



# Headteacher's Bulletin

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## Headteacher's message:

Over the past two weeks, Hillside has been buzzing with activity, learning, and community spirit.

Last Monday, our children embraced wellbeing activities across the school. Reception pupils enjoyed a cheerful Pick and Play session with their Year 5 Buddies, while Year 1/2 took part in Teddy Bear Yoga, bringing smiles and calm to the classroom. In KS2, pupils engaged in Yoga sessions led by Sally Chappell—a big thank you to Sally for her time and expertise.

This week, Year 5 also took part in a valuable Fire Safety in the Home workshop, delivered by Cheshire Fire Service, helping children understand how to stay safe and respond in emergencies.

Thank you to everyone who visited our Scholastic Book Fair—your purchases not only support children's love of reading but support the school's book resources.

A warm thank you to all the Reception Grandparents who joined us for Grandparents' Tea this afternoon. It was a joy to welcome you into school.

The children will be bringing home a plastic wallet containing a piece of paper to design the front of a Christmas Card. These designs will be available for you to purchase before Christmas. Please return their completed designs by Wednesday (and see the attached guidance).

Looking ahead to Harvest Week, children will be enjoying their Key Stage Harvest Breakfasts (KS2 Thursday, KS1 Friday). Teachers have guided pupils on what items to bring in. Please remember we are a nut-free school, so avoid sending anything containing nuts (including Nutella). On Thursday, families are warmly invited to join us at St Paul's Church at 2pm for our annual Harvest Service. Children will return to school afterwards for collection as usual. As in previous years, we welcome donations of food items, which will be passed on to Helsby Food Bank—thank you in advance for your generosity.

If you wish to discuss any issue involving your child, we kindly ask that you contact the school directly. This allows us to look into matters appropriately and resolve them as quickly and fairly as possible. When concerns are shared or broadcast on platforms such as WhatsApp before they have been properly investigated, important context and clarity can sometimes be missed. Additionally, when opinions and views are shared outside of school before we've had the opportunity to gather fair contributions from all parties involved, the true picture can be easily misinterpreted or unfairly depicted. We are committed to working in partnership with you and appreciate your support in helping us maintain open, respectful, and effective communication.

Adam Khan—Headteacher

## Hillside Football Champions

This week brought a double dose of football glory for Hillside's young athletes at the FAVSP joint-schools tournament. Our **Year 3/4 teams** showed outstanding teamwork, skill, and determination as they powered through the competition **unbeaten**, earning the title of **tournament champions**. Their energy and sportsmanship were a credit to the school.



Not to be outdone, our **Year 5 team** matched the morning's success with a thrilling performance in their final. In a match that kept spectators on edge, the team displayed **courage and resilience**, ultimately securing victory in a **nail-biting penalty shootout**.

A huge thank you goes to **Mrs Moore**, whose expert coaching, organisation, and infectious enthusiasm continue to inspire Hillside's footballers to aim high and achieve their best. Well done to all involved—you've made Hillside proud!



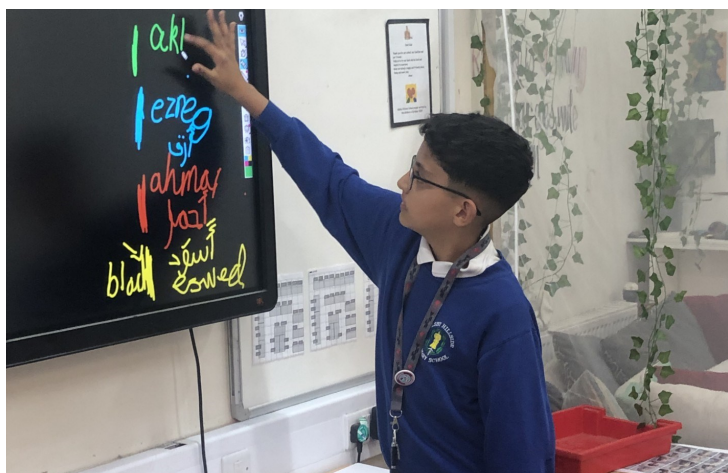
## Important Dates:

- 09/10—Harvest Service, 2pm at St Paul's Helsby
- 14/10—Parents' Evening
- 16/10—Parents' Evening
- 17/10—Flu Nasal Vaccine
- 20/10—Individual Photos
- 23/10—FOH School Disco
- 24/11—YR/1/2/3 Zoo Trip Information to follow
- 06/12—Ho Ho Helsby
- 16/12—Xmas Performances (KS1—Afternoon, KS2—Evening)
- 17/12—Xmas Performances (KS2—Afternoon, KS1—Evening)
- 19/12—Carols Around the Tree 1pm (school closes at 2pm)

## European Day Of Languages

The European Day of Languages is celebrated every year on 26 September to promote language learning, celebrate linguistic diversity, and encourage people of all ages to discover new languages and cultures. This year, our Key Stage Two languages ambassadors did an amazing job of leading workshops (that they had planned themselves) for the whole of Key Stage Two! Over the course of the afternoon, children in years 3-6 practised their French and had taster sessions of Italian, Arabic and Polish. Not to be left out, children in Reception and Year 1 played boules whilst Year 2 learnt the game of bocchia in their PE lesson and then some parent "secret readers" visited Y1 and 2 with French stories to round off the day. A big thank you to all who helped us celebrate!

