



Friday 1st May 2026

# Headteacher's Bulletin

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

Dear Families,

As we progress into the Summer term, it has been a pleasure to see how hard our children have been working across the school. Classrooms are full of focus, enthusiasm and pride, and staff have been impressed by the positive attitudes and resilience shown by pupils of all ages.

This week, our Year 6 pupils have completed mock assessments, approaching them with maturity and determination. These experiences are an important part of building confidence and readiness, and Year 6 should be very proud of how they have applied themselves.

We are also pleased to celebrate some fantastic attendance achievements this month.

- Year 1 are to be congratulated for having the best attendance overall.
- Reception class deserve recognition for having the fewest late arrivals..

Please continue to support us by ensuring that children **attend school regularly and arrive on time**, as this makes a real difference to learning and wellbeing.

Alongside this strong academic focus, children have continued to benefit from a wide range of learning opportunities, which enrich school life and bring learning to life. Thank you to Hillside staff and volunteers for making these experiences possible:

- Year 1 enjoyed a fantastic educational visit to Norton Priory, deepening their learning of science and wild art through first-hand experiences.
- Years 2, 5 and 6 took part in NSPCC personal safety workshops, reinforcing important messages about staying safe including online.
- Years 2, 3 and 4 represented Hillside superbly in football, demonstrating teamwork, sportsmanship and school pride.
- Our whole school poetry competition has inspired creativity across all year groups. Winners will be visiting the Tea Rooms next Friday as a special reward.
- Our School Councillors enjoyed a memorable visit to the Houses of Parliament, learning more about democracy and citizenship.

As we move into May, we are looking forward to additional sporting competitions, giving more pupils the chance to represent Hillside and enjoy sport. We would like to wish Year 6 the very best as they begin their SATs assessments on 11th May. We know they will do fantastically and want them to know that we are already incredibly proud of them—for their effort, resilience and positive attitude.

Please note that the Friends of Hillside Spring Bingo will take place on Friday 15th May. We hope many families will be able to join us for what is always a fun and sociable evening—thank you to the PTA for their continued support. Children are invited to come into school in on clothes next Friday (8th May) and families asked to make a donation for the Spring Bingo prizes—Please see attached FOH flyer.

Further to our recent inspection, the final Ofsted inspection report is attached. The report recognises much of what makes Hillside a successful school and reflects the strengths we have built together as a community. It also includes recommended next steps which we are committed to implement, ensuring Hillside continues to go from strength to strength.

Please read the May Online Safety Parents newsletter attached.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Adam Khan—Headteacher

## Friends of Hillside:

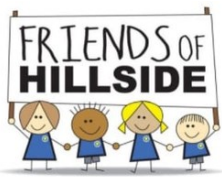
Thank you to everyone who donated bags of unwanted clothes last month.

Our next fundraising event will be our very popular family Bingo night, which is being held at Hillside Primary School on Friday 15 May. Doors will open at 6pm, with eyes down at 6.30pm.

(Please see attached flyer)

[friendsofhillsidefundraising@outlook.com](mailto:friendsofhillsidefundraising@outlook.com)

[Click here for school lottery!](#)



## Important Dates:

04/05	Bank Holiday Monday
08/05	Own Clothes Day (for FOH Spring Bingo)
11/05	Year 6 SATS Week
15/05	FOH Family Spring Bingo (After School)
<b>22/05</b>	<b>School closes for Whit half Term at 3.15pm</b>
<b>01/06</b>	<b>Children back in for Summer 2 Term</b>
02/06	Class Photos
08/06	Assessment Week
30/06	Sports' Day (02/07 reserve Sport's Day)
03/07 and 10/07	Own Clothes Days (for FOH Summer Fair Donations)
10/07	FOH Summer Fair
<b>22/07</b>	<b>Break up for Summer Holidays at 2pm</b>

## Fantastic Footballers!

Last weekend Theo, Coby and Jacob in Year 2 along with their Helsby Hawks team won the league in their first season of playing football! They have only lost 2 games in 29 all season and were never beaten at home! Well done boys!



Not to be outshone by the boys, well done to Megan and Fearn (Y4) who took part in their first U9 Helsby football team tournament on the Wirral. They came 3rd overall!

## 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**

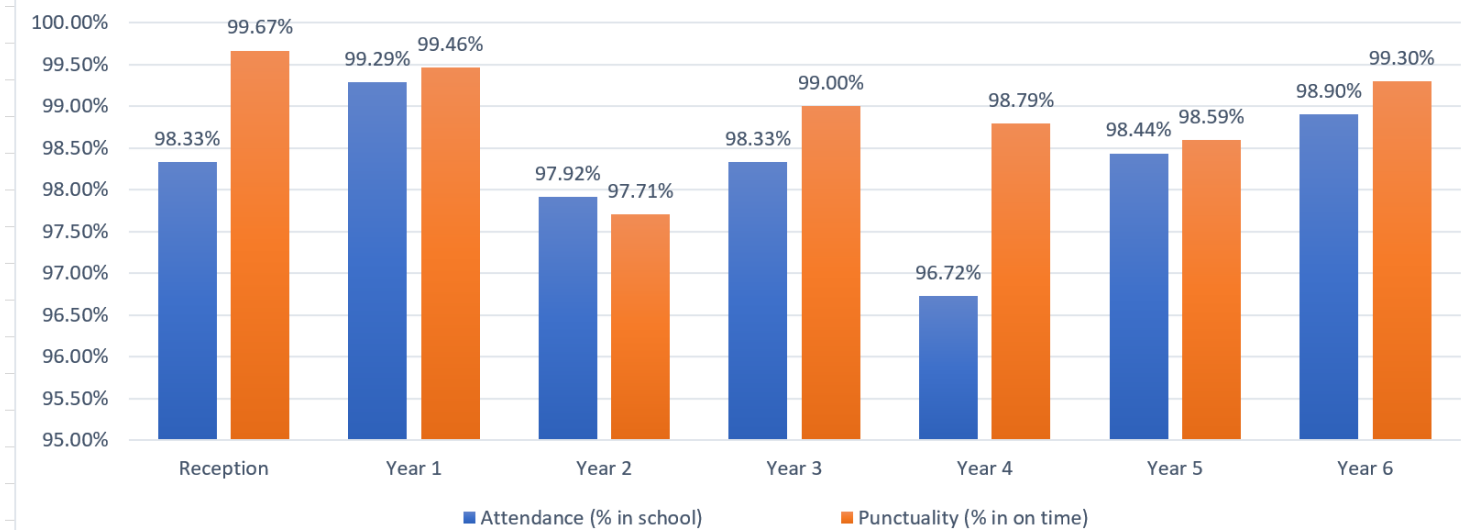
Website links: [School website](#) [Absence request](#)

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## April 2026 Attendance and Punctuality



We are always very happy to share our talented children's in and out-of-school achievements.



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