

# Hill West Weekly Bulletin

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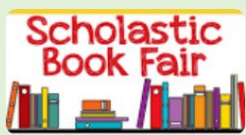


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## FOR YOUR INFORMATION; at a glance

Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Year 6 return from France</li> <li>• Design and Technology Day</li> <li>• <b>7.30pm; PTFA Meeting</b> at the Butlers Arms</li> </ul>
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 5.00pm Netball match taking place at Bishop Walsh Catholic school</li> </ul>
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR in School</b></li> <li>• Swimming for children in Years 4 and 5</li> <li>• 12.15pm – 3.15pm Gymnastics Event taking place at the GMAC Alexander Stadium for selected children</li> <li>• <b>3.45pm – 7.15pm - Parent Consultation taking place virtually for some families</b></li> </ul>
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR in School</b></li> <li>• <b>World book day</b></li> <li>• <b>PTFA Golden Ticket Tombola</b></li> </ul>
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR in School</b></li> <li>• 8.30am - 9.15am Mr Horne meeting with ACE Champions for Breakfast in the KS1 Hall</li> </ul>
UPCOMING EVENTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> March – Rabbits Holi Hindu Assembly</li> <li>• Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> March – Hedgehogs Holi Hindu Assembly</li> <li>• Friday 21<sup>st</sup> March – Parent Council Meeting</li> </ul>

## READING: SCHOLASTICS BOOK FAIR



We are delighted that the Scholastics Book Fair will be taking place in school, next week, coinciding with World Book Day! Children will be able to choose a book, which parents will be able to pay for on collection of their child in the KS2 entrance. Payment will be taken through a QR Code which will be displayed around the book fair.

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## PARENT CONSULTATIONS

Our second virtual Parent Consultation evening will be taking place on **Wednesday 5th March**.

The session will run from 3.45pm to 7.15pm with appointment slots extended to 10 minutes to allow for more in-depth discussions.

If you haven't already booked your slot, we encourage you to do so as soon as possible to secure a time that suits you. If you have any difficulties accessing School Cloud or need assistance with booking, please contact the school office.



## YEAR 3 HOLI ASEEMBLY

Our Year 3 children will be performing their Holi Hinu assemblies on **Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup>** and **Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> March**.



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

- Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> March 9.00am: Rabbits
- Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> March: 9.00am: Hedgehogs

## READING: WORLD BOOK DAY; ADVENTURE

### World Book Day – Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2025

We are excited to be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March! This is always a wonderful opportunity to promote the joy of reading and encourage a love of books across our school community.

***Children should come to school in their usual uniform and bring a book from home that they would love to share with a younger pupil in school.*** During the day, children will be paired up with a reading buddy, giving them the chance to read and enjoy their chosen book together. To make the experience even more enjoyable, ***children are welcome to bring in a small pillow, blanket, or soft toy to help them get comfy while they read.***



We look forward to celebrating this special day with our pupils and fostering a shared love of reading.



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## RARE DISEASE DAY 28<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2025

### Rare Disease

**Day** is the globally coordinated movement on rare diseases, working towards equity in social opportunity, healthcare, and access to diagnosis and therapies for people living with a rare disease. Did you know there are 300 million people diagnosed with a rare disease worldwide? That is 3.5 – 5.9% of the total population.



Since its creation in 2008, Rare Disease Day has played a critical part in building an international rare disease community that is multi-disease, global, and diverse—but united in purpose. **Rare Disease Day** is observed every year on **28 February** (or 29 in leap years)—the rarest day of the year.

In an effort of global solidarity, we are invited to light or decorate our homes with colours at 7pm on 28 February.

[#LightUpForRare - Rare Disease Day 2025](#)

## SAFEGUARDING

### SAFER SLEEP WEEK is MONDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> MARCH – SUNDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> MARCH

Safer Sleep Week is The Lullaby Trust's national awareness campaign targeting anyone looking after a young baby. It aims to raise awareness of sudden infant death syndrome (SIDS) and the simple advice that reduces the



risk of it occurring. We know that greater awareness of safer sleep leads to a decrease in the numbers of babies dying.

This campaign will show parents and carers the simplest way to create a safe sleep space for their baby that will help to protect their vulnerable airway and reduce the risk of SIDS and accidents. If you would like more information on The Lullaby Trust or Safer Sleeping advice, please follow the link below.

