



May Newsletter

Dear Parents/ Carers,

We are almost at the end of another half term... this year is whizzing by!

Pupil Shout Out

This newsletter must start with the pupil shout and this one is an easy one to choose... Year 6! This week they have completed their end of Key Stage Two tests (SATs) and have done so with determination and resilience. We are incredibly proud of them and the positive attitude to achieve their very best.

Attendance

For the period of time that we had no Family Liaison Officer (Mrs Corrie), I was leading on all attendance. As you know this is a huge focus for our school, and this time allowed me to look more closely at absences and patterns of absence. Moving forward, we will be reflecting on our approach to ensure that support is put into place as soon as possible when attendance dips. There are of course individual cases where there are unique circumstances which require careful consideration, but overall, there are far too many children with inadequate attendance and a high percentage of unauthorised absences. This will be monitored and challenged much more closely moving forward and Mrs Crowther will be supporting me with this. If you are struggling in any way, please reach out to Mrs Crowther who will be happy to help so that we can work together to make the necessary improvements.

Swimming/PE Kits

Swimming is not optional, and children cannot opt out. A swimming kit needs to be provided so children can learn this important life skill to keep them safe. There are still **too many children without PE kits** missing out on this aspect of their education and importantly exercise. Please bring in a PE kit in and leave it in school until half term break.

Uniform

Final reminder that navy blue skirts/shorts/trousers will no longer be part of our school uniform from September 2024. Children can wear black or dark grey.

All other uniform remains the same.

Completely black trainers are allowed, anything other than completely black will be replaced with spare school pumps until appropriate alternatives can be sourced.

Further information can be found: [Uniform - Hilton Lane Primary School - Aiming High Together](#)

Staff Shout Out

A big welcome to Mrs Crowther, our new Family Liaison Office, who started this week. Thank you to those who have already made her feel welcome and said hello. She has had a very busy first week and had made a very positive start.

Key Dates for Summer 2:

There is A LOT going on!

When?	What?	Who?	Where?
Friday 7 th June	Rescheduled EYFS Sports Day	Nursery and Reception (parent helpers for walking Nursery back needed)	School Field
Thursday 13 th June	Class Photo Day	Whole school	Nursery and Main School
Monday 17 th June	Zoo2You visit to school (see ParentPay)	Nursery	At nursery
Friday 28 th June	Whole School Transition Day	All children visiting new classes for September	Whole school (Y6 at high school 27 th and 28 th)
Friday 5 th July	Own clothes day! Summer fair donations: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- N/R: Chocolate- Y1/Y2: Sweets- Y3/Y4: Teddy- Y5/Y6: Bottle	Whole school	In school during the day
Tuesday 9 th July	Summer Fair – 3:30pm	All invited	Outdoors – weather permitting

			(plan B – school hall)
Thursday 11 th July	Class Trip – All day (see ParentPay)	Y4	Victorians experience
Friday 19 th July	Y6 Production – 9:30am	Y6 Parents/carers (ticketed event)	School hall
Friday 19 th July	Y6 Leaver Party – 6-8pm	Y6 Children	School hall
Wednesday 24 th July	Y6 Final Leavers assembly – 9:15am	Y6 Parents/carers (ticketed event)	School hall
Wednesday 24 th July	End of year core values assembly – 2:45pm	By invitation only	School hall
Wednesday 24 th July	School closed for the end of the year – 3:30pm		

Thank you as always for your ongoing support and kindness to all members of The Hilton Lane Family.

Kindest regards,
Miss Kearsley.