



ISSUE 3

HILLCREST NEWS

HILLCREST EARLY YEARS ACADEMY NEWSLETTER
WEEK ENDING 2ND APRIL 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we come to the end of the Spring Term, I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to our entire school community for making this such a wonderful few months - your support has not gone unnoticed.

A huge thank you to all of you who attended our Easter Craft Workshop. It was fantastic to see so many families taking part, and I am sure the children absolutely loved sharing the experience with you.

We are also incredibly grateful for your generous donations to our Easter Chocolate Raffle. Thanks to your kindness, we have raised an amazing £551, which will go directly towards developing our school allotment. This is a brilliant achievement, and we can't wait to share its progress with you in the coming months.

Across school, it has been a truly positive term. The children have embraced their Pink Positive Power and shown so much more calmness, reflection and resilience in their daily learning. We are very proud of the progress they are making not just academically, but emotionally and socially too.

Thank you as well for your overwhelmingly positive parental feedback following our recent parent consultations. Your encouragement and partnership mean so much. Once we have also received feedback from our nurseries, I will share a full overview with you.

As always, if you have any concerns, questions or worries—no matter how big or small—please do speak to a member of our team. Our doors are always open, and we are here to support both you and your children.

Wishing you all a restful break and a lovely Easter. We look forward to welcoming the children back for an exciting Summer Term on Tuesday 21st April. Please note that school will be closed to children on Monday 20th April for INSET Day but you may be invited to attend a Nursery parent consultation on this day.

As always, my door is always open should you have any queries or anything you'd like to talk about.

Miss Samantha Stokes - Headteacher

Clubs

The Clubs for next term are:
Dance Club
Tag Rugby
Choir (lunchtime club)



If you are interested in your child joining any of the clubs, please take a look at your emails and complete the form by clicking the link to let us know by Thursday 23rd April. Names will be drawn out of a hat if clubs are over-subscribed.

Aim high and achieve...



BINGO NIGHT

Join us for a night of fun and games at our
Bingo Night!

Get ready to shout "Bingo!" as we play for exciting prizes
This is for adults only.

WEDNESDAY 6TH MAY 2026
DOORS OPEN AT 6.00PM

GAMES | PRIZE | RAFFLE

TICKETS ARE TO BE PURCHASED IN ADVANCE AT £5
FROM THE MAIN ACADEMY OFFICE.

ON THE NIGHT, YOUR TICKET WILL BE EXCHANGED FOR YOUR BINGO BOOK.
(FURTHER BOOKS CAN BE PURCHASED ON THE NIGHT IF YOU WISH)

TEA & COFFEE WILL BE AVAILABLE, BUT PLEASE FEEL
FREE TO BRING ANY OTHER TIPPLE ON THE NIGHT.

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ATTENDANCE

Is your child going to be absent? It is so important that we know where your child is otherwise the absence will be marked as unauthorised. There are two ways that you can inform us of absence:

- Call us on 01427 613483
- Drop us an email on attendance@hillcrest.lincs.sch.uk

We politely ask that you do not send a Dojo message regarding absence as Teachers will not pick this up until the end of the day.

Say Hello to Stuart!

As I am sure many of you will know, Stuart (Mr Naylor) has taken on the role of Attendance Lead and is the first face you will see in the office each day. We would like to welcome Stuart to our Academy community and I am sure you will all get to know him more as he settles in. If you have any attendance related questions or equally any other questions, please pop and see Stuart and he will be more than happy to help.



Early collections

We have noticed many children being collected early from their lessons. Unless we have evidence of an appointment, children will not be allowed to be collected early as it causes disruption to your child's learning and also that of other children. Thank you for your understanding with this.

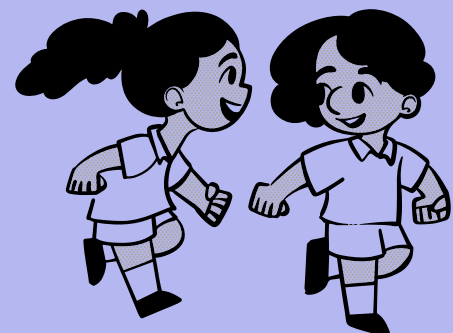
Nursery Invoices

You will now be receiving your monthly Nursery Invoices via Tapestry. If you are using the App, you will be able to click on the 'Invoice' tab at the bottom to see this month's invoices. If you have any issues, please do not hesitate to contact us on enquiries@hillcrest.lincs.sch.uk or pop and see Gemma in the office.



PE Days

Monday - Ruby Class
Tuesday - Little Gems
Thursday - Emerald
Thursday - Sapphire swimming
Friday - Diamond
Friday - Amethyst & Topaz



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



APRIL

Tuesday 21st April - school reopens

MAY

Monday 4th May - Bank Holiday (school closed)

Wednesday 6th May - Bingo Night

Friday 15th May - Family Friday Trip

Friday 22nd May - Enrichment Day and Break up for Half-Term

JUNE

Monday 1st June - School reopens for Summer 2

Monday 8th June - Phonics Screening Week (Year 1 and Year 2 SATs week)

Monday 15th June - Around the World Week and Sports Week

Wednesday 24th June - Maths Open Morning