Mrs Potts



### Contact details:

Please contact the school office to notify or request absence at: [admin@hillside.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:admin@hillside.cheshire.sch.uk)

or call **01928 722 991**

Website links: [School website](#) [Absence request](#)

[Administering medicine consent](#) [Lunch Menu](#)

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### Link Club

We now have places available in our before and after school provision. If you would like to use this provision or would like further information please email us at: [linkclub@hillside.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:linkclub@hillside.cheshire.sch.uk) more information can also be found on the [school website](#)



### Friends of Hillside:

FOH can be contacted on [friendsofhillsidefundraising@outlook.com](mailto:friendsofhillsidefundraising@outlook.com)



[Click here for school lottery!](#)

### Live Well Newsletter

'Live Well' are an organisation that support families in need.

The [Live Well Newsletter](#) will be published bi-monthly to provide you with latest updates and information. It is also your opportunity to get involved, have your say and improve our Live Well/Local Offer Cheshire West Website.

**Live Well**  
Cheshire West

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## Aiming High In All We Do!!

We are delighted to share some of our recent celebrations:

Here we have children recently receiving Star Writer and Mathematician awards.



## Lewis begins his international career!

Lewis (Y3) recently took part in an International Tournament with teams from across Poland, Lithuania, Belgium, and Germany, his team being the only English team there.

The tournament took part over 2 days with multiple group and knock-out stages. Lewis's Blackburn Rovers team won the silver cup coming away with a medal.

A good achievement as in Europe the age groups are different running from Jan-Dec whereas England are Sep-Aug, so our team was the only team that had not played together before as it was a mix of year 5s at U10 and year 4s at U9s.

Thanks to Lewis's mum for sending this in.

We are always keen to share our children's achievements both in and out of school.



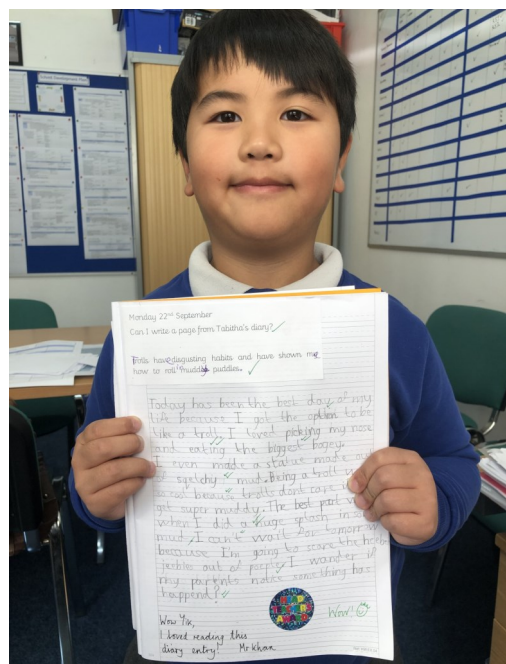
## Toby signs for Witton Albion!

Huge congratulations to Toby (Y6) who has recently signed for Witton Albion Football Club—Brilliant news!



## Excellent writing in Year 2!

Yik (Y2) has made a superb start to Year 2. He is proudly sharing some of his writing—keep it up Yik!





## We want to hear from parents and carers

Come along and listen to our speakers, share your views and experiences, get support, connect with other parents and carers... at any of the following events...

### In-Person Forums

#### Neurodiversity Forum

Thursday 13th November 2025

9:30am – 1:30pm

**Hartford Golf Club, Northwich**

#### Preparation for Adulthood

Thursday 26th February 2026

9:30am – 1:30pm

**Civic Hall, Ellesmere Port**

#### Education, Inclusion & Mental Health

Tuesday 12th May 2026

10:00am – 2:00pm

**Vicars Cross Golf Club, Chester**

### Online Forums

#### PCF Who Are We? & Meet the Directors

Tuesday 30th September 2025

10:00am – 11:30am

#### Early Years – Sleep & Toileting

Thursday 4th December 2025

10:00am – 11:30am

#### Benefits & Support

Wednesday 11th March 2026

10:00am – 11:30am

#### Short Breaks & Charitable Support

Tuesday 9th June 2026

10:00am – 11:30am

### Drop-Ins & Coffee Events

**Wharton Children's Centre, Winsford:**  
Fri 10th Oct 2025, 10am-12pm

**Lache Children's Centre, Chester:**  
Fri 23rd Jan 2026, 1.30pm-3pm

**Stanlaw Abbey Children's Centre, E Port:**  
Fri 12th Jun 2026, 10am-12pm

**Neston Community Centre, Neston:**  
Fri 1st May 2026, 10am-12pm

We will be attending other Coffee Events in 2025/26 so please check our website for updates.

### Online Parent Training

#### Empowerment & Communication

Tuesday 14th October 2025

1:00pm – 2:30pm

#### Help to navigate the SEND system

Tuesday 13th January 2026

10:00am – 11:30am

#### Support in Education

Thursday 30th April 2026

10:00am – 11:30am

*All events are free and everyone is welcome.  
In-person and online events require booking. All information about our events will be on our website.*

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