



Friday 18th July 2025

# Final Bulletin



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## Headteacher's message:

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of another school year at Hillside, I want to take a moment to reflect on the incredible journey our children have made since September. It has been a joy to witness their growth—academically, personally, and socially.

We are proud to share that progress and attainment across the school have been strong, with excellent outcomes in this year's statutory assessments. However, success at Hillside is never measured by academic results alone. We place equal value on the wide range of opportunities our children experience beyond the classroom. From sporting achievements to creative arts and personal development, every child has had the chance to shine and grow in confidence.

This week, we said a fond farewell to our wonderful Year 6 class. Their leavers' performance was truly magical—a fitting celebration of their time with us and a beautiful send-off as they prepare for the next chapter in high school. We are incredibly proud of them and know they will continue to thrive.

None of this would be possible without the dedication of our staff and the unwavering support of our families. I am deeply grateful for the partnership we share in nurturing such special young people.

In today's final assembly, teacher's were able to reflect on the children's successes this year and wish them well in their next class. We also celebrated 28 years of teaching for Mrs Lynda Thomas, who we will be handing her Y5 class teacher role to Miss Wilkie, whilst continuing part-time as SENDCO, Student Lead Mentor and Inclusion Lead. We also wished Mr Newman all the best with his forthcoming Summer wedding.

Wishing you all a happy, healthy, and restful summer break. Thank you so much for all the cards and gifts we have received. We look forward to welcoming the children back on Wednesday 3rd September for another exciting year at Hillside.

Adam Khan—Headteacher



## Farewell Hillside we'll miss you!

In addition to the Year 6 Leavers service, Year 6 have been very busy the past two weeks creating some final memories of their Hillside experience. Last week, they enjoyed a day of den building and challenged themselves with a 'Go Ape' experience in Delemere Forest.



This week, they have put their entrepreneurial skills to the test with 'The Pound Grow' where they have used £2 each to invest in a small business idea.



## Important Dates:

Summer holidays

01/09 and 02/09—INSET Days

03/09—Autumn Term 25 begins (Children back in school)

15/09— Year 6 MinYDon Residential (4 nights)

03/10—Flu Jab (Whole school by consent)

25/02/26—Y2 Burwardsley Residential (1 night)

30/03/26— Y4 Tattenhall Residential (2 nights)

## Contact details:

Please contact the school office to notify or request absence at: [admin@hillside.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:admin@hillside.cheshire.sch.uk)

or call **01928 722 991**

Website links: [School website](#) [Absence request](#)

[Administering medicine consent](#) [Lunch Menu](#)

[Family Support Information](#) [Full School Diary](#)

## Voluntary Contributions

A number of parents have recently shared concerns about the frequency and cost of parent contributions throughout the school year. I want to reassure you that we are always mindful of the financial pressures families face, and we do everything we can to keep costs to a minimum. Wherever possible, we choose the most affordable options and seek additional funding to reduce the burden on families.

I encourage any parent who is finding it difficult to contribute to please reach out to us in confidence. We are committed to ensuring that no child is ever excluded from an activity due to financial constraints.

It's important to understand that many of the trips and events we offer—both in and out of school—come with hidden costs. These include not only transport, insurance, and administrative expenses, but also the cost of covering staff who accompany trips or work additional hours to support these enriching experiences.

Like many schools, we are facing significant funding challenges. Without the generous support of parents, the PTA, and our wonderful volunteers, many of these opportunities simply wouldn't be possible. Events such as Amasing, the Cheshire Show, Young Voices, and our regular school trips are not something every school is able to offer—but we believe they are vital to our children's development and enjoyment of school life.

This year, we have only received partial funding for nearly all activities that required a parental contribution. While we remain committed to inclusion, and no child will ever be left out due to financial hardship, we must be honest: if contributions continue to fall short, we will be forced to reduce the number and variety of these events in the future.

Thank you for your continued support and understanding. Together, we can ensure that our children continue to benefit from a rich and rewarding school experience.

## Book Swap

The summer book swap was a great success and, thanks to some generous donations of extra books from parents and staff, all children in school had the opportunity to select at least one "new" book to read over the summer holidays.

Mrs Potts



## First Generation

### Scholarship Programme

Supporting young people from the North West who would like to go to university, but whose parents didn't have the opportunity.



If you are interested you can find out more using [this link](#)

## History Week

Earlier this month, every class held an assembly to share their knowledge of history with the whole school. We placed the time periods each class had studied on a timeline to reinforce chronological order. Their knowledge and confidence on stage was fantastic! Following pupil voice, children commented how much they enjoyed the assemblies and how it helped them to remember what they had learnt in previous years and looked forward to what was coming up next year.



Mrs Williams

## Welcome Baby Jenson!

Harrison in Reception class is delighted to share the news of the birth of his baby brother! Baby Jenson, weighing 7lb 1oz was born on 8th July at 12:08. Congratulations to Harrison and proud parents Kellie and Ian.



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# Helsby Hillside Primary School

## Reception 2026 Open Days

We will be inviting prospective parents for **Reception 2026** intake into school for an open morning on:

**Tuesday 30th September**

**Tuesday 4th November**

**Tuesday 2nd December**

**Tuesday 8th January**

On each of these days there will be tours of the school at 9.30am led by our fantastic Year 5 and 6 tour guides. You will have the opportunity to see our current reception class and meet the teachers and headteacher.



Use this QR code to find out more about our school:



If you would like to attend any of our open mornings, please contact the school office at [admin@hillside.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:admin@hillside.cheshire.sch.uk) or phone 01928 722991

At Helsby Hillside, we:

- Offer an extensive personal development curriculum
- Provide a range of creative and sporting opportunities
- Provide wrap around care from 7.30am - 6pm
- Deliver strong academic outcomes
- Engage with our community supporting family and friendships
- Develop confident children who are inspired to achieve



Explore Nature, Art, Science and Technology across Lion Salt Works and Weaver Hall Museum at Northwich Explorers club!

Come and make some exciting discoveries with us this Summer!

6<sup>th</sup> Aug - Model Boats  
13<sup>th</sup> Aug - Acids and Alkalis  
20<sup>th</sup> Aug - Electric circuits  
27<sup>th</sup> Aug - Birds feeders  
11-12 & 12-1

at  
**Weaver Hall**  
Museum & Workhouse

8<sup>th</sup> Aug - Making natural dyes  
15<sup>th</sup> Aug - Exploring plastics  
22<sup>nd</sup> Aug - Slime making  
29<sup>th</sup> Aug - Fossil casting  
11-12 & 12-1

at  
**Lion Salt Works**

Booking necessary, £5 per session.

To book call Weaver Hall Museum on: 01606 271646 or Lion Salt Works on: 01606 275066 or pop in to see us!



### Message from Live Well Co-ordinator (Children's Early Help and Prevention)

I have put together some information of activities and events during the summer holidays for young people with SEND. You can find out more information [here](#)

As well as our Explorer sessions, during the summer holidays Weaver Hall Museum will have free crafts activities running every Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri. Lion Salt Works will have free craft activities running every Wed, Thurs.

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