



Hillborough Infant and Nursery School

New Term News – 18th September 2026

Value of the month – our value of the month is **community**.

Language of the month – Polish

Dear parents and guardians,

A very warm welcome back to all our returning families, and a huge hello to those joining our school community for the very first time! As we start this exciting new school year, we are focusing on our value of the month, **community**, celebrating how we work, learn, and grow together to support every child's journey. We are also proud to celebrate the diversity within our school, and this September our language of the month is **Polish** (*język polski*)—we look forward to learning new words and phrases together across our nursery and infant classrooms.

A special welcome to all new families joining our school community this year. We are excited to have you with us and look forward to supporting your children as they settle in, and thrive.

We are also delighted to introduce our new staff members who have joined the Hillborough team this term. They bring fresh ideas and valuable experience, and we are confident they will help us continue to provide the best possible education and care for your children.

Our new staff are:

- Mrs S Shefras – Class teacher for Saplings
- Mrs T Coceal – Class teacher for Pine
- Mrs S Shaukat – Class teacher for Maple

Summer holiday learning - Thank you so much Year 1 and 2 children for completing your summer holiday home learning so amazingly! Mrs Barber and I have loved looking at your books, thank you all again. I have given your teachers a Headteacher's Award certificate to hand out. If you have not handed your books in yet, do not worry, bring them in as soon as you can and you too can get a Headteacher's Award certificate.

School timings – the school day will be starting at **08:50 with doors closing at 09:00**. Doors will be shut promptly and children will need to be taken to the main reception. **The school day will be ending at 15:30 and children will need to be collected at that time**. If you are aware that you are going to be late, do contact the school and let them know.

School uniform – as set out on the school website and without exceptions. If you are struggling with uniform or other uniform related concern, do not hesitate to make contact with our Family Support worker – Mrs Owen.

School bags and charms – we are unable to allow bag charms and this is due to health and safety reasons for all children and especially those with SEND or learning needs. We kindly ask that you remove them from your child's bags as soon as possible. From Monday we will be removing them and giving them to you personally at the end of the day.

Water bottles – we **urgently request** that you do not send in large water bottles or containers into school as we are unable to store them and your child does **not** need a large bottle or container as we have water fountains in each year group. Your child has access to water all day and we know how important it is for all of us to drink water.

Values and behaviour – we have four simple rules that are linked to our core value, that we C-A-R-E C- community (**we make sure our community is a safe place for learning and playing**), A – aspiration (**we try our best**), R – respect (**we treat ourselves, others and our school environment with respect**), E – empowering (**we help ourselves and others**). From CARE, we have our four expected behaviours: We walk around the school in silence; we listen when someone is talking; we keep our hands and feet to ourselves and we look smart and presentable. Most of our children are used to four rules and demonstrate them daily in all that they do.

PE days and kit – you will have received notifications around PE and what your child needs for each session. **Reminder – your child's PE kit should be brought into school and remain here during the half term.** All information can be found on the school's website.

Attendance – everyday counts! Good attendance is vital for all children, and we work to ensure all children achieve that. We will be working closely with families to ensure good attendance.

Term Time Leave – we would like to remind you that term time leave is only granted in **exceptional circumstances** and **MUST** be agreed by the Headteacher. Any application **MUST** be completed and returned to school, no later than 14 days prior to the request. You will be expected to attend a meeting, in school, to discuss the request before a decision is made. All details can be found by clicking on the following – [Term Time Leave of Absence](#).

Well-being team - Help us to support your child. If you are worried or concerned about anything that may affect your child's day in school, do let a member of the teaching staff or our well-being team know.

Family Support Worker – please remember that **Mrs Caron Owen** is contactable, via the school, in the usual ways. Mrs Owen is out and about most mornings on the playground, as is our Senior Leadership Team and SENDCo – we are here to support you

SEND – our SENDCo, Mrs V Maples, can be contacted via the usual methods and by using the **email address – inclusion@hillboroughinfantschool.uk**.

School Website – our website is mobile phone friendly and has most information on it. You are able to use the translation tool on the site to convert most pages to the most common languages that our families use. Our year groups will be able to share all the exciting things that classes have been working on or studying. Click on this link to find the website – [Hillborough Infant School website](#)

Dates and events – via our website, do check the calendar on the site for the latest information. We will send out ParentMail if there is something specific

School lunch ordering – do not forget to order your child's lunch via **????**. We offer a wide range of hot and cold options.

Wishing you a lovely weekend, hopefully with some sunshine.

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