

# Hill West Weekly Bulletin

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

Week commencing: Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November



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## FOR YOUR INFORMATION; at a glance

Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>ROAD SAFETY WEEK</b></li> </ul>
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Maya Workshop</b> taking place in school for <b>all Year 4 Children</b></li> <li>• 8.15am - 8.45am <b>Celebration Breakfast</b> for <b>Avid readers</b> in the KS1 hall (invited children only)</li> </ul>
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Swimming for children in Years 4, 5 and 6</li> <li>• 9.00am -10.00am <b>Moles Ancient Civilization Assembly</b> in the <b>KS1 Hall</b>, parents invited.</li> <li>• <b>Open Day</b> for Prospective Parents starting school in <b>Reception 2025</b></li> <li>• 4pm -7pm Parent consultations taking place for <b>Kingfishers</b> and <b>Foxes virtually</b></li> </ul>
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 9.00am -10.00am <b>Squirrels Ancient Civilization Assembly</b> in the <b>KS1 Hall</b>, parents invited.</li> </ul>
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 9.00am-10.30am <b>Parent Council</b> meeting in <b>KS1 Hall</b></li> </ul>
Upcoming Events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November - ATLP TRAINING DAY - SCHOOL CLOSED TO ALL CHILDREN</b></li> </ul>

## SCHOOL CLOSED FRIDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER

We would like to remind all parents that Hill West School is **CLOSED** to all pupils on Friday 29<sup>th</sup>



November due to an ATLP Development Day. Children will be welcomed back into school on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December.



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## DECEMBER 2024



**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December;** PTFA Christmas Raffle / Children leave for ABERDOVEY

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December;** Christingle for Years 3, 4 and 6

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December;** 6.40pm– 9.00pm Lichfield Cathedral Carol Concert

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December;** Christingle for Reception, Year 1 and 2

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December;** Year 2 Nativities

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December;** Year 2 Nativities

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December;** Jolly Jumper Appeal for Birmingham Hospice

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December;** School Choir attending All Saints Church Christmas Tree Festival

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December;** 5.30pm - 8.30pm – PTFA Movie Night

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December;** Christmas lunch for Year 3

**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December;** Christmas lunch for Year 4

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December;** Christmas lunch for Year 5

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December;** Christmas lunch for Year 6

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December;** 3.15pm and 3.20pm BREAK UP FOR CHRISTMAS



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### ATTENDANCE

At this time of year, it can be tricky deciding whether or not to keep your child off school, nursery or playgroup when they're unwell.

#### High temperature

If your child has a high temperature, keep them off school until it goes away.

#### Coughs and colds

It's fine to send your child to school with a minor cough or common cold.

Encourage your child to throw away any used tissues and to wash their hands regularly.

#### Chickenpox

If your child has chickenpox, keep them off school until all the spots have crusted over. This is usually about 5 days after the spots first appeared.

#### COVID-19

If your child has mild symptoms, such as a runny nose, sore throat, or slight cough, and feels well enough, they can go to school. Your child is no longer required to do a COVID-19 rapid lateral flow test if they have symptoms. But if your child has tested positive for COVID-19, they should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 3 days after the day they took the test.

#### Hand, foot and mouth disease

If your child has hand, foot and mouth disease but seems well enough to go to school, there's no need to keep them off.



### ABERDOVEY RESIDENTIAL VISIT 2024



Children in upper Key Stage Two will be off on their adventures to the picturesque fishing village of Aberdovey on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December.

We wish them all a wonderful week away and look forward to welcoming them back on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December.



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## SAFEGUARDING; ROAD SAFETY



Road Safety Week is celebrated during the third week of November each year. The week 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.

## BEHAVIOUR; LOVING ATTACHMENTS



- Research shows that a child's ability to form relationships and to learn is shaped by the child's early experiences
- The nature of a child's primary attachments to caregivers lay the foundations for socioemotional well-being and therefore children's capacity to learn
- Secure attachment relationships correlate strongly with higher academic attainment, better self-regulation and social competence
- Educators themselves need to establish an attachment-like relationship with their pupils, particularly with challenging and vulnerable pupils, in order to enhance learning opportunities for all.



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## CONSIDERATE PARKING



We would like to remind parents about the importance of parking considerately on Clarence Road, and the dangers caused to children by mounting the pavements outside of school and the surrounding area. Around 40 people a year are killed due to pedestrian pavement deaths caused by motorists parking inconsiderately or mounting the pavement. Please do not park on the yellow lines when parking restrictions are in force.

They are there for the safety of our children and you. We have also had a request from local residents that you do not block their driveways please.

If you witness illegal or unsafe parking, please report it to the local authorities through the link below [https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/info/20109/parking/1983/report\\_an\\_illegally\\_parked\\_vehicle](https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/info/20109/parking/1983/report_an_illegally_parked_vehicle)

## BUILDING WORK UPDATE

We are continuing to engage productively with representatives from the DFE to progress remedial works to our Key Stage 2 playground and to but plans in pace for our new build.



We have contractors on site this coming weekend and again on the weekend of the 23<sup>rd</sup> November. As soon as we know more about the recommencement of our build, we will let you know.

## READING

*“Access to books and the encouragement of the habit of reading: these two things are the first and most necessary steps in education and librarians, teachers and parents all over the country know it. It is our children’s right and it is also our best hope and their best hope for the future.” Michael Morpurgo*



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### Hill West PTFA

#### EVENTS 2024/2025

18/09/2024	PTFA Book Sale
18/10/2024	Halloween Disco
13/12/2024	Xmas Movie Night
28/02/2025	Bingo Night (Adults Only Event)
07/03/2025	Talent Show
04/04/2025	Spring Disco (Children Only)
16/05/2025	Quiz Night (Children Only)
13/06/2025	Quiz Night (Adult Only Event)
11/07/2025	Summer Party

Further events and fundraising will be conducted throughout the year.

Look out for posters around school, whatsapp updates or social media posts for further information about all our events. Facebook: @hillwestprimaryschool X: @HillWestPTFA



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## All Saints Four Oaks Handmade Craft Fayre



**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> December**

**10am to 4pm**

Leather Goods

Fabric Bags

Children's Photographer

Christmas Decorations

Knitted Novelties

Artwork

Homemade Jams and Mincemeat

Guess the weight of the cake

Christmas Plants

Cinnamon Buns

Lucky Dip



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ALL SAINTS'  
FOUR OAKS  
**CHRISTMAS TREE  
FESTIVAL**  
13th - 15th DECEMBER 2024

FRI 10-3PM SAT 10-4PM SUN 11-4PM

HO HO HO

**COME ALONG AND JOIN THE FESTIVITIES WITH  
OUR CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES DAILY**  
**ON SATURDAY THERE WILL BE A CRAFT FAYRE &  
SANTA'S GROTTTO WILL BE OPEN 10.30 - 3.30**

CAN YOU FOLLOW  
THE SNOWMAN TRAIL  
TO WIN A PRIZE?

VOTE FOR YOUR  
FAVOURITE TREE

DELICIOUS FESTIVE  
REFRESHMENTS  
SERVED ALL DAY

**NO NEED TO BOOK TICKETS - JUST TURN UP ON THE DAY**



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