



Hill View Primary Academy

Reach For The Stars

WELCOME
Back to school



Dear Parents and Carers

A very warm welcome back to all our pupils, parents and carers as we begin a new school year. We hope you have enjoyed a restful summer break and are ready for an exciting term ahead.

It has been wonderful to see the children return to school with such enthusiasm, confidence and positivity. We are looking forward to a year filled with learning, achievement and memorable experiences. Thank you for your continued support and partnership. Together, we will ensure every child feels happy, safe and successful at school.

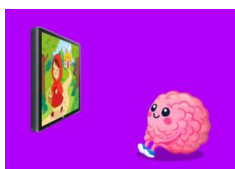
We wish all our families a fantastic start to the new academic year.

Miss Victoria Buckland
Headteacher

Screen time guidance for under 5s

Juggling family life and raising children in a digital world can be challenging. Find out more about how to support healthy screen habits for children under 5.

[Baby and toddler screen time guidance - Best Start in Life](#)



Newsletter No.1

w/c 7th September 2026

Week Commencing
14th September 2026

Monday 14th September – EYFS full time

**Friday 18th September – Armatrading
Class Swimming**

Pupil Absence

If your child is going to be absent from school, please inform the school office:

Tel: 01202 514109

E-mail: reception@hillviewacademy.org

Office open hours:

8.00am – 4pm. Mon – Fri. Term-time only

If leaving a message or sending an e-mail, please give the child's name & class. We are required to record the **reason for any absence**. [Please let us know your child's specific symptoms](#) e.g. temperature, cold/flu symptoms, vomiting etc.

The [NHS website](#) has advice regarding keeping your child away from school if they are unwell

Contact Us

Office: reception@hillviewacademy.org

SENCo/ Miss Ellis:

senco@hillviewacademy.org

Morning

club: morningclub@hillviewacademy.org

After School

Club: afterschoolclub@hillviewacademy.org

Website: www.hillviewacademy.org

Hot School Meals (Forerunner)

Deadline: midnight on Mondays for the following week

HOT SCHOOL MEALS

The cost of a hot school meal is £2.80 for pupils in KS2, pupils in KS1 and EYFS are entitled to universal infant school meals



We would like to warmly welcome the following members of staff to Hill View. We are delighted to have them join our school community and wish them every success in their new roles.

Ms Balla – Year 1 Teacher
 Mrs Charman – Year 2 Teacher & Year Lead
 Mrs Miles – Year 3 Teacher
 Miss Konstantinidou – Year 5 Teacher
 Ms Pell – Teaching Assistant
 Mr Carden – Sports Coach



We also warmly welcome all our new pupils and their families to Hill View. We are delighted that you are joining our school community and look forward to working in partnership with you throughout the year ahead.



PE DAYS

Children should come into school in their PE kits for the whole day on their allocated PE days as follows:

Year R: Monday and Tuesday
 Year 1: Tuesday and Friday
 Year 2: Wednesdays and Thursday
 Year 3: Thursday and Fridays
 Year 4: Mondays and Tuesday
 Year 5: Wednesday and Friday
 Year 6: Wednesday and Thursday



This week's Wizards



Year 1 – Joshua M
 Year 1 – Mila R
 Year 1 – Bhodi M
 Year 2 – Ana V
 Year 2 – Olivia
 Year 2 – Thomas
 Year 3 – Teodor
 Year 3 – Arthur W
 Year 3 – Zara D
 Year 4 – Finley M
 Year 4 – Seren J
 Year 4 – Thea c
 Year 5 – Hannah SH
 Year 5 – Elizabeth D
 Year 5 – Jessica F
 Year 6 – Edies
 Year 6 – Sophia P
 Year 6 – Ellie G



Attendance Cup Winners



w/c 7th September 2026



YR – Rosen Class 99.2%
 KS1- Monet Class 98.8%
 Lower KS2 – Simmonds Class 99.6%
 Upper KS2 – Sharman Class 99%

Is my child too ill for school?

We understand that it can be difficult to know whether your child should attend school when they are unwell. Government guidance is available to help schools and families manage infectious illnesses and explains when children should stay at home and when they can continue to attend school.

If your child is absent due to illness, please contact the school office as soon as possible on 01202514109 to let us know the reason for their absence.

