

Weekly Bulletin

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Headteacher's message:

As our final full week of the year comes to an end it's beginning to look a lot like Summer! This week has, as ever, included a range of wider curriculum experiences which we hope the children involved have enjoyed.

Last week Friends of Hillside hosted our Summer Fair which was a great success. Thank you to all the parents who made it happen and staff who helped on the night—especially Mr Caldwell and Mr Newman for volunteering for the stocks!

We are always looking to improve communication with parents. Can I ask parents to [please click here to complete our communication survey](#). You have until the end of the holidays to complete it. This will inform what we do next year.

Can Year 5 parents please note the admissions for secondary school information overleaf. Applications open on 1st September 2024.

Next week, we (sadly) look forward to our Year 6 Leavers' performance on Tuesday at 1.30pm for Year 6 parents and family. On Wednesday all parents are welcome to join us for our final assembly at 1pm. Please note that school closes at 2pm (with Link Club staying open till 5pm). There will be an Ice cream van in the KS1 playground at 2pm, if you wish to buy your child an ice-cream, you will be able to (cash only I'm afraid).

Adam Khan—Headteacher

Year 6 Pound Grow

On Tuesday and Wednesday afternoon, Year Six sold their wares at the annual 'Pound Grow'. They all showed off their entrepreneurial skills and worked well as a team throughout—great job Year Six!



Important Dates 2024

23rd July—Y6 Leavers' Assembly for Y6 parents 1.30pm

24th July—Break up for summer holiday at 2pm

3rd September—Children back in School

Contact details:

Please contact the school office to notify or request absence at: admin@hillside.cheshire.sch.uk

or call **01928 722 991** [Full School Diary](#) [Lunch Menu](#)

Website links: [School website](#) [Absence request](#)
[Administering medicine request](#)

Y3 visit Anderton boatlift

On Wednesday, Year 3 visited the Anderton boat lift as part of their history topic on local heritage. Our tour guides were incredibly impressed by the children's thorough knowledge of the boat lift and its history. The children got to go down the lift and enjoy a sun-soaked river cruise along the Weaver. A successful day was topped off with a play in the park and an ice cream to cool us down!



Celebrities interviewed for Hillside's 60th Birthday



On Thursday, we were joined by England cricketer and ex-Hillside student, Sophie Ecclestone. Sophie answered questions from our class representatives and signed autographs. The children were delighted to see Sophie (only a day after finishing her last match).

We were also joined by ex Helsby Hillside Headteacher, Craig Richardson who also took questions from the class reps including what he missed about being at Hillside and his favourite memories. One of these memories included being bowled out by Sophie when she was in Year 6.

It was lovely to see Mr Richardson who shared that he has recently become a grandad!



Link Club

We 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](#)

Please note that Link Club will close at 5pm on our last day Wednesday 24th June.



Admissions for primary and secondary school 2025

Please see attached posters to promote applications for Reception and Year 7 September 2025. Parents can apply from 1st September 2024.

Closing date for Year 7 2025 is 31st October 2024

Closing date for Reception 2025 is 15th January 2025

Pony Visit

Thank you to Alex and her team of volunteers at Spirit of The Herd, who brought Shetland Ponies, Maddie and Rupert to work with groups of children this week.

A group of primary school children are sitting at a table, engaged in a learning activity. They are looking at a tablet and talking to each other.

Cheshire West & Chester Council

Important information for parents or carers

Starting Primary School in September 2025

Do you have a child born between 1 September 2020 and 31 August 2021 and are you a Cheshire West and Chester resident?

YES – from 1 September 2024 you must apply for a school place.

You can apply from 1 September 2024:

- online at www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/admissions (last year 99.2% of parents/carers applied online), or
- by telephoning the Authority on 0300 123 7039 to request a 'Starting School 2025-26' booklet.

In addition you can view a copy of the booklet:

- in all Cheshire West and Chester primary schools
- online at www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/admissions.

Closing date for reception applications 15 January 2025

Visit: www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/admissions

A secondary school teacher is leaning over a desk, assisting a student with their work. Other students are visible in the background, some working on laptops.

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Important information for parents or carers

Applying for a Secondary School place - Year 7 September 2025

Is your child due to transfer from Primary School to Secondary School in September 2025?

YES – from 1 September 2024 you must apply for a school place.

You can apply from 1 September 2024:

- online at www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/admissions (last year 99.3% of parents/carers applied online), or
- by telephoning the Authority on 0300 123 7039 to request a 'Transferring to Secondary School 2025-26' booklet.

In addition you can view a copy of the booklet:

- in all Cheshire West and Chester primary schools
- online at www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/admissions.

Closing date for secondary applications 31 October 2024

If entitlement to transport is important to how your child will get to and from school, it is vital you read the Home to School Transport Policy before applying for a school place. Visit the authority's website for further information.

Visit: www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/admissions



GUESS THE COINS IN THE JAR

There is still chance to win!

£1 per square, you could win the content of jar totalling somewhere between £48—£50

Please call in to the school office next week. Prize will be handed out on Wednesday!

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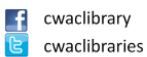
4-12s receive a free collector's pack, stickers, events (like animal handling and fun science) and, if they read at least six books, a certificate and medal. And Under 4s can join their very own Mini Challenge!

Library Challenge

We're delighted to be able to share with you details of our Summer Reading Challenge this year. Five thousand children from Cheshire West took part last year and we're hoping for more in 2024.

The Challenge (4- to 12-year-olds) and Mini Challenge (Under 4s) are entirely free. Children are given a collector's pack for starting and stickers every time they read two books. After reading six books, they are given a certificate and a medal. Any books qualify, from the library or not, and can be in print, digital, or audio form.

Join at your local library from Saturday 6 July, scan the QR code to join online www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/read



DUNHAM ROCKS

Saturday, 20 July
Doors open 6pm
Dunham Hill & Hapsford Village Hall

Live Music

From 7pm performed by the fabulous **Synthian** (as recently featured at Frodsham's Tribes on the Hill)

Synthian ELECTRO 80s
PERFORMING ELECTRO HITS OF THE 80s FROM DEPECHE MODE, HUMAN LEAGUE, DURAN DURAN, EURYTHMICS, ERASURE, ALPHAVILLE AND MUCH MORE!
SYNTHIAN - NOT JUST A BAND - A TIME MACHINE, REVIVING THE SPIRIT AND ENERGY OF 80s DANCE HITS. SYNTHIAN GUARANTEES AN UNFORGETTABLE EXPERIENCE THAT WILL KEEP YOU DANCING ALL NIGHT LONG.
SYNTHIAN.CO.UK

BBQ Adults £9 (includes entry and burger/sausage); Children under 12 - free entrance (food not included - to be purchased from stall).
Reserve tickets by phoning 07779 776078

Don't worry about the weather, come rain or shine there will be plenty of cover!

Cash Bar
Cheers and BEERS

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FRODSHAM COMPUTERS (01928 731692)

Y2 Cookery class

This week, Year 2 were able to take part in a cookery class with Hayley Orford (Adventurous Kitchen). Hayley will be running cookery clubs next year.



Y2 and Y5 Dance Class

Many thanks to Jamie-Lee from Evolution Dance who came into school on Thursday to teach dance to Year 2 and 5. The sun was out and the children had a great time. Jamie-Lee will be running afterschool dance and performing arts clubs for both Key Stages next year.

Lost property—Uniform

Over the course of the year, we have collected quite a lot of un-named lost property uniform. These items will be available for anyone to collect after school, in the KS1 playground on Wednesday (from 2pm).