



ISSUE 4

HILLCREST NEWS

HILLCREST EARLY YEARS ACADEMY NEWSLETTER
WEEK ENDING 22ND MAY 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

I cannot quite believe, as I sit writing this, that we are already fast approaching our final half term of the academic year.

Despite the turbulent weather this term, it has been a truly wonderful few weeks, filled with memorable events such as our Bingo Night and Allotment Working Party Day. A huge thank you to those of you who attended the Bingo Night and helped us raise an incredible £380 towards our allotment—your support is hugely appreciated. I would also like to extend my sincere thanks to everyone who generously gave their time to help us create our fantastic allotment space. The children have now begun planting as part of their Science curriculum this term—please do keep an eye out for updates on what they are growing!

Looking ahead to next half term, we have another exciting themed week planned, similar to our World Book Week. During Sports Week (beginning Monday 15th June), we will be taking the children on an 'Around the World in 5 Days' journey. Each class has been assigned a country participating in the World Cup, and we cannot wait to see and hear all about their learning and discoveries.

School reopens on Monday 1st June, and we hope you all manage to enjoy some warmer weather and a well-deserved break with your families.

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:

Cricket
Tag Rugby



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. These clubs are for children in Reception - Year 2. Names will be drawn out of a hat if clubs are over-subscribed and you will be informed on Monday 1st June if your child has a space.

Aim high and achieve...

Phonics Screening Check

Week Commencing Monday 8th June - Friday 12th June, our Year 1 children will be sitting their Phonics Screening Check. It is really important that children are in school, on time each day so that they are in and prepared to do their screening check. We would like to wish all of our Year 1 children the best of luck - you have all worked so super hard on this and we can't wait to have a lovely celebration once you have finished!

Sports Week - Save the Date!

This year, children in Reception to Year 2 will be having Sports Days as normal (please see the dates below). However, following a discussion with our Nursery Teams, we have decided to do a Sports Stay and Play so the parents can come and join in with the children and see them in their Nursery environment. Timings will be confirmed on Class Dojo after half-term.

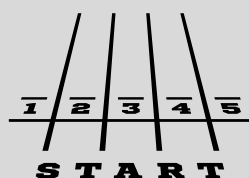
Monday 15th June - Diamond and Ruby Classes

Tuesday 16th June - Little Treasures and Little Sparkles (Sports Stay and Play)

Wednesday 17th June - Sports Stay and Play

Thursday 18th June - Topaz and Amethyst Sports Day

Friday 19th June - Emerald and Sapphire Sports Day



Family Friday

Yorkshire Wildlife Park

Friday 12th June 2026

Our next Family Friday trip is to Yorkshire Wildlife Park. This trip is for our families to have quality time with their children on an organised trip.

Staff are present as chaperones only

There are many exciting things to see and do at the park.

You will need to be at school for 9am, with the coach promptly leaving at 9.15am. We ask that you all meet back at the designated drop off point at 2.30pm, with an aim to return to the academy for 3pm approximately.

You will need to provide your family with food and drinks whilst at the park and please dress according to the weather.

If you would like to book onto the trip, please pop into the office from Monday 26th April to complete a booking slip. Full payment is due at the time of booking for those attending.

We have limited places!

Adults - £23.50

Child (3-16 years) - £16.50

Children (2 years)- £13.50

(Children will be checked at the gate)

(Please note all who are booked on the trip must use the transport provided)



CALL for VOLUNTEERS



Aim High & Achieve

**FOR THE ATTENTION OF ALL PARENTS/CARERS/GRANDPARENTS
WE ARE LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS TO JOIN OUR BOARD OF
TRUSTEES**

**Hillcrest is more than a school — it's a family. And we're looking for
parents who want to help shape its future.**

**As a Trustee, you'll play a key role in supporting our children,
influencing decisions, and ensuring our academy continues to
thrive. No experience is needed — just enthusiasm, commitment,
and a desire to make a difference.**

We currently have roles for two representatives from our Parents.

**If you're passionate about Hillcrest and want to help guide its
future, we'd love to hear from you. In the first instance, for more
information or to express your interest please contact either:**

Samantha Stokes, Headteacher (enquiries@hillcrest.lincs.sch.uk)

or

**Penny Elsegood, Governance Professional
(penny.elsegood@hillcrest.lincs.sch.uk)**

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



JUNE

Monday 1st June - school reopens

Monday 8th June - Phonics Screening Week

Monday 15th June - Sports Week and Around the World in 5 Days theme week

Wednesday 24th June - Open Morning (Maths Focus)

JULY

Wednesday 8th July - Open Evening and Meet the Teacher 3:30 - 4:30pm)

Thursday 9th July - Summer Ball

Wednesday 15th July - Year 2 Graduation

Friday 17th July - Break up for Summer Term

Our ALLOTMENT

Take a look at some of the pictures from our Allotment Working Party Day! We had the best time coming together as a school community to create this wonderful space for our children. A huge thank you to those of you who helped on the day and also to those of you who contributed to the fundraising to make this happen. We could not have done this without you!

