

Hill West Weekly Bulletin

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

Week commencing: Monday 10th March

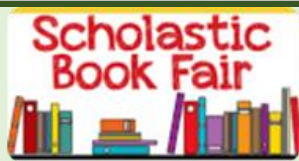


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FOR YOUR INFORMATION; at a glance

Monday 10th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BRITISH SCIENCE WEEK: Change and Adapt • SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR in School • Eat Them to Defeat Them - National Veg campaign • NHS Height and Weight screening taking place for Years 6 and Reception
Tuesday 11th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR in School • Junior Einsteins hosting science workshops for classes throughout the day, funded by our wonderful PTFA
Wednesday 12th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR in School • Swimming for children in Years 4 and 5 • 9.00am – 10.00am Rabbits Holi Assembly taking place in KS1 Hall, parents welcome
Thursday 13th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9.00am – 10.00am Hedgehogs Holi Assembly taking place in KS1 Hall, parents welcome
Friday 14th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9.00am- 12.30pm KS2 Pentathlon taking place at Nechells Wellbeing Centre for selected children • 9.00am - 10.00am Parent Drop in Coffee Morning with Miss Shipp and GROW family services in the KS2 Hall
UPCOMING EVENTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Friday 21st March; Parent Council Meeting • Friday 21st March; Red Nose Day and World down syndrome day • Friday 4th April; PTFA Spring Disco

READING: SCHOLASTICS BOOK FAIR



We are delighted that the Scholastics Book Fair is currently in school, coinciding with World Book Day! Children are able to choose a book, which parents will be able to pay for on collection. The Book Fair can be found in the KS2 Hall.



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RED NOSE DAY

To celebrate **Comic Relief Red Nose Day on Friday 21st March**, children are invited to come to school in **non-uniform** for the day!



We kindly ask parents to make a donation through our **JustGiving page** using the link below:

<https://www.justgiving.com/page/hill-west-primary-school-comic-relief-2025>

Thank you for your support in helping us raise funds for this fantastic cause!

WORLD DOWN SYNDROME DAY

On **Friday 21st March**, we invite all children to take part in a **non-uniform day** and wear **odd socks** to celebrate **World Down Syndrome Day**.

Believe it or not, socks get people talking! On 21st March, choose socks that will get noticed—whether they're mismatched, crazy, or the most colourful pair you own! Let's come together to raise awareness and help **End The Stereotypes**.

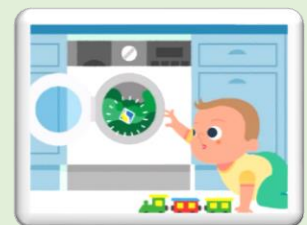
Thank you for your support!



SAFEGUARDING: WASHING PODS AND CAPSULES

Washing Pods and Capsules - Child Accident Prevention Trust

Young children are vulnerable to all sorts of dangers in the home. One of the most significant issues can come in the form of everyday cleaning products. Some like sink unclogger can look like fruit juice. The thick consistency and similarity to apple juice in colour make it particularly enticing. However, one threat stands out from all others in this regard. The washing pod. Many washing pods bear a striking similarity to over-the-counter confectionary. For children the mistake can be easy to make, especially when washing pods may be kept in a lower location than other cleaning supplies. The Child Accident Prevention Trust has recently published a page that looks to offer guidance on this issue. If interested, please follow the link below:



<https://capt.org.uk/washing-pods-and-capsules/>



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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 increasing activity.



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

Week start date	Attendance at Hill West	National average
06/01/2025	95.3%	94.6%
13/01/2025	97.2%	95.3%
20/01/2025	97.6%	94.5%
27/01/2025	96.4%	94.5%
03/02/2025	95.9%	94.8%
10/02/2025	96.4%	94.1%

Thank you for supporting our drive to ensure good attendance for all.

TERM DATES

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All **term dates** and **teacher training days** are now available on our school website. Please visit the link below to stay updated on key dates for the academic year.

<https://hillwest.bham.sch.uk/parents/term-dates/>



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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.

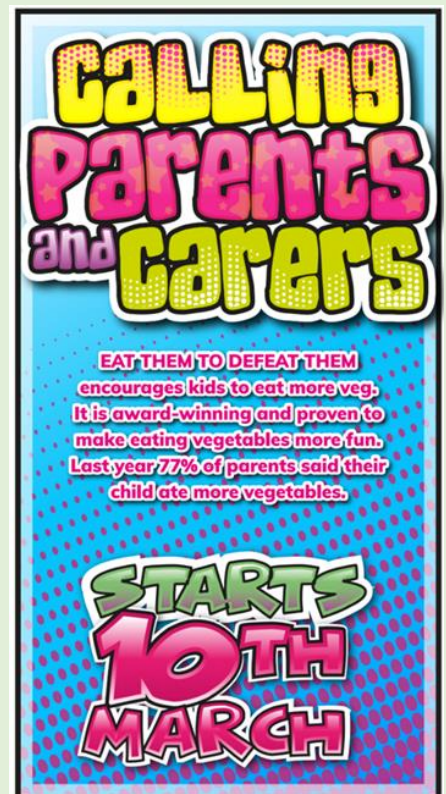
As part of this year's campaign, our catering teams will be running a week of specially themed menus focused on showcasing different vegetables.

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

The updated menus will all be live on Relish by Monday 3rd 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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CELEBRATING SCIENCE WEEK!

On Tuesday 11th March

**Junior Einsteins[®]
Science Club**

Will be providing interactive Science Shows in school to each year group.
With bubbling, explosive experiments, mentos eruptions, elephant toothpaste - and much more!

**This event has been funded by our PTFA.
A big thank you to everyone for supporting our fundraising events which have made this possible! Look out for more events to come...**

A colorful poster for Science Week. The top features the text 'CELEBRATING SCIENCE WEEK!' in large red letters, followed by 'On Tuesday 11th March' in blue. Below this is a cartoon illustration of Albert Einstein holding a flask. The text 'Junior Einsteins® Science Club' is prominently displayed. Further down, it says 'Will be providing interactive Science Shows in school to each year group. With bubbling, explosive experiments, mentos eruptions, elephant toothpaste - and much more!'. At the bottom, it states 'This event has been funded by our PTFA. A big thank you to everyone for supporting our fundraising events which have made this possible! Look out for more events to come...'. The poster is decorated with various scientific icons like a microscope, DNA helix, globe, and gears. At the bottom, there is a cartoon illustration of two scientists in lab coats working in a laboratory.

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



3pm on Saturday 8th 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



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