

Hill West Weekly Bulletin

Kindness, Compassion, and Connection at the heart of 'Our School'

Week commencing: Monday 30th September



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FOR YOUR INFORMATION; at a glance

Friday 4 th October	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Year 1 visiting Hatton Country Farm
Upcoming Events	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Wednesday 9th October – harvest donations to school• Friday 18th October – PTFA Halloween Disco

THANK YOU

Thank you very much to the whole school community for their kind donation of cakes and money towards this very worthy cause. It was wonderful to see so many parents and family members enjoying coffee and a slice of cake (or 2) at the coffee morning.



HOME SCHOOL AGREEMENT

We would like to invite you all to review and agree to the terms in our Home School Agreement for 2024-2025. Please take a couple of minutes to read through with your children and sign as an acknowledgement.



<https://forms.office.com/e/5t76DSHmug>

READING

We cannot underestimate the power of simply reading to our children.

Here are the number of words children will have heard by the time they are 5 years old;

- Never read to – 4,662 words
- Read to 1 -2 times per week – 63,570 words
- Read to 3 – 5 times per week – 169,520 words
- Read to daily – 296,660 words

And read 5 books a day – 1,483,300 words.



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YEAR 3 VISIT TO HEREFORDSHIRE BEACON ON FRIDAY 11TH OCTOBER

On Friday 11th October, the Year 3 children will be visiting Herefordshire Beacon as part of their geography work on mountain ranges. Children will leave school at 9.00am and return by 3.20pm (traffic depending). Please ensure your child has suitable walking shoes, suitable trousers (not jeans), a t-shirt, long sleeved top/jumper and a waterproof coat. They will also need to bring a small rucksack containing a spare pair of clothes (top and trousers), a drink (squash or water), snacks and a packed lunch. Follow them on *Twitter*: [@hillwestprimary](https://twitter.com/hillwestprimary)



ATTENDANCE

Our Headline figures for the academic year so far.

Attendance



- 97.5% attendance
- 2.5% absence
- 8.1% persistent absence (lower than 90% attendance)
- 2.2% authorised absence
- 0.3% unauthorised absence
- 0.1% late
- 1 Severely absent (lower than 50% attendance)

Thank you for working with us to ensure excellent attendance for all of our children.

SAFEGUARDING

"Safeguarding is everybody's responsibility".

BE BRIGHT BE SEEN

As we move into Autumn and we embrace the changing weather the early starts and later evenings mean many of us are travelling in the dark. Pedestrians should wear something brightly coloured in the day & reflective at night. This could be fluorescent & reflective arm bands or bag or rucksack with high visibility strips.

Keep to the footpath and well-lit areas, if possible, be aware of your surroundings, take out earphones and put phones in your pockets so you are not distracted and be aware of other road users who may not be as visible especially when crossing the roads.



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OTTERS HARVEST ASSEMBLY

We would like to welcome all Otters parents to a Harvest assembly at **9.00am** on **Thursday 10th October**. We hope that as many of you as possible will be able to join us in the Key Stage One hall.



HILL WEST OPEN DAYS

Do you have a child starting in Reception in September 2025? Why don't you come along to one of our open days to meet Dr Clarke and tour our school? Appointments available through our school office (0121 3085392) for **6th** and **20th November**.



HARVEST DONATIONS REQUESTED INTO SCHOOL

We will be celebrating harvest on the 10th October and as such we are asking that all children bring a donation of food into school with them on **Wednesday 9th October**. These will then provide the backdrop for the Year 6 Otters assembly before being redistributed for the benefit of those in our local community experiencing hardship.

Tinned meat, fish and meals
Tinned beans or spaghetti
Packets of rice, pasta, noodles
Long life milk and cereal
Squash and biscuits
Cooking sauces to go with rice or pasta



Thank you to everyone who is able to provide spare food to those who need it most.



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KS1 HALL
HAPPY HALLOWEEN
TRICK OR TREAT

CHILDREN £1
ADULTS £2
FAMILIES £5

KS1 & NURSERY
6PM TIL 7PM
KS2 & FAMILIES
7.15PM TIL 8.30PM

TUCK SHOP
SOFTDRINKS
BBQ
BAR
TATTOOS

TICKETS AVAILABLE
ON MCAS APP
UNTIL
14/10/2023

THE DISCO IS FOR CURRENT HILL WEST PUPILS ONLY

CHILDREN MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT AND WE
ASK FOR NO MORE THAN 2 ADULTS PER CHILD/FAMILY



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