

Hiller Newsletter

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Week beginning 8th September

Timings of the school day

- Gates open at 8:40am
- Classroom doors open at 8:40am
- School starts at 8.50am
- Gates close promptly at 8.55am
- School finishes at 3:20pm

Letters sent out this week...

Healthy lunchboxes letter
Rock Steady Music letter

Headteacher's Message

Well, we are all just about survived our first full week back in school and there are certainly some tired children (and staff). Our new Reception class have settled in really well and today, stayed for lunch for the very first time! I am slowly learning 30 new names! Next week they are staying for their first FULL day! I'm sure there will be lots of early nights needed this weekend. Please keep an eye out for dates on here and on our Facebook page as there will be lots happening over the coming weeks. Have a great weekend—is it too early to put the heating on? Asking for a friend! :)

Dani Brayshaw #ProudtobeAHiller

Parent Meetings



Thank you to all of the parents that have attended our parent meetings this week. If you missed it—you can find class information and letters for your child's class on our school website. Mrs Brookes will be holding a Parent Phonic meeting for all new Reception parents on
Tuesday 23rd September at 3.20pm.

Outdoor Learning

Please make a note of when your child's session is this term. They will need to bring in appropriate outdoor learning clothes and footwear to change into.

Many thanks

Tuesday 23rd September—Year 2 & 6

Tuesday 30th September—Year 1 & 5

Tuesday 7th October —Year 3 & 4

Reception TBC

School Council 2025—2026

Congratulations to our newly elected school council representatives! We look forward to working with you.



Dates for your diary

September

17th — Reception class in full time
23rd—Outdoor learning—Year 2 & 6
Reception phonic parent meeting at 3.20pm
24th— Flu vaccinations
30th—Harvest Festival at St Oswald's Church
(details to follow)
Outdoor learning—Year 1 & 5

October

1st—Black History Month
New Parent tour at 11am
2nd—New Parent tour at 2pm
3rd— 'Feel Good Friday'
Coffee morning / Cake Sale for Pied Piper Appeal (details to follow)
6th—School photos
7th—School photos
7th —'Reading Café' for Reception and Year 1 class (details to follow)
Outdoor learning—Year 3 & 4
9th — 'Reading Café for Year 2 and Year 3
New Parent tour at 2pm
10th — Hello Yellow Day (details to follow)
14th—New Parent tour at 11am
16th—New Parent tour at 2pm
21st —Year 6 trip to Steam
24th—END OF TERM finish at 3.20pm
27th—31st —HALF TERM

November

2nd —Firework Night at Coney Hill RFC (details to follow)
3rd— TERM 2 STARTS
4th—Parents Evening (details to follow)
5th— Parents Evening (details to follow)
New Parent tour at 11am
10th—Anti-bullying week
14th—Children in Need / Feel Good Friday
PTFA Neon discos (details to follow)
18th— Outdoor learning—Year 2 & 6
25th—'Reading Café' for Year 2 & 3 (details to follow)
Outdoor learning—Year 1 & 5
26th—Reading Café for Reception & Year 1

Hiller Highlights

Here are our highlights this week!

Happy Hillers Preschool

"We have been continuing to settle in this week and are making lots of new friends. We have had lots of fun making flower gardens from play dough and adding pasta to make spikey dinosaurs"

Reception

"We have had a super first week in school and have begun our new theme 'We are Hillers' and have learnt the school song. We have enjoyed exploring the classroom, making new friends and helping Hiller Bear".

Year 1

"We have been learning the story of The Little Pigs and writing speech bubbles using the character's phrases. We have enjoyed retelling the story and becoming the characters. We have also started our History lessons understanding chronology and timelines"

Year 2

"We have enjoyed acting out the story The Tiger who came to tea—ready to write our own alternative version. In PE we have been practicing our ball skills and in Maths identifying numbers on a timeline"

Year 3

"We loved completing rock investigations this week in Science and looked at lots of different types of rocks. We enjoyed sketching them and describing them using scientific vocabulary"

Year 4

"We have been continuing to work hard to learn the new rules and expectations of our new class. In our Writing lessons, we have been writing a Roman story and in Science have begun to learn about our teeth and how to care for them"

Year 5

"This week we have been exploring the story 'The Great Kapok Tree' by acting it out and drawing a story map to help us remember. We have also started our new Science unit 'states of matter' where we sorted materials into solids, liquids and gases"

Year 6

"This week we did ourselves proud with our House captain speeches and we loved meeting our new Reception Buddies. In Writing, we have been learning about Winston Churchill and are beginning to write a biography about him"

Clubs—Term 1

All spaces for after school clubs have now been allocated and parents have been informed by email.

The majority of the clubs offered will run for 5 weeks commencing week beginning **Monday 15th September except Netball.**

Payment for clubs must be made on ParentPay **BEFORE** the clubs are due to start.
Many thanks

Earrings



We still have a small number of children coming into school with hooped, dangly earrings. These are unsafe and cannot be worn in school. The only earrings that are permitted are studded earrings. Children will be asked to remove these by class staff if they wear them to school. Thank you for your support with this.

Please see our website for our full school uniform guide

Golden Learning Behaviour



Congratulations to: George, Amelia, Tamara, Ezra, Kuba and Jamie, who were chosen as Star of the Week! Well done everyone!



Attendance

Well done to our Year 3 class, who were awarded the Attendance Cup this week for 98% attendance last week! Keep this up! #everymomentmatters

Free School Meals

We want to make sure as many eligible families as possible are receiving free school meal support.

You can assess whether your child is eligible for this funding by applying online at: <https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals>

You can still apply for KS1 pupils who receive Universal free school meals as it will then last into KS2.

Dingley's Promise—parent parking



We have received a number of complaints this term already from the manager of Dingley's Promise—the organisation opposite our school site—regarding parking. The parking spaces on their site are only for their parents and professionals and are not to be used by parents dropping or picking up from our school. Thank you with your support with this.

The Library

Ages 7-99*

Library Adventurers' League

Dungeons and Dragons

Drop-in session

No experience required.

All are welcome, from
beginner to expert!

Matson Library

Saturday 13th

September 12:00 - 16:00

*All children must be
accompanied by an adult.



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Previous attachment



Gloucester
and District

Christian Choir

CONCERT AT ST OSWALDS CHURCH
CONEY HILL, GLOUCESTER GL4 4LX

7.30pm Saturday 27th September 2025

Admission free - Retiring collection
for urgent church repairs

Join us for an uplifting

CHOIR CONCERT

Come and enjoy the joy of music and community
together!

Refreshments will be provided. Raffle tickets £1.00