

Hiller Newsletter

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Week beginning 12th 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...

Mrs Conforti retirement letter
PSHCE jigsaw letter
Year 5 trip letter
Year 6 Bikeability letter
Preschool coffee morning

Headteacher's Message

Brrrrrr!!!! It's been another chilly one this week—but sadly, still no snow! It's been a busy week in school with brass lessons, sports events and after-school clubs starting for this term. The weeks will whizz by this term—so keep an eye out on here for calendar dates and updates on our Facebook page. Some of the classes have enjoyed the Christmas raffle prizes in their classes—board games afternoon and extra playtime! Overall the raffle raised nearly £300 before Christmas!

Have a super weekend everyone!

Dani Brayshaw #ProudtobeAHiller



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

Stagecoach drama workshops



Next week, on **Tuesday 20th January**, we have organised for all of the classes to have a FREE hour long drama workshop with the creative arts company 'Stagecoach'. Please can all children come to school in their PE kit on Tuesday. Many thanks :)

Dates for your diary

January

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)

Year 4 parent meeting—Wilderness residential

3rd—Outdoor Learning—Reception

9th—Year 3 trip to Skillszone

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

13th—Crazy hair day for Year 1 (Christmas raffle prize)

last day of term—finish at 3.20pm

16th—20th—HALF TERM

23rd—TERM 4 starts

Year 5 Rainforest Trip

March

3rd—Outdoor learning—Year 2 & 6
Year 3 parents evening

4th—Year 3 parents evening

5th—World Book Day (details to follow)

9th—12th—Special Person's lunch

10th—Reading café for Year 2 & 3
Outdoor Learning—Year 1 & 5

11th—Year 4 residential trip to the Wilderness Centre

Reading café—Reception & Year 1

16th & 17th—Parents evening (all year groups except Year 3)

17th—Outdoor learning—Year 3 & 4

Hiller Highlights

Happy Hillers Preschool

"This week we have been working hard and practicing throwing at a target to get snowballs into our snowman's tummy! We have had lots of success! We have also made our own Hiller bus and have visited lots of destinations in the UK and beyond!"

Reception

"We have had a wonderful week learning all about Winter. We explored the signs of Winter and designed some delicious soups that we are looking forward to making next week. We have also made some super Winter art pictures and written captions!"

Year 1

"This week we have enjoyed getting stuck into our new theme 'We are Explorers' and have been working on finding Gloucester on a map and discussing the features. We have also been writing beautiful descriptions of settings from 'The Owl Who Was Afraid of the Dark' using adjectives"

Year 2

"We have had a super week! We had a super Heroes Day on Monday dressing up and writing about our own heroes. We had a fab Athletics morning at Barnwood and also soaked up facts about a hero in History—Florence Nightingale"

Year 3

"We have enjoyed learning about skeletons in Science and made up actions to remember where some of the most important bones are in our bodies. We have also been working hard in PE and practicing our class dance!"

Year 4

"This week we launched a new writing unit in class—creating newspaper reports about an Icelandic volcano eruption. We loved our first trumpet lesson and were surprisingly good! We have also designed torches in DT—it's been a busy week!"

Year 5

"This week we have begun to write our non-chronological reports about our hybrid animals. We have continued to explore space in our Science lessons looking at why we have day and night. In PE we have started putting together our dance for the school showcase!"

Year 6

"This week we have enjoyed learning our dance for the school dance showcase which is in a few weeks time. We can't wait to show everyone. We have also been working hard in writing, developing our use of figurative language and semi colons"

Clubs—Term 3

Children MUST bring in PE kit if they are taking part in an active sport club

Mondays

Gymnastics—Year 3 & 4

Tuesdays

Loopball—all Year groups

Wednesday

Cyber First—Year 4, 5 & 6

Drawing club—Year 1 & 2

Music and Movement—Reception & Year 1

Drawing / Art Club - Year 5 & 6

Thursday

Reading Rocks—Year 2, 3 & 4

Buzz Club—Year 6

Ipads / Chrome books—Year 2 & 3

Playdough club—Reception & Year 1

Invasion games—Year 4 & 5

All clubs finish at 4.20pm and run for the next 5 weeks—week commencing 12th January

Behaviour

In assembly this afternoon, the Behaviour Cup and Bear were awarded to Year 2, Year 4 and Year 6. Well done!

Which class will have the best behaviour next week?

Golden Learning Behaviour



Congratulations to: Henry, Kacper, Sophie, Arthur, Sophia, Ezra and Ruby, 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 100% attendance in the last week of term. Keep this up! #everymomentmatters

Reminder—uniform expectations

A polite reminder about uniform expectations particularly on PE days.

P.E kit for all children should include:

Black, navy or grey plain shorts, leggings or joggers (weather permitting)

A pale blue 'branded' PE T-shirt (purchased through Parent Pay) or plain equivalent

A pale blue 'branded' PE hoodie (available from Monkhouse) or plain equivalent OR a plain navy, black or grey hoodie, jumper or jacket for outdoor PE – no logos or motifs

NO football shirts

NO brightly coloured T-shirts / joggers

NO branded sport tops

We have also noticed that despite reminders, some children are wearing jewellery to school. The only jewellery that is permitted in school are plain stud earrings or jewellery worn on religious grounds. No large hooped earrings. Children will be asked to remove jewellery that is not appropriate.

GALLERY



**Brass lessons
in Year 6
Trumpets!**



**Outdoor
Learning
Year 2**



Almost
School
Time!

Is your child starting school
in September 2026?
Come along and speak to our
EYFS Lead,
Family Action Team
and SENDCo.

Get
Ready
for
School

As you prepare for your child to start school often feelings of anticipation and excitement arise. Come along to our very first “Get Ready for School” session. Where our experienced team will be on hand to answer any questions you have and share information with you to give you child the best start at school.



Session 1



Thurs
22nd
Jan
09.30am

[‘Get Ready for School’](#)

Please see above details of our first ‘Ger Ready for School’ coffee morning—this is open to ALL preschool parents. It is being held on **Thursday 22nd January at 9.30am.**

We hope to see you there!

BASKETBALL

A place for you to play sports,
make friends and talk life.

Years 2 - 8

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

**Monday
(term time only)**

5:00pm - 5:45pm

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

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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**

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