

Hiller Newsletter

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Week beginning 5th January 2026

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 / emails sent out this week...

After-school club letter
School closure reminder

Headteacher's Message

Happy New Year everyone! We hope that you all had a wonderful Christmas together and welcome you all back for the Spring Term! Although, it certainly hasn't felt like Spring this week with the cold weather and flurry of snow on Tuesday. We have sent out details this week of school closures in case we should have to close in the coming weeks / months. I think we were all expecting some snow this morning—but not a single flake fell overnight. The children have all returned fantastically and are enjoying their new themes. Have a lovely weekend everyone!

Dani Brayshaw #ProudtobeAHiller



Spring term



All of the classes have started their brand new themes for the Spring term. You can find curriculum maps of what the children are learning, Homelearning maps and important letters on our school website under class pages.

Outdoor Learning—Term 3



Please make a note of when your child's Outdoor learning session is this term. Please make sure that they have the appropriate clothing in school for the session.

Tuesday 13th January —Year 2 & 6
Tuesday 20th January—Year 1 & 5
Tuesday 27th January—Year 3 & 4
Tuesday 3rd February—Reception

Dates for your diary

January

5th—INSET DAY

6th—TERM 3 STARTS

13th—Outdoor Learning for Year 6 & Year 2

20th—Drama workshops

Outdoor learning for Year 1 & Year 5

22nd—Ready for School coffee morning for Preschool parents at 9.00am

27th—Reading café for Reception & Year 1

Outdoor learning for Year 3 & Year 4

28th—Reading café for Year 2 & Year 3

February

2nd—Year 6 Bikeability all week (details to follow)

3rd—Outdoor Learning—Reception

9th—Year 3 trip to Skillszone

11th—Year 6 SATs parent meeting at 3.30pm (details to follow)

13th—last day of term—finish at 3.20pm

16th—20th—HALF TERM

23rd—TERM 4 starts
Year 5 Rainforest Trip

Hiller Highlights

Happy Hillers Preschool

"We have loved coming back to school and enjoyed exploring 'Winter Wonderland'. We have investigated icebergs, polar animals and even made our own gloop snow! We have been watching the weather reports hoping for more snow to play in!"

Reception

"We have begun our new theme this week 'Walking in Winter Wonderland' and were so excited to see that Jack Frost had visited our classroom. We loved the little bit of snow we had on Tuesday and learning about ice!"

Year 1

"Our new theme is called 'We are Explorers'. We enjoyed starting our new dance unit and we were all really determined to learn the different movements. We also started exploring the story 'The Owl Who was Afraid of the Dark'"

Year 2

"We have started our new theme 'Heroes in History' and have been thinking about who our everyday heroes are—many of us said our parents, as they always help us. We have also looked at direction in Maths and started a new dance and yoga unit in PE."

Year 3

"This week we have begun our new theme 'Ole!' we can't wait to learn all about Spain—including Spanish festivals, dances and even trying some Spanish food. We have learnt how to use an atlas and found all of the countries in Europe!"

Year 4

"Our new theme is 'Extreme Earth' and we have started by looking at the layers of the Earth and getting to the core of it all. In Writing, we have been writing Diamante poems and have loved writing them in this style"

Year 5

"This week we have started our new theme 'Rainforest Calling' where we will be exploring the world's rainforests. We have started by looking at different biomes from across the world. In Science, our new unit is Space—which we loved! In Writing, we are creating our own hybrid animals based on our model text 'The Chiffox'"

Year 6

"Our new theme is called 'Hold Back the River' learning all about the stages of a river and learning about human and physical Geography. We have also looked at 3D shapes in our Maths lessons and have also started learning a dance for the showcase in February"



Clubs—Term 3

Thank you for returning your child's slip indicating what club they would like to do this term. Spaces are being allocated and you will receive an email confirming which club your child is in. **Please make payment for clubs ASAP on ParentPay once confirmed. All clubs start next week for 5 weeks**

Behaviour

In assembly this afternoon, the Behaviour Cup and Bear were jointly awarded to Reception and Year 6.

Well done!

Which class will have the best behaviour next week?

5
MINUTES LATE
PER DAY
Adds up to
3 days lost
school time

10 MINUTES =
6.5 SCHOOL DAYS
PER YEAR

15 MINUTES =
10 DAYS LOST PER
SCHOOL YEAR

20 MINUTES =
13 LOST SCHOOL
DAYS PER YEAR

30 MINUTES =
19 LOST SCHOOL
DAYS PER YEAR

Car parking

Sadly this week, we received, yet another formal complaint from a local resident where one of our parents in school had parked their car on a residents driveway—preventing them from parking their own vehicle. Please be considerate when parking.

Golden Learning Behaviour



Congratulations to: Esther, Joshua, Cohen, Parker, Archie, Ash and Ku-ba, 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 for 99% attendance in the last week of term. Keep this up! #everymomentmatters

Reminder—start of the school day

This is a gentle reminder that the school day begins promptly at **8:50am**. We have noticed that a number of children are **still arriving after this time despite reminders**. Even a few minutes of lateness can result in lost learning and a disrupted start to the day. Staff also need to shut and lock the gates promptly at 8.55am / 9.00am to make the site secure.

Arriving on time helps ensure children are settled, ready to learn, and able to fully benefit from the morning routine.

Thank you for your support in helping us maintain a smooth and positive start to the school day.

GALLERY



KS1 sports
event—
runners up



Fun in the
snow
January 2026

PARENT AND CHILD SESSIONS

Join us on Wednesdays to move together in Pilates, followed by exploring through sensory play.

PILATES

10am - 10:45am

SENSORY PLAY

10:45am - 11:30am

For parents and children from newborn - 18 months old

**St Oswald's Church Hall,
Coney Hill, GL4 4LX**

For more information and to book now, head to our website.



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Years 2 - 8

**The Vibe Youth Centre
Stanway Rd, Gloucester
GL4 4RE**

**Monday
(term time only)**

5:00pm - 5:45pm

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