



Headteacher's Bulletin

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

Dear Families,

We have now reached the mid-point of our final academic term of the year. Our children and staff have coped brilliantly with the recent heat—thank you to everyone for their resilience.

There has been so much to celebrate over the past few weeks. All of our children worked incredibly hard during assessment week, and their achievements will be shared in the forthcoming Summer Reports. Our athletes performed superbly at the FAVSP District Sports Event, finishing in an impressive second place. Our Year 6 basketball team also represented the school brilliantly at the county finals.



Year 5 and 6 pupils enjoyed a fantastic day at Helsby High School's Music Day, and we were delighted to recognise and thank all of our wonderful volunteers during our special Volunteers' Assembly.

Last week, Year 6 took part in their Crucial Crew safety workshops, gaining essential knowledge and skills to help them stay safe and make positive choices. Through interactive and engaging sessions, pupils explored important topics including road and pedestrian safety, personal safety, online safety, health and wellbeing, and active lifestyles. These sessions brought key messages to life through discussion, practical demonstrations and real-life scenarios.

Our new library area is really beginning to take shape. Artist Charlotte Newman has recently completed a beautiful reading tree, which provides a lovely backdrop for this new reading space.



We are looking forward to Sports Day next Tuesday, taking place on our field on Proffits Lane:

- KS2 parents: please arrive by 9:45am (events finish by 11:30am)
- KS1 parents: please arrive by 1:30pm (events finish by 2:45pm)

KS1 parents are welcome to take their children home directly from the field. Any children not collected will return to school for normal end-of-day arrangements (or Link Club).

Friends of Hillside will be holding our Summer Fair at school from 5:00pm to 7:00pm on Friday 10th July. Children are invited to come to school in non-uniform on Friday 3rd July and Friday 10th July, and we kindly ask for a contribution for the fair (please see the FOH section overleaf for details).

On Monday 6th July, all children will take part in *Going-Up Day*, spending time with their September 2026 teachers in their new classrooms. We are also very much looking forward to welcoming our new Reception starters for the day. Our current Year 6 pupils will attend their transition days at Helsby High School on the Monday and Tuesday of that week.

Finally, please take a moment to read the attached information regarding the government's expanded criteria for free school meals, and use the eligibility checker to see whether you may qualify.

Adam Khan—Headteacher



Coffee Morning Invitation –

Wednesday 8th July 9am

We would like to invite all parents to a coffee morning at 9:00am on Wednesday 8th July.

We are pleased that Sarah Grindley will also be joining us. She will be available to answer questions and offer advice around children's anxiety and managing electronic phone use. Sarah can also offer further support by arranging one-to-one sessions or workshops, covering areas such as wellbeing, confidence, healthy lifestyles, and more.

Leisa Hughes, our Learning Mentor and ELSA, will also be available to offer support and guidance around emotional literacy and any pastoral queries you may have.

Even if you don't have anything specific you would like to discuss, you are very welcome to come along for a chat and a coffee—it would be lovely to see you there.

Important Dates:

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| 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 |
| 22/07 | Break up for Summer Holidays at 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](#)

[Free School Meals](#)

Free school meals eligibility checker for academic year 2026/27

The Government has expanded the free school meals criteria.

From the start of the 2026/27 school year, ALL children (in both Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2) from households in receipt of Universal Credit will be entitled to receive a free school meal. However, there will be 2 categories of Universal Credit based FSM :

Targeted FSM: which continues to be based on the existing threshold, covering pupils who are in households in receipt of Universal Credit with annual household earnings of £7,400 or less

Expanded FSM: a new category covering pupils who do not qualify for targeted FSM, but who are in households receiving Universal Credit with annual household earnings above £7,400.

[Free school meals | Cheshire West and Chester Council](#)

To check if you will be entitled to free school meals from the start of the new academic year, please click on the above link and check your entitlement. It is open for new applications as of June 1st 2026.

All children in Reception Class and KS1 are already entitled to a free school meal however if you meet the criteria stated our school will benefit from additional funding. So please do still apply using the link above, if you have any questions or need help filling in the form, please contact the school office

Friends of Hillside:

Thank you to everyone who has supported this term's Friends of Hillside (FOH) fundraising events.

Summer Fair - Friday 10th July 5pm to 7pm

We ask families to support this year's Summer Fair by contributing the following on the next two Fridays (Non-uniform Days).

Friday 3rd July:

We would like children to bring in jars of individually wrapped sweets (such as boiled sweets, lollipops, Moams, etc) for our sweet jar stall. If you are struggling to find a jar and would prefer to donate a sealed bag of sweets or chocolates then we will gratefully receive them too!

Friday 10th July:

KS1: We would like each class to bring in new items that would be appropriate for a child in the following age groups for our Deal or No Deal stall prizes:

Reception: Toy/Gift for child of 5 to 7 years

Year 1: Toy/Gift for child of 8 to 9 years

Year 2: Toy/Gift for child of 10 to 11 years

Key Stage 2: We would appreciate bottles for the bottle tombola. We'd like both alcoholic and non-alcoholic bottles and please ensure they're in date.

If you would be able to help on a stall, please get in touch with FOH at the email address below.

friendsofhillsidefundraising@outlook.com

[Click here for school lottery!](#)





Congratulations!

Well done to Megan who has passed her Level 2 and Lara who has passed her Level 4 skating awards.

Nut Free Reminder

We are a nut-free school due to severe allergies. Please ensure that no nut products are included in packed lunches or snacks, and check food labels carefully.

Thank you for helping us keep all children safe.

Hillside's Platinum Award

We are delighted to share that we have been re-accredited the School Games Platinum Award. This award recognises the breadth of sporting opportunities we provide and our children's engagement in sport.



Thank you to all our brilliant sportsmen and women, to our energetic sports lead, Mrs Moore, and to families who support many of our sporting activities and competitions.



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](#)



May 2026 Attendance and Punctuality