If your child is fit to attend school but has a condition that may be passed to others, such as head lice or a cold sore, please let the school office know.

What to do about other conditions?

High temperature - If your child has a high temperature, keep them off school until it goes away.

Feeling anxious or worried - It's normal for children to feel a little anxious sometimes. They may get a tummy ache or headache or have problems eating or sleeping. Avoiding school can make a child's anxiety about going to school worse. It's good to talk about any worries they have with your child's teacher to work with the school to find ways to help them. If your child is still struggling and it's affecting their everyday life, it might be good to talk to your GP.

Coughs, colds and COVID-19 - It's fine to send your child to school with a minor cough or common cold. But if they have a fever, keep them off school until the fever goes. Encourage your child to throw away any used tissues and to wash their hands regularly.

Chickenpox - If your child has chickenpox, keep them off school until all the spots have crusted over. This is usually about 5 days after the spots first appeared.

Cold sores - There's no need to keep your child off school if they have a cold sore. Encourage them not to touch the blister or kiss anyone while they have the cold sore, or to share things like cups and towels.

Conjunctivitis - You don't need to keep your child away from school if they have conjunctivitis. Do get advice from your pharmacist. Encourage your child not to rub their eyes and to wash their hands regularly. they're feeling better, or their high temperature goes away.

Hand, foot and mouth disease - If your child has hand, foot and mouth disease but seems well enough to go to school, there's no need to keep them off. Encourage your child to throw away any used tissues straight away and to wash their hands regularly.

Head lice and nits - There's no need to keep your child off school if they have head lice. You can treat head lice and nits without seeing a GP.

Impetigo - If your child has impetigo, they'll need treatment from a pharmacist or GP, often with antibiotics. Keep them off school until all the sores have crusted over and healed, or for 48 hours after they start antibiotic treatment. Encourage your child to wash their hands regularly and not to share things like towels and cups with others.

Measles - If your child has measles, they'll need to see a GP. Call the GP surgery before you go in, as measles can spread to others easily. Keep your child off school for at least 4 days from when the rash first appears. They should also avoid close contact with babies and anyone who is pregnant or has a weakened immune system.

Ringworm - If your child has ringworm, see your pharmacist unless it's on their scalp, in which case you should see a GP. It's fine for your child to go to school once they have started treatment.

Scarlet fever - If your child has scarlet fever, they'll need treatment with antibiotics from a GP. Otherwise they'll be infectious for 2 to 3 weeks. Your child can go back to school 24 hours after starting antibiotics.

Slapped cheek syndrome (fifth disease) - You don't need to keep your child off school if they have slapped cheek syndrome because, once the rash appears, they're no longer infectious. Let the school or teacher know if you think your child has slapped cheek syndrome.

Sore throat - You can still send your child to school if they have a sore throat. But if they also have a high temperature, they should stay at home until it goes away. A sore throat and a high temperature can be symptoms of tonsillitis.

Threadworms - You don't need to keep your child off school if they have threadworms. Speak to your pharmacist, who can recommend a treatment.

Vomiting and diarrhoea - Children with diarrhoea or vomiting should stay away from school until they have not been sick or had diarrhoea for at least 2 days (48 hours).

NHS



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**Just a
reminder...**



Water Bottles – Reminder

As you are aware, daily cleaning of reusable water bottles is important not only for freshness but also to prevent the growth of bacteria, which can build up quickly in moist, enclosed spaces—especially when bottles aren't thoroughly cleaned or dried, or the temperature of a room is warm. If water bottles are left in school overnight, children will not be able to use them the next day due to a possible build-up of bacteria. Please remind your child/children to collect their water bottle if they have left it the previous day.

