



# NEWSLETTER

## Dear Parents/Carers

I can hardly believe I am writing the last message of this half term. We have achieved so much and our pupils have been a credit to you, their families. I hope everyone can enjoy half term and a well deserved break.

We say another sad farewell this week to our lovely attendance officer Victoria Chialton, who left us on Friday after 4 years working at Hillside with the Attendance Team. She will be missed by everyone.

I look forward to welcoming pupils back to school on Tuesday 24th February at the normal time of 8.20am.

## Amanda Ryan, Executive Principal



## Congratulations

Winner of Year 11,  
Period 6 Attendance raffle is  
Cecilia Zollo 11 NK

Zach	7 JMu
Sayda	9 KBH
Sanad	8 RLC
Dalya	7 RS
Jess	9 KBH
Melanie	8 HT
Daisy	9 EB
Luke	7 JMe
Isabelle	8 CR
Tiffany	7 JMe
Lennon	11 NK
Aimee	7 CSY
Michal	7 CL
Reuben	9 SAC
Frankie	7 CL
Erikas	8 RLC
Eli	7 HP

## Last Weeks PE Star Performers



Billie	7 RS
Michelle	10 THe
Divine	9 OM
Callum	9 TH
Lexi	8 HT
Mollie	8 SO
Oliver	7 CL
Lily	9 OM
Semo	7 JMu
Lena	9 JR
Matilda	8 SKe
Jake	8 SKe
Ava Lilly	9 SAC
Mason	8 SKe
Jacob	11 GMW
Evie	9 OM
Artiom	8 SA

## Absence

If your child is unable to attend school you will need to ring the school office on 0151 525 2630 between 7.30am-8.30am. The call will be received by one of our admin team who will discuss the reason for your child's absence. Please note we no longer use the My Ed app, so this should not be used. The Attendance Team have made 3800 calls home since we started back in September. This takes time away from us supporting your child's attendance. Please help us by letting us know if your child has an appointment or will be absent for any reason.



Last week some of our year 7 pupils got to take part in a mini tournament at GOALS. We won one match and lost another, we also competed in an All Stars match, consisting of pupils from other schools.

**Mr Lawrence**

## Year 10 Sports Leaders

Our Year 10 Sports Leaders recently ran sporting activities they had devised for children from Bedford Primary School. After planning and preparing their sessions, the students confidently led a range of fun, inclusive games designed to develop teamwork and key skills. It was a lovely event, with our Sports Leaders showing maturity, enthusiasm, and excellent leadership throughout, making it an enjoyable and rewarding experience for everyone involved.

**Mr Clarke**



## February 2026

13th February	End of Term — Last Day of School
23rd February	INSET Day (School Closed to Pupils)
24th February	Start of Term — Back to School at 8.30am

## March 2026

5th March	World Book Day
10th March	MENACWY Vaccines—Year 9 pupils.
10th March	Year 9 Options Interviews
9 <sup>th</sup> – 13 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 11 English, Maths & Science Exams
19 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 9 Options Evening (times to be confirmed.)
16 <sup>th</sup> – 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 10 Work Experience
	End of Term—Last Day of School

## Colegio La Reina Visit to Hillside



Last week Hillside was visited by 19 pupils from our link school Colegio La Reina which is in Málaga, Spain. The Spanish students spent the week taking part in a variety of workshops including Science, Art, PE, Computer Science, Food technology, Music and Drama. They also attended several Year 9, 10 and 11 Spanish lessons which gave our pupils the opportunity to put their Spanish skills to the test. New friendships were made and a good time was had by all. A big thank you to everyone who delivered workshops. They can't wait to come back next year!



# Safer Internet Day 2026: Protecting Yourself from Online Scams

Every year, Hillside celebrates Safer Internet Day to raise awareness about staying safe online. This year's theme focuses on the dangers of online scams, which can trick people into giving away personal information or money. Here are some of the most common scams young people face:

**Phishing:** Scammers send fake emails or messages to steal personal details like passwords or credit card numbers.

**Impersonation:** Someone pretends to be someone you trust, like a friend or celebrity, to trick you into sending money or information.

**Online Shopping Scams:** Fake websites or sellers offer great deals, but you never get your products or lose money.

**Romance Scams:** Scammers build fake online relationships to gain trust and then ask for money.

**Money Muling:** Scammers ask you to transfer money or goods on their behalf, which could get you into serious trouble.

Here are four tips to help avoid online scams:

Never share your personal information, like passwords or bank details, with strangers online.

Be careful when clicking on links in emails or messages, especially if they're from people you don't know.

Always double-check website URLs and look for signs of a secure website before making online purchases.

If someone asks you for money or to send something on their behalf, be suspicious, and talk to an adult or teacher.

Stay safe online and remember, if something feels too good to be true, it probably is!

Mr Haygarth