<https://www.lullabytrust.org.uk/about-us/safer-sleep-week/>

## HEADSHIP COMMUNICATION

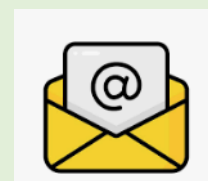
For any queries or concerns, you can reach out to our **Headship Team** via email:

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We kindly ask that all communications are sent respectfully, and we will do our best to respond as soon as possible. Thank you for your support!

## NEW BUILD UPDATE

The DfE have been working hard to establish a relationship with a new contractor, and I am pleased to say that there has been another site visit this week.



The DfE are doing everything possible to expedite the works and as soon as we have confirmation of re-commencement, we will let you know.

## ATTENDANCE

**Securing good attendance at Hill West is everybody's responsibility**



Thank you for supporting our drive to maintain excellent levels of attendance for all of our children. We are pleased that our children love coming to school and know that they are loved and belong.

## 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)



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## EAT THEM TO DEFEAT THEM CAMPAIGN 2025

**48% of Parents tell us they struggle to get their children to eat vegetables.**

If you are worried about your child's mood, behaviour and learning, a good place to start is their diet.



Eat Them to Defeat Them was created by Veg Power and ITV as a fun way to encourage children to eat more vegetables. This is a massive, well-established campaign, with activities in thousands of schools.

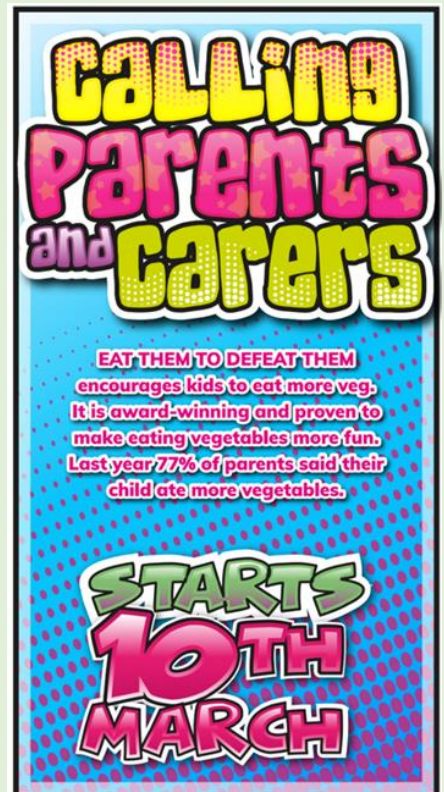
As part of this year's campaign, our catering teams will be running a week of specially themed menus focused on showcasing different vegetables.

This means some meal choices will be different from the usual menu, week commencing Monday 10<sup>th</sup> March.

**The updated menus will all be live on Relish by Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> March so that you and your child can make their selection.**

If you would like more information on the campaign, please follow the link below.

[Home - Eat Them To Defeat Them](#)



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*All Saints' Four Oaks invites you to our special...*



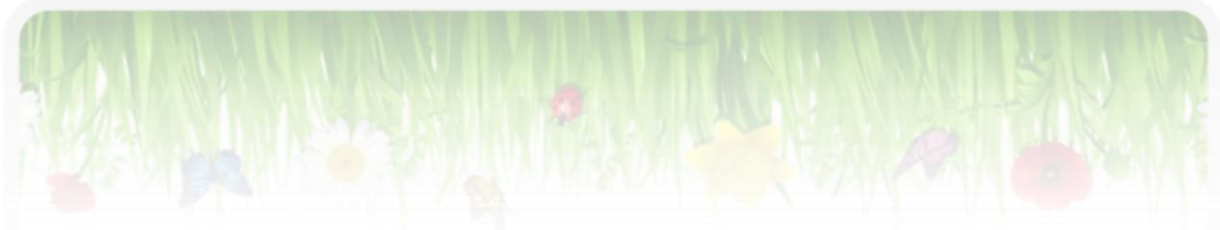
*3pm on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2025*

*Join in fun messy  
play and crafts*

*All Saints' Church,  
Belwell Lane,  
Four Oaks, B74 4TR*

*Lots of Spring  
Activities*

*Book Now! [www.bookwhen.com/allsaintsmessychurch](http://www.bookwhen.com/allsaintsmessychurch)*



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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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