

# Hill West Weekly Bulletin

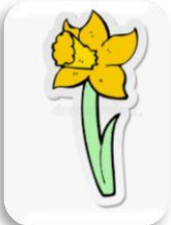



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Week commencing: Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November



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## FOR YOUR INFORMATION; at a glance

<p>Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>NATIONAL ANTI-BULLYING WEEK; CHOOSE RESPECT</b></li><li>• Daffodil Planting begins this week for all children</li><li>• 9.00am -10.00am <b>Foxes Remembrance</b> assembly in the KS1 Hall, parents invited</li><li>• 4.00pm - 4.45pm Re-arranged <b>Cross Country Event</b> for selected children at Bishop Vesey.</li><li>• 5.00pm - 6.00pm Miss Barrett and Miss Beardmore hosting <b>Aberdovey meeting</b> with parents via TEAMS</li></ul> 
<p>Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>All children to come to school wearing odd socks for Anti-Bullying week</b></li></ul>
<p>Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Swimming for children in Years 4, 5 and 6</b></li></ul>
<p>Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 9.00am – 11.00am <b>Hares</b> Open Morning for Parents; My Happy Mind in the KS1 Hall followed by a school tour.</li></ul>
<p>Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Children in Need:</b> all children to wear something <b>Spotty</b> with their school uniform.</li><li>• 8.30am ACE Champions Breakfast meeting with Mr Horne in KS1 Hall</li><li>• 9.00am – 11.00am <b>Badgers</b> Open Morning for Parents; My Happy Mind in the KS1 Hall followed by a school tour.</li></ul>

## ODD SOCKS DAY – IT'S OK TO BE DIFFERENT



We kindly ask all children to come to school on **Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November** wearing odd socks to celebrate our differences and promote kindness and respect for Anti-Bullying week.



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

## DAFFODIL PLANTING

This week in school, we will be planting daffodil bulbs as part of our commitment to creating a Bee Friendly School and encouraging outdoor learning.

To ensure all classes have ample time to participate, we've arranged a timetable so that each class will be given a two-hour slot to enjoy the planting experience.

We kindly ask that children come to school on their planting day with outdoor shoes (wellies) and suitable coats, If you have a trowel or bulb planter that your child could bring, that would be a wonderful help!

Your generosity and support will help create a memorable learning opportunity and lasting legacy for our children.



## 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)



## YEAR 4 ANCIENT CIVILIZATION ASSEMBLIES

Our Year 4 children will be performing their Ancient Civilization assemblies on **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup>** and **Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November**. We hope that as many of you as possible will be able to join us in the Key Stage One hall.



- **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November 9.00am: Moles**
- **Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November 9.00am: Squirrels**



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## SAFEGUARDING; ANTI-BULLING

As parents we all want our children to be happy and safe, and it is natural to worry about bullying - particularly if we have experienced bullying ourselves or think our child may be more vulnerable to bullying. The good news is you are not alone! The Anti-Bullying Alliance and its members work with children, families, and schools to help keep children safe.

Every November schools throughout the United Kingdom take part in Anti-Bullying Week. This is an opportunity to spotlight bullying and consider the steps we can take together to stop it.



### The Anti-Bullying Alliance defines bullying as:

The **repetitive, intentional hurting** of one person or group by another person or group, where the relationship involves an **imbalance of power**. Bullying can be physical, verbal or psychological. It can happen face-to-face or online.

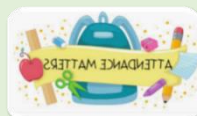
**Anti-Bullying Week 2024** will take place from **Monday 11th - Friday 15th November**, with the theme: **Choose Respect.**

[www.anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk](http://www.anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk)

Let's imagine a world where respect and kindness thrives.

## ATTENDANCE

Thank you for supporting us with our drive to ensure good attendance for all. Our current attendance stands at 97%, with just 3% absence (of which 2.6% is authorised due to illness).



## READING

*"Children are made readers on the laps of their parents."*



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## CELEBRATION BREAKFAST

We look forward to welcoming our Invited **Avid Readers** on **Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November** at **8.15am** for a Celebration Breakfast in the **KS1 Hall** to acknowledge their achievements and progress this academic year.



**Well done all**

## MAYAN WORKSHOP TUESDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER

As part of the National Curriculum, children in year 4 are studying the Maya civilization. To assist with this topic, we have arranged a visit to school by an expert in Maya culture on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November.



The children will learn how to be an archaeologist, create their own Maya pottery, learn about the strange symbols that make up Maya numbering and recreate a traditional Maya dance this provides a unique and dynamic educational experience for the whole day.

## ROAD SAFETY WEEK MONDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> TO FRIDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> NOVEMBER



Road Safety Week is celebrated during November each year. **Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November to Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November** is dedicated to promoting road safety awareness and advocating for safer roads and responsible driving behaviour. This week-long observance aims to reduce road accidents and save lives by encouraging individuals, communities, and organizations to prioritize road safety measures. Why is Road Safety Week important?

- Every day, six children are killed or seriously injured on UK roads
- Every year, more than 1500 people are killed on UK roads and more than 25,000 people suffer serious injuries

Road crashes are devastating events for families, friends and communities.



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### TRAIN TO TEACH IN NORTH BIRMINGHAM

Have you always thought about becoming a teacher but aren't sure where to start?

Whether you are graduating this year or you are looking to change careers, find out how we can support you on your journey to becoming a teacher and how you can make an impact in this highly rewarding career.

Arthur Terry SCITT is hosting an upcoming Information Event;

- Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> November (in-Person at Arthur Terry School) 10am to 12pm

More information and the registration link can be found here; [Teacher Training | Open Events - Arthur Terry Teaching School \(atlp.org.uk\)](#)



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