

Hill West Weekly Bulletin

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

Week commencing: Monday 5th May



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WELCOME BACK



We have enjoyed welcoming our children and families back to school this week and look forward, with excitement, to the remainder of the summer term.



FOR YOUR INFORMATION; at a glance

Monday 5th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MAY DAY BANK HOLIDAY: School closed to all children
Tuesday 6th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4.00pm – 5.00pm Girls Football match against New Hall Primary School taking place at Hill West
Wednesday 7th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Swimming for children in Year 4 and 5 9.00am Swifts Vesak/Wesak Assembly; parents welcome
Thursday 8th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9.00am Swallows Vesak/Wesak Assembly, parents welcome 4.00pm Cross Country Event at Veseyans Rugby Club for selected children.
Friday 9th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9.00am -10.30am Parent Council meeting taking place in the KS1 Reception area, all parents welcome
UPCOMING EVENTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Friday 16th May – PTFA Kids Kahoot Quiz (child only event) Wednesday 21st May – Robins Open Morning Thursday 22nd May – Wrens Open Morning Friday 23rd May – ATLP Training Day, School closed to all Children



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YEAR 1 VESAK/WESAK ASSEMBLY

We are pleased to tell you that our Year 1 assembly, being performed by children in **Swifts and Swallows** will be taking place in the KS1 Hall on **Wednesday 7th May and Thursday 8th May 2025.**



- **Wednesday 7th May 9.00am: Swifts**
- **Thursday 8th May 9.00am: Swallows**

We hope that you are able to join us, and we look forward to welcoming you to school.

YEAR 6 ICE CREAM

Year 6 children will be having a visit from the ice cream van on **Friday 16th May at 11.00am** to mark the end of their statutory assessment tests.



Please let us know if you do not want your child to have an ice-cream.

YEAR 1 TRIP TO WARWICK CASTLE

We are delighted to be visiting the Warwick Castle with Year 1 on **Wednesday 14th May.**

School uniform is required but children may wear trainers or suitable footwear if they wish, along with a waterproof jacket.

Please send your child with a small rucksack containing plenty to drink and a snack. A packed lunch will be provided as part of the universal free school meal scheme. If you have opted out of this, please provide your child with a packed lunch but please do not include any sweets or chocolate. Drinks are to be in plastic containers or cartoons.



SCCT UNIFORM



From 1st March 2025, all applications for SCCT School clothing grants will be processed online using their secure portal. For details on the new process and how to apply, please go to the Trust's website, which is [School Clothing Grant | Sutton Coldfield Charitable Trust](#)



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READING

We cannot underestimate the power of simply reading to our children.

Here are the number of words children will have heard by the time they are 5 years old;

- Never read to – 4,662 words
- Read to 1 -2 times per week – 63,570 words
- Read to 3 – 5 times per week – 169,520 words
- Read to daily – 296,660 words
- And read 5 books a day – 1,483,300 words.



ATTENDANCE

Regular attendance is crucial for students' success, as it ensures they stay engaged with learning and build

consistent routines. Parents are reminded to contact the school by telephone before 9am on the first day of their child's absence. This allows us to maintain accurate records and provide timely support. Additionally, parents can expect a well-being call from the class teacher on the same day to check in and offer any necessary assistance, ensuring that students feel connected and supported, even when they are unable to attend.



RECEPTION PLACES AVAILABLE FOR SEPTEMBER – SPREAD THE WORD



Now that school places for September have been allocated, we are delighted to share that we still have a small number of Reception spaces available for children starting school this year. Due to a nationally declining birth rate, many schools are experiencing lower numbers than usual – but this presents a wonderful opportunity for families in our community. If you, or someone you know, has a child who is due to start school in September and hasn't yet secured a place, or is considering relocating, we would love to welcome them into our Hill West family. We know our school offers a nurturing, inspiring and high-quality education where children thrive both academically and personally. Please do share this with family, friends and neighbours – and encourage them to get in touch with us to arrange a visit and see what makes Hill West such a special place to begin a child's learning journey.



