

Hill West Weekly Bulletin

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

Week commencing: Monday 12th May



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FOR YOUR INFORMATION; at a glance

Monday 12th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • KS2 SATS taking place each morning this week (Monday–Thurs) • Testing / quizzes taking place in all classes this week
Tuesday 13th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7.30pm PTFA Meeting at the Butlers Arms
Wednesday 14th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Swimming for children in Year 4 and 5 • 9.00am – 3.00pm Year 1 visit to Warwick Castle
Friday 16th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Free Ice-Creams for Year 6 children (please advise us if your child has any allergies or if you would prefer, they didn't receive one) • 5.00pm -7.00pm PTFA Kids Kahoot Quiz, child only event taking place in KS1 Hall
UPCOMING EVENTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tuesday 20th May – Day of Culture • Wednesday 21st May – Robins Open Morning • Thursday 22nd May – Wrens Open Morning • Friday 23rd May – ATLP Training Day, School closed to all Children

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.



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.

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RECEPTION OPEN MORNING

Our Reception open mornings will be taking place on **Wednesday 21st May** and **Thursday 22nd May**. We will be holding these sessions in the **KS1 Hall**, and they will include a tour around our school. The session will provide you with an introduction to **My Happy Mind**, a programme based around helping children to understand how their brain works and to support them in developing positive skills and habits to be their very best selves. We would love it if you could attend. If you are not able to come along yourself, then grandparents, other family members or family friends can attend in your place.



- **9.00am Wednesday 21st May for Robins**
- **9.00am Thursday 22nd May for Wrens**

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](#)

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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READING

The National Literacy Trust tells us, 'There can be few things as powerful as regularly reading to a young child. It has astonishing benefits for children: comfort and reassurance, confidence and security, relaxation, happiness and fun. Giving a child time and full attention when reading them a story tells them they matter. It builds self-esteem, vocabulary, feeds imagination and even improves their sleeping patterns. Yet fewer than half of 0–2-year-olds are read to every day or nearly every day by their parents'.



"By starting the journey of building a lifelong love of reading for pleasure, parents are giving their child the opportunity to be the best they can be: children who read for pleasure do better in a wide range of subjects at school and it also positively impacts children's wellbeing".

ATTENDANCE

We believe that regular school attendance is a crucial element of your child's academic success and overall development. We are committed to providing a nurturing and stimulating learning environment, and we would like to emphasise the importance of good attendance for your child's educational journey.



It is usually appropriate for parents and carers to send their children to school with mild respiratory illnesses. This would include general cold symptoms: a minor cough, runny nose or sore throat. However, children should not be sent to school if they have a temperature of 38°C or above. Additional information can be found from the NHS 'Is my child too ill for school?'

[Is my child too ill for school?](#)

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



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NO MUSIC LESSONS WEEK COMMENCING MONDAY 12TH MAY

Please note: There will be **no peripatetic music lessons** during the week commencing **Monday 12th May** due to **Birmingham's Music Service staff training**.



SAFEGUARDING

"Safeguarding is everybody's responsibility".

Children have a right to be cared for and protected. At Hill West we understand that safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children is everyone's responsibility. Everyone who comes into contact with children and their families and carers has a role to play in safeguarding children. In order to fulfil this responsibility effectively, all professionals in school make sure their approach is child-centred. This means that they consider, at all times, what is in the best interests of the child. Staff working with children are advised to maintain an attitude of 'it could happen here'.

Our Designated Safeguarding Lead is;

- Mrs Rebecca George; Deputy Head Teacher

Our Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads are;

- Dr Beth Clarke; Head Teacher
- Ms Kelly Bailey; Assistant Head Teacher
- Miss Evette Barrett; Assistant Head Teacher
- Miss Claire Shipp; Pastoral Lead

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.



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DAY OF CULTURE TUESDAY 20TH MAY



We are excited to be holding our Day of Culture at Hill West on **Tuesday 20th May**. This will be a joyful celebration of the rich diversity within our school community.

Throughout the day, children will explore African, Asian, Caribbean, European, and Latin American cultures through creative workshops including music, dance, food, poetry, and art.

Children are invited to come to **school in uniform or traditional dress** representing their heritage or a culture they feel connected to (please ensure outfits are suitable for movement and learning). Year groups will work in pairs and rotate through four engaging workshops led by staff, with Year 6 pupils supporting as helpers.

The day will finish with a vibrant whole-school carnival on the field at 2:00pm featuring music, live performances, and a colourful cultural parade. We hope it will be a memorable day of fun, learning and celebration for all!



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All Saints' Four Oaks invites you to...

Eco Messy Church

Join in messy fun and crafts as we think about how fabulous our planet is and how to look after it!

Please bring party food to share

3pm Saturday 10th May 2025

All Saints' Church, Belwell Lane, B74 4TR

Book Now! www.bookwhen.com/allsaitsmessychurch



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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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£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 HILLWESTPT@HILLWESTPRIM.COM



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NATIONAL
YOUTH CHOIR

SING!

West Midlands

Sign up for SING! 2025, which includes **three FREE workshops!**

Each workshop day is led by our **friendly team** of vocal leaders **from National Youth Choir**.

Young singers will learn exciting new **songs**, make new **friends** and develop their **musical skills**.

Who can join

- Open to **Year 5 to Year 8**
- You must be at **state school or homeschooled** in the West Midlands area
- The workshops are **FREE** and **support with travel costs** is available
- You can sign up at any point in the year

Sign up now

Register for events and sign up to our mailing list



Workshop dates

All workshops take place in Mere Green Primary School, Birmingham

Workshop 1 - Saturday 7 June, 10am-4pm

Workshop 2 - Saturday 5 July, 10am-4pm

Workshop 3 - Saturday 11 October, 10am-4pm
includes auditions to join National Youth Choir

www.nationalyouthchoir.org.uk



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Walk and Talk in Sutton park

For Parents/Carers of
children with SEND


GROW
Family Services

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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Morning Meet

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9.30am - 11.30am

**Our Place Community Hub
Farthing Lane, Sutton Coldfield
B72 1RN**

**SEND parents/carers come and
join us for a coffee and chat**

For more details or to book a place visit
www.growfamilyservices.org/morningmeets

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