Here are a few quick tips for keeping bottles clean:

- ✓ Wash daily with warm, soapy water
- ✓ Use a bottle brush to reach all areas
- ✓ Rinse thoroughly and let it air dry
- ✓ Deep clean weekly with a mix of vinegar or baking soda, if needed

Additional Advice

- The use of dishwashers is acceptable providing the bottles are dishwasher safe
- Do not routinely use disinfectant, due to the risk of poisoning
- When purchasing bottles, try to avoid complicated designs that can be difficult to clean
- Over time, dirt can build up inside bottles within difficult to reach parts. If this happens, then replacement is needed
- DO NOT reuse spring water bottles. These plastic bottles are not designed to be reused. The plastic can break down overtime, resulting in chemicals leaching into the water

Parking and Road Safety

Unfortunately, last academic year, we received several complaints from parents, carers and local residents regarding parking and road safety at drop-off and pick-up times. Unsafe parking around schools is an increasing concern and can put the safety of children, families and other road users at risk. Parking on zig-zag markings, pedestrian crossings, pavements or in unsuitable locations can reduce visibility for both drivers and pedestrians, creating unnecessary hazards.

Please help us to keep everyone safe by observing the following guidance:

Do not park near the school entrance

This includes any location that prevents access for emergency vehicles, at or near a bus stop, opposite or within 10 metres of a junction, across a dropped kerb, or in front of the entrance to a property.

Do not stop or park on zig-zag markings

Zig-zag markings are in place to improve visibility and safety for children crossing the road. Stopping or parking in these areas creates significant risks for pedestrians and other road users.

Do not park on double yellow lines

Double yellow lines indicate that waiting or parking is not permitted at any time.

Observe restrictions on single yellow lines

Single yellow lines have specific parking restrictions which are displayed on nearby signs. Please check these signs carefully before leaving your vehicle.

Do not park on private forecourts or business premises

We have received complaints from staff at the Post Office and neighbouring businesses opposite the school that parents and carers are using their forecourt as a car park and, in some cases, blocking access and exits for staff and customers.

We kindly ask all parents and carers to park considerately, follow local parking restrictions and allow extra time for their journey where possible. By working together, we can help ensure that our pupils, families and the wider community remain safe.

Illegally parked vehicles can be reported to parking@bcpcouncil.gov.uk

Thank you for your support and cooperation.

Welcome back to the new school year 26/27!

We hope you all had a lovely summer and are ready for another year.

AGM

We would like to invite all interested parents, guardians and staff to the PTFA's annual general meeting.

The AGM will be held at Hill View Primary School at 7:30-9:30pm in the small hall.

It is a chance to hear about what the PTFA has been doing, what we would like to do and see who sits on the PTFA.

We will be changing committee members and electing new members to the committee.

If you would like to help the PTFA's work in any way - volunteering for events, sorting pre loved school uniform or anything else then please do come and listen to what is going on and maybe add your ideas!

Pre Loved School Uniform

As the new school year begins and summer sorting is over, please consider donating your outgrown school uniform to our pre-loved stocks

We love to receive all uniform and coats but please make sure it is clean and in the kind of condition you would be happy for your child to wear.

We do not take socks/tights/underwear but please consider offering these to the school as these are sometimes used for accidents that occur.



Uniform Preloved & NEW!

We have a wide range of stock available of new Uniform to purchase from us. Please see our updated price list below or by [clicking here](#) to view on the school website.

Hill View Uniform Price List
Available to purchase from the PTFA.

We can now send you a link for payment with easy collection from the school office.

Item	Price
Sweatshirt	£13.00
PE T-Shirt	£8.00
Cardigan	£15.00
Ties	£5.00
Book Bag	£10.00
Polar Fleece	£17.00

Size:
 Cardigan: 12" (3-4yrs), 24" (4-5yrs), 26" (5-6yrs), 28" (7-8yrs), 30" (9-10yrs), 32" (11-12yrs), 34" (13yrs), 36" (S Adult)
 Fleece: 3-4yrs, 5-6yrs, 7-8yrs, 9-10yrs, 11-12yrs, 13yrs
 Sweatshirt: 24" (4-5yrs), 26" (5-6yrs), 28" (7-8yrs), 30" (9-10yrs), 32" (11-12yrs), 34" (13yrs), 36" (S Adult)
 PE T-Shirt: 3-4yrs, 5-6yrs, 7-8yrs, 9-10yrs, 11-12yrs, 13yrs, M & L

All profits made from sales go back into the school to benefit all pupils.

To place orders, please contact us by Email: hillview.ptfa@hotmail.co.uk or our Facebook page: Hill View Primary School P.T.F.A. Cash and Card payment accepted

We continue to have stock in the main office for pre-loved items. An honesty box is at the reception desk. We only accept cash for pre-loved.