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NEW BUILD UPDATE



As you will have seen, our new contractors (Galliford Try) were on site over the Easter holidays, familiarising themselves with our school.

They also accomplished a number of necessary maintenance and repair issues as well as installing an extra playground space for our children to utilise during PE lessons and when outside at break time and lunchtime. This will be invaluable as we move through the seasons. We will continue to update you on the progress of any works when we are in receipt of timescales.

THANK YOU

A Huge Thank You to Our Wonderful PTFA

We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to the PTFA for all of their efforts so far this academic year. The spring disco was a huge success and the children had a fantastic time dancing, singing, and enjoying themselves - it was a truly joyful event! We are so grateful for the ongoing support of our PTFA. Events like this would not be possible without their time, generosity, and dedication. Thank you once again for making it such a memorable experience for our children.



SAFEGUARDING – SUN SAFETY

As the warmer summer months approach, we want to ensure that all of our children stay safe and comfortable while enjoying their time outdoors. At Hill West, we are committed to promoting sun safety and would appreciate your support in helping us protect the children from the harmful effects of too much sun.

Sun hats: Please ensure your child brings a sun hat to school. Hats that shade the face, neck, and ears are ideal.

Sunscreen: Apply a long-lasting, high-factor (SPF 30+) sunscreen to your child before school. If you wish to send a named bottle of sunscreen in their bag, we will support children to reapply it themselves during the day.

Hydration: Send your child to school with a refillable water bottle. Staying hydrated is essential for both health and learning during hot weather.

Shade and time outdoors: We plan our outdoor activities carefully, making use of shaded areas and avoiding the hottest part of the day whenever possible. However, as you know our shaded areas are quite limited.



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£15 P/P
INC STONE BAKED
PIZZAS

RAFFLE
DURING THE NIGHT
£5 PER STRIP
BRING CASH

GAMES
DURING THE NIGHT
£1 PER GAME
BRING CASH

Quiz Night

ADULT ONLY EVENT

FRIDAY
13TH JUNE
KS2 HALL

DOORS/BAR OPEN
AT : 7PM
QUIZ STARTS AT :
7.30PM

PRIZES TO BE WON

MORE INFO:
CARD ONLY BAR

FEATURING MR HORNE AS QUIZ MASTER

TICKETS AVAILABLE ON MCAS UNTIL 10TH JUNE
INDIVIDUAL TICKETS & TABLES AVAILABLE - 8 PER TABLE
(PURCHASE GROUP TICKETS AS A MULTIPLE PURCHASE ON MCAS TO SIT TOGETHER)

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT HILL.WESTPTF@HILLWESTMAG.COM



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K! ALL AGES WELCOME K!

KIDS
Kahoot!
QUIZ

FRIDAY 16TH OF MAY! **5pm – 7pm**

TUCK SHOP **£2.50 A TICKET**

K! GET YOUR TICKETS ON MCAS NOW! K!



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Family Services

PILATES

with Emma Hunter

Thursdays in May

1st
8th
15th
22nd

9.30am - 10.30am

Four Oaks
Methodist Church
Lichfield Road,
Sutton Coldfield

These will be relaxed sessions, no previous experience of pilates required. Please bring your own mat.

to book www.growfamilyservices.org/events



For Parents/Carers of
children with SEND



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Walk and Talk in Sutton park

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Details:

- ✓ Tuesday – 29th April
– 6th May
– 13th May
– 20th May
- ✓ 9.30am – 10.30am
- ✓ Meeting point Visitor
Centre – Towngate

To book please visit:
www.growfamilyservices.org/walktalk



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1:1 SEND SURGERY APPOINTMENTS

- ✓ Emotional Support
- Paperwork Support
- Advice
- EHCP Support



TO BOOK PLEASE EMAIL



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