

# Hill West Weekly Bulletin

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

Week commencing: Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November



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## HAPPY HALF TERM

From all of the staff at Hill West we would like to wish you all a wonderful October half term holiday. It's hard to believe that autumn is already in full swing, and the colourful leaves and crisp air have arrived to remind us of the changing seasons. We hope you manage to get outside as a family and enjoy all that autumn has to offer, whilst creating some lasting memories. Wishing you all a safe, enjoyable, and wonderfully autumnal half term break. Thank you for your continued support, and we look forward to seeing you when school resumes on **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2024**



## FOR YOUR INFORMATION; at a glance

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup>  
November**



- All children return to school
- H Tempest in school taking **Individual Photographs** – all children to wear regular uniform please – **no PE kits**
- Poppies on sale to all children.

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November**

- 8.00am – 11.30am H Tempest in school taking **Sibling Photographs**

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November**

- Swimming for children in Years 4, 5 and 6
- 9.00am-10.00am **Hares Diwali** assembly in the KS1 Hall, parents invited
- **Open Day for** Prospective Parents starting school in **Reception 2025**
- 4pm -7pm Parent consultations taking place for **All Year Groups virtually**

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November**

- 9.00am-10.00am **Badgers Diwali** assembly in the KS1 Hall, parents invited



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## PARENT CONSULTATIONS

On **Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November** virtual appointments are available for parents with their child's class teacher.

Our SENDCo, Mrs Stephanie Field will also be available for those parents whose children have an identified special educational need. Evening appointments will take place for all Year Groups between 3.45pm-7.15pm. Appointments are still available through school cloud, if you have not already booked.



## REMEMBRANCE ASSEMBLY

They shall grow not old,  
as we that are left grow  
old;  
Age shall not weary  
them,  
nor the years condemn.  
At the going down of the  
sun  
and in the morning  
We will remember them.



Children in Foxes will be performing their Remembrance assembly on **Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November at 9.00am.**

We hope that as many of you as possible will be able to join us in the Key Stage One hall.

**Poppies will be on sale in school for all children from Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November.**

## YEAR 5 OPEN MORNINGS

Our Year 5 open mornings will be taking place on **Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November** and **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November.** We will be holding these sessions in the **KS1 Hall**, and they will include a tour around our school. The session will provide you with an introduction to **My Happy Mind**, a programme based around helping children to understand how their brain works and to support them in developing positive skills and habits to be their very best selves. We would love it if you could attend. If you are not able to come along yourself, then grandparents, other family members or family friends can attend in your place.



- **9.00am Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November for Hares**
- **9.00am Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November for Badgers**



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## SCHOOL OPEN DAYS

Do you have a child starting in Reception in September 2025? Why don't you come along to our open day on **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November** to meet Dr Clarke and tour our school?



Appointments can be arranged through our school office (0121 3085392)

## CHILDREN IN NEED

On Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November our pupils are encouraged to wear a spotty item to school, this can be an accessory or an item of clothing to replace part of their uniform e.g., a spotty jumper.



We kindly request a suggested donation of £2 to participate. **Please donate through the Hill West JustGiving page by clicking here:**

[www.justgiving.com/page/hill-west-primary-school-spotacular-2024](https://www.justgiving.com/page/hill-west-primary-school-spotacular-2024)

## ATTENDANCE



If your child has been poorly this half term, and missed a day or two of school, we hope you have enjoyed the call home, made by teachers. I know many of the children have been delighted to hear their teacher has called to ask after them.

## READING

*'Today a reader, tomorrow a leader.'*  
*Margaret Fuller*



Why don't you take a couple of minutes to review 100 books recommended by the Book Trust from the last year that we think are great reads for our children. <https://www.booktrust.org.uk/books-and-reading/our-recommendations/great-books-guide/>



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## SAFEGUARDING

**Domestic Abuse;** domestic abuse can affect anyone from any background at any age. Research suggests that 8 women a month are killed by a current or former partner, and 1 in 6 men will experience domestic abuse at some point in their life. Since the Domestic Abuse Act 2021, children that have been exposed to domestic abuse are now recognised as victims of domestic abuse in their own right, rather than just witnesses. In 90% of cases children are in the same or the next room when the incident occurs and 78% of children are directly harmed by the perpetrator of the abuse in addition to the harm caused by witnessing the abuse to others.

The definition of domestic abuse is 'any incident or pattern of incidents of controlling, coercive, threatening behaviour, violence or abuse between those aged 16 or over, who are, or have been, intimate partners or family members.'



***National Domestic Abuse Helpline 0808 2000 247***

### PUMPKIN REQUEST

As our Reception children will be exploring pumpkins when we return back to school on 4th November. Please could we ask that you donate any unwanted pumpkins for the children to dissect, observe and explore. All donations can be dropped off to the Reception team at the Reception gate.



### DAFFODIL PLANTING

This autumn, each class will be planting daffodil bulbs on the school field.

We are asking parents to help us by donating packets of daffodil bulbs, if you are able. We would ask that the bulbs are brought to school on **Monday 11th November**.

We greatly appreciate your support if you are able to donate some bulbs and look forward to creating a beautiful field of daffodils.



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## BRYAN POST LIVE Q & A

Join **Bryan Post**, renowned child **behaviour expert** for an insightful talk and live Q&A.



Bryan Post's teachings are central to our work at Trauma-Informed Parenting, making this a fantastic opportunity to learn more about our organization, as well as the support and services we provide. This online event will take place on **Wednesday, January 8, 2025, at 7:00 pm.**

Please follow the link below to book your free space.

<https://tinyurl.com/3cxphvzr>

## YEAR 7 APPLICATIONS

The closing date for **applications for a Year 7** place at secondary school for September **2025** is **31st October 2024.**



Please find attached below, links that provide information for families making their school admission applications for September 2024.

[https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/info/20119/school\\_admissions/1778/apply\\_for\\_a\\_secondary\\_school\\_year\\_7\\_place/3](https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/info/20119/school_admissions/1778/apply_for_a_secondary_school_year_7_place/3)



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**FamilyHubs**  
BIRMINGHAM

# Sutton Coldfield Launch Day

Family Activities  
Networking  
Refreshments  
Balloon Making  
Meet Bluey!

Tuesday 29th October  
12pm - 2.30pm

 **Holland House Childrens Centre, B72 1RE**  
&  
**Our Place Community Hub, B72 1RN**

**Spurgeons** Together with Families 



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EDGBASTON PRIORY CLUB

# Let's PARTY!

YOU ARE INVITED TO  
THE BIG **TENNIS** PARTY  
SATURDAY 9TH NOVEMBER  
1PM - 3PM

**FREE**

SCAN ME!



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