



Headteacher's Bulletin

With kindness, respect and gratitude, together we aim high in all we do

Headteacher's message:

Dear families,

It has been another vibrant and productive couple of weeks here at Hillside, and I'm delighted to share some of the wonderful things happening across our school community.

Yesterday we celebrated the remarkable 27 years of service given by Mrs Bradbury (Mrs B). Her care, warmth and dedication to the children, families and staff have been extraordinary. She truly embodies the values of Hillside, and although we will miss her deeply, we are so grateful for everything she has contributed to our school community. We know she enjoyed her 'Country' themed send off which was attended by past colleagues, headteachers, families and our children.

We were very proud to welcome our School Improvement Partner into school recently. During their visit, they noted fantastic learning taking place across every classroom. They were especially impressed by pupils' engagement, the quality of teaching, and the warm, purposeful atmosphere throughout the school. This is a credit to our hardworking children and the dedication of our brilliant staff team.

Beyond the classroom, children have been busy taking part in a wealth of wider opportunities that support and extend their learning. Year 6 did us proud when they took part in the High School Big Maths Competition, showcasing their problem solving and teamwork skills. Many children have also been excited to exchange their pre-loved books during our recent Book Swap — it's been lovely to see them choosing new stories to enjoy.



Headteacher's message (cont):

We continue to value creativity and wellbeing at the heart of the Hillside experience. Our pupils had an unforgettable day with Rock Kidz, learning about resilience, perseverance and positive attitudes — all while having a fantastic time! A group of KS2 children were also lucky enough to visit Helsby High School for their energetic production of Grease, which was a real treat and a great source of inspiration.

Please ensure children are not bringing in items from home that are not needed for school. Recently, a number have been bringing in small rubber ducks. These are not permitted as they can present a choking hazard. Thank you for helping us keep everyone safe.

Wishing you a lovely half-term break. We look forward to seeing the children back in school at the new start time of 8.45am on Tuesday 24th February.

Adam Khan—Headteacher



Important Dates:

13/02	Break up for Spring Half Term
24/02	Back to school for Spring 2 at 8.45am
25/02	Y2 Burwardsley Residential Trip
30/03	Y4 Tattenhall Residential Trip
01/04	Break up for Easter 2pm

Contact details:

Please contact the school office to notify or request absence at: 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](#)

Link Club

We now have places available in our before and after school provision. If you would like to use this provision or would like further information please email us at:

linkclub@hillside.cheshire.sch.uk more information can also be found on the [school website](#)





Young Voices 2026!

A huge well done to our amazing choir, led by Mrs FC, who performed at the Young Voices concert in Manchester last week. It was a truly magical experience and one we know the children will remember forever. A big thank you to the parent helpers who supported us on the day — your help made the event possible.

SEND Information

Please see the latest parent/carer forum newsletter. They have provided a short video to support families with children with SEND which you can [access here](#).



If you have any concerns about your child's speech or language development, please contact Mrs Thomas at: sen@hillside.cheshire.sch.uk

Prem Aware Award

We are pleased to share that Helsby Hillside has been accredited as being a Prem Aware School. Thank you to Mrs Thomas who has worked for this, including adapting our systems to acknowledge our prem born children. Here Isla (Y3), Mum Becky and Mrs Thomas proudly receiving the certificate.



Thank You For Your Feedback

Thank you to all who contributed to the December parent survey. The results of which can be [seen here](#). All your feedback is valued and will be used to further improve what we do here. Also thanks to families who contributed to the SEND Family survey. Again, this was also very positive with all feedback being valued. The results can be [seen here](#).

Could You Inspire Our Learners?

Last year, we were extremely fortunate to welcome a number of parents into school to share Careers Talks with our KS2 children. These sessions help broaden children's aspirations and show them the many exciting paths their futures could take.

If any parents or grandparents would be willing to contribute this year, we would be delighted to hear from you.

Parent Governor

One of our parent governor's term of office is coming up for renewal. James Malam has offered to continue for a further term. If any parents wish to be considered, please do get in touch with the office before 28th February 2026.

JUNIOR SQUASH COACHING

STARTING ON SATURDAY

28 FEBRUARY 2026 9AM-10AM



CHESTER RUGBY CLUB, HARE LANE, CH3 7DB

If your son or daughter is interested in learning to play squash, having fun and developing new skills then why not enrol them onto our 4 week course.

Places are limited so please register your interest: jill@nextgensquash.co.uk

COST IS £28.00 FOR A 4 WEEK COURSE



ALL ABILITIES WELCOME

AGE 8-16

COACHES ARE:

ROBBIE BLAIR

JILL MAHER

ROBERT BLAIR



Email: jill@nextgensquash.co.uk

ALL COACHES HAVE ENHANCED DBS CERTIFICATES

WORLD BOOK DAY
5 MARCH 2026

Fancy Dress Swap



Donate or collect a children's costume for World Book Day at Barnton, Frodsham, Hope Farm, Little Sutton, Wharton or Winsford Libraries

Saturday 31 January to Wednesday 4 March

Proud to support
The National Year
of Reading 2026.



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