future.



### **Year 6 Performance**

Year 6 have rehearsed and performed a play called 'An Inspector Calls'. The performance is based on a school that have inspectors for the last week of the term. They have worked extremely well as a team to all learn their lines and take part in the performance with the wide range of songs. After performing to the school as a dress rehearsal, the children delivered two shows to their parents. Well done Sycamore on your

excellent performance!



## **ASD and ADHD in Adults and Children**

We are holding an event in September for parents/carers of children and adults who have ASD & ADHD which will include all agencies, organisations and professionals. We would like to be able to signpost those who are in need of advice or just to be able to have a good chat with those who understand. More details to follow next term.

## **School Uniform**

All uniform requirements for your children can be viewed on our website. Our supplier for logo items are [Mapac - Schoolwear, Workwear, Sportswear, Promotional Products or Art Supplies. Quality, innovation and value since 1955](#) Please make sure you have allowed plenty of time for delivery.



## Clarks – Dolphin Centre

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WITH THEIR  
GROWING FEET.**

Book an appointment  
today at [Clarks.com](https://www.clarks.com)  
or visit us in store.

SCAN TO BOOK



**Clarks**



We have been provided with a link by Clarks in Poole for parents to be able to reserve their child's appointment. They also offer a quiet time appointments for those children that can find it a little overwhelming.

## Breakfast Club and Tea Time Club

You will shortly be able to book wraparound care for September on the MCAS app. Please ensure that you book and pay for all sessions in advance as the office can only book same day sessions in an emergency, this is due to staffing and safeguarding. You are now able to pay via the government tax free child care scheme – please see previous email for details. Please also make sure you have completed a wraparound care registration form prior to your first visit.

## Staffing

Before we close, we would like to send our warmest wishes to **Mrs Elliott**, our lunchtime supervisor, as she begins her **well-deserved retirement** after nearly 25 years service to Hillbourne Primary School, serving over 450,000 hot school meals. We would also like to wish **Mr Lowry** all the very best as he begins his new role at **Allenbourn Middle School**. Thank you both for your dedication and care—you will be greatly missed.

Wishing everyone a restful, safe, and happy summer holiday and a special good luck to those children leaving us, we wish you every success with your future education.

We look forward to welcoming all pupils back on **Friday 5th September** for another exciting year ahead.

### **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, Mrs Helen Davis, Operations Manager, Mrs Sarah Brown, Inclusion Lead and Mrs Jodie Perry, Family Support Worker. Tel: 01202 692604

Email: [office@hillbourne.poole.sch.uk](mailto:office@hillbourne.poole.sch.uk)

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## **2025-2026 Academic Year**

**Wednesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> September**

**Thursday, 4<sup>th</sup> September**

**Friday, 5<sup>th</sup> September**

**Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> September**

Monday, 15<sup>th</sup> – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> September

Wednesday, 17<sup>th</sup> – Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> September

Monday, 22<sup>nd</sup> September

Monday, 29<sup>th</sup> September

Tuesday, 30<sup>th</sup> September

Wednesday, 1<sup>st</sup> October

**Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> October**

Tuesday, 14<sup>th</sup> October

Thursday, 16<sup>th</sup> October

Tuesday, 21<sup>st</sup> October

Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> October

**Monday, 27<sup>th</sup> -31<sup>st</sup> October**

Monday, 3<sup>rd</sup> November

Tuesday, 25<sup>th</sup> November

**Monday, 22<sup>nd</sup> December – Friday, 2<sup>nd</sup> January**

**Monday, 5<sup>th</sup> January 2026**

**Tuesday, 6<sup>th</sup> January**

Tuesday, 10<sup>th</sup> February

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Thursday, 12<sup>th</sup> February

Monday, 16<sup>th</sup>- 20<sup>th</sup> February

**Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> March**

**Monday, 30<sup>th</sup> March – 10<sup>th</sup> April**

**Monday, 13<sup>th</sup> April**

**Monday, 25<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> May**

**Monday, 1<sup>st</sup> June**

Tuesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> June

**Thursday, 23<sup>rd</sup> July**

**Inset Day**

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**Return to School 8.30 am 2025 Autumn Term**

**Reception children start part time**

Meet the Teacher Week

Year 6 Residential

All Reception Children full time

Reception 2026 Open Evening 5.30 – 7pm

Reception 2026 Viewing 10 – 11am

Year 6 Parent Presentation – Secondary School

**Inset Day**

Parents Evening – 3.45-6pm

Parents Evening 4.30 -7.30 pm

Reception 2026 Viewing 10-11am

Individual and Sibling Photo Day

**Autumn Half Term**

Inset Day

Poetry Assembly – Year 5/6 Parents

**Christmas Holiday**

**Inset Day**

**Return to School 2026 for Spring Term**

Poetry Assembly – Year 3/4 Parents

Parents Evening 3.45-6pm

Parents Evening 4.30-7.30pm

Half Term

**Inset Day**

**Easter Holiday**

**Return to School for Summer Term**

**Half Term**

**Inset Day**

Poetry Assembly Yr 1/2 Parents

**End of Summer Term – 3.15 pm finish**