'Pre-Loved' Uniform Price List 2024
Available to purchase from the rail in the school office

Items	Price (Cash)
Book Bags	£1 EACH
PE T-Shirts	
Pinafores	
Shorts (all inc PE)	
Skirts	
Shoes (& Plimsols)	
Summer Dresses	
Ties	£4 EACH
Trousers	
Cardigans / Sweatshirts	
Coats / Fleecees	2 for 50p
White Shirts	

Cash Payment: There is an honesty box in the school office

Donations: We are always pleased to receive uniform donations. These can be left under the clothes rail

Thank you for your support

All profits made from sales go back into the school to benefit all pupils.

If you have any clean, good quality items for donating, please leave in a bag under the existing clothes rail. All donations are gratefully received.

Thank you.

Classlist

If you haven't already done so, please [sign up to Class List](#). This app helps keep track of events and enables you to book tickets and pay for PTFA events.

How to reach us:

Email: Hillview.ptfa@hotmail.co.uk

Facebook: www.facebook.com/hillview.primaryptfa/

Classlist: <https://classlist.page.link/6d9FBeD11FcyAUrC7>

TERM DATES 2026/2027
HILL VIEW

	September 26	October 26	November 26	December 26
Monday	7 14 21 28	5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23 30	7 14 21 28
Tuesday	1 8 15 22 29	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24	1 8 15 22 29
Wednesday	2 9 16 23 30	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25	2 9 16 23 30
Thursday	3 10 17 24	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26	3 10 17 24 31
Friday	4 11 18 25	2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27	4 11 18 25

	January 27	February 27	March 27	April 27
Monday	4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22 29	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26
Tuesday	5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23	2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27
Wednesday	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24	3 10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28
Thursday	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25	4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22 29
Friday	8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26	5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23 30

	May 27	June 27	July 27	August 27
Monday	3 10 17 24 31	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23 30
Tuesday	4 11 18 25	2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24 31
Wednesday	5 12 19 26	3 10 17 24	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25
Thursday	6 13 20 27	4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26
Friday	7 14 21 28	5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27

Term	No. of Pupils
Autumn 1	36
Autumn 2	35
Spring 1	29
Spring 2	23
Summer 1	34
Summer 2	31
Total:	187

Public Holiday School Holiday School Inset Day

School Office Hours

The office open hours are 8:00am – 4:00pm. If you call outside of our open hours, please press “0” when prompted to leave a voice message. Alternatively, you can send us an e-mail at reception@hillviewacademy.org

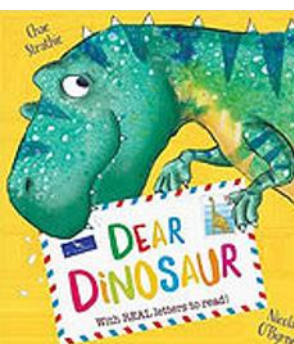
Please note that the office is not open during school holidays, and that INSET days are used for training, planning and preparation. Please bear with us when we re-open after school holidays while we endeavour to respond to e-mails and messages sent while we have been closed.
Thank you.



Recommended Reads Year R

Dear Dinosaur – Chae Strathie

After a trip to the museum, Max writes a letter to his favourite dinosaur, the mighty T. Rex - and the T. Rex writes back! As Max and T. Rex learn about each other's lives, a very unusual friendship develops in this funny and touching story.



Autumn Term Dates for your diary

PTFA AGM:

Monday 14th September 7:30pm at The Crown Pub BH10 6JW

Life Bus:

Wednesday 23rd September –
Wednesday 30th September 2026

Monday 19th October –

Harvest - Donations to the Food Bank

October Half term:

Monday 26th October to Friday 30th October 2026

School Photos:

Individual and sibling school photos will take place on Monday 2nd and Tuesday 3rd November 2026

Year 6 Residential

Year 6 residential is Monday 28 June – Thursday 1st July 2027
Reminder that the £50 deposit and reply slip is due by end of day Friday 2nd October 2026.
Thank you

**“A NEW
SCHOOL YEAR
MEANS NEW
BEGINNINGS,
NEW
ADVENTURES...
AND NEW
CHALLENGES.”**

- Denise Witmer
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