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NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents and Carers,

As the term moves into full swing, we are incredibly excited to see our production of **Annie** take to the stage next week. We have such talented students at Hillside, and this production will showcase some of our most gifted performers. A huge thank you goes to the staff and students who have gone the extra mile to bring this show together. Their dedication, commitment and hard work have been truly outstanding.

Thank you also to all those families who have attended the support groups organised by Miss Phillips. A special thank you must go to our Social Brokers, who have not only committed their time to these drop-in sessions but have also supported our weekly Bread and Butter Club every Wednesday. Their work has helped families access support with fuel poverty, housing, benefits advice, debt support and so much more.

We are also incredibly grateful to MHST, Everton in the Community and the School Nurse team, who have helped ensure that our soft landings for students needing additional support are about much more than school-based advice. It has been a powerful example of what can be achieved when agencies work together at the heart of a community.

Another special thank you goes to Mrs Miller, our SENDCo, and to all the families who have engaged with her this week. Through home visits and personalised support, she has worked tirelessly to ensure that those needing an extra helping hand have received it. This collaboration represents true excellence in our community. Together, we are stronger.

I am pleased to report that attendance has improved as the week has progressed. This is a real testament to the collaborative work taking place between school, families and external partners. We want to continue this journey and ensure that all our learners thrive and receive the very best experience in school.

You will be hearing much more about our growing rewards programme in the coming weeks. We want to recognise and celebrate those students who are consistently being the best version of themselves and demonstrating our school values each day.

Finally, it has been another positive week of business as usual at Hillside. Homework continues to be monitored and celebrated, and there are exciting opportunities ahead, including trips to Rugby Works and Everton in the Community next week.

It is certainly an exciting time to be part of the Hillside community, and I would like to thank all staff, students, families and partners for their continued support as we work together to achieve the very best for our young people.

Together, we are stronger.

Many thanks

Julia Anderson-Nicholls
Principal

Friday 9th October 2026

PE STAR PERFORMERS OF LAST WEEK

OCTOBER 2026				
1	2	1	2	
	5	12	19	26
	6	13	20	27
	7	14	21	28
1	8	15	22	29
2	9	16	23	30
3	10	17	24	31
4	11	18	25	

NOVEMBER 2026					
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	3	10	17	24	
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**Adaeze O
Iylah-May C
Joel L
Penelope B
Vena H
Shakiya P
Maizie J
Farhaan K
Amelia T
David O
Mason T
Lacey I
Nial T**



Connor M
Rafael C
Dalya A
Callum O
Isaiah T
Szebasztian G
Claudiu D
Olivia McB
Hope O
Lucy F
Runor E
Abdul MR
Georgia W

This week's focus is more **converting between fractions, decimals and percentages**.
Follow the steps, practise the skill and make your calculator work for you!



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Calculate your way to success week 5:

More converting between fractions, decimals and percentages



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Converting from Fractions, Decimals and Percentages (2)

Fraction	Decimal	Percentage
$\frac{1}{2}$	0.5	50%
$\frac{1}{4}$	0.25	25%
$\frac{3}{4}$	0.75	75%

Home = calculate = EXE

Decimal to Fraction - type in decimal Press EXE,

$\frac{0.75}{100}$

$\frac{3}{4}$

Fraction to Percentage = $\times 100$

$\frac{3}{4} \times 100$

Press EXE, Press Format Scroll to Decimal, Press EXE

75.0

75.0

Write 0.75 as a fraction

Write 0.75 as a percentage

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Word of the Week

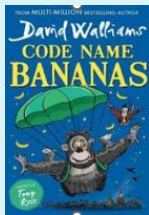
Word of the Week

Eloquent

[EL-uh-kwuhnt]

(adj). expressive, articulate, and able to communicate ideas or feelings effectively (The best man gave such an **eloquent** speech that most guests were crying).

Root: loqui - meaning 'to speak' + prefix: e - meaning 'out' + suffix: -ent - meaning 'characterised by'



Book Corner

Code name Bananas (David Walliams) This book is about a young boy (Eric) and his uncle who break a Gorilla out of London Zoo during World War 2 (1940's) and go on the run. They travel to a mysterious hotel and uncover a top secret Nazi plot; only they and the Gorilla can save the day.

I read this book with my 11 year old daughter. It has laughter, high tension and drama as well as a plot that unravels as the story unfolds. When the ruthless Nazi U-boat commander Captain Spear corners Eric and Uncle Sid, Eric suggests tickling him. After Sid fails to find a ticklish spot, Gertrude lunges forward, hits Spear's "tickle hot spot," and bites his buttocks to send him crashing down.

This book is funny, but also educates on historical moments. The book is written in a fast-paced and silly style, the book features quirky characters and fun sound effects that keep kids and adults laughing through. You won't want to put the book down; we didn't.

Families looking for a funny, action-packed read. Me and my daughter laughed together and really enjoyed how the story unfolds. As we read we made predictions and discussed the characters and their thoughts/feelings. I would aim this book at pupils in year 7 and 8 although adults will really enjoy the story too.

Mr Clarke

Stronger Together, Supporting Our Families

A huge thank you to the fantastic team at Social Brokers, Grace our School Nurse, Nicki from the Mental Health Support Team (MHST), and our own Attendance, SEND, Safeguarding and Pastoral teams for coming together to support our pupils and families through our Soft Landing initiative.

Our Soft Landing sessions are about much more than improving attendance. They provide a welcoming, supportive space where families can access advice, guidance and practical help to overcome the barriers that can make attending school difficult.

By working together, we have been able to support families with attendance, housing, debt, health, mental health and wellbeing, **helping our young people feel supported, valued and ready to engage in school.** When we work together, we can make a real difference to the lives of our young people and their families.

Stronger Together!



Soft Landing Success – Stronger Together

Our first Soft Landing Parent & Carer Drop-In was a huge success, with six families receiving support in just one morning. Families accessed practical help with fuel poverty, benefits, attendance, SEND, mental health and pastoral support, with school staff and partner agencies working together in one welcoming space.

One Year 8 parent told us:
"I can't believe how much this has helped me. I'm leaving feeling like a weight has been lifted."

Our next Soft Landing will take place in **November**, continuing to bring school, families and community partners together to remove barriers and support our young people.
Hillside High School – at the heart of the community.



🌟 A HUGE WELL DONE TO MATILDA! 🌟

A massive congratulations to Matilda in Year 10, who had an incredible evening at her recent performing arts theatre awards. 🎭🌟

Matilda was presented with one of the evening's big awards, the '**Margaret Devine Skies the Limit Award**'! 🏆🌟

This is a fantastic achievement and wonderful recognition of Matilda's talent, hard work and dedication to performing arts.

And there's even more to celebrate! Matilda will also be taking centre stage here at Hillside, playing Annie in our school production of Annie! ❤️🎭

We are incredibly proud of you, Matilda. The sky really is the limit! 🌟🍀



👤 A HUGE WELL DONE TO CHARLIE! 👤

A massive congratulations to Charlie in Year 10, who was selected to represent Reel Healing, a mental health organisation, in a recent angling competition.

Charlie did an absolutely fantastic job and was the only competitor in the entire competition to catch a fish! 🐟🍀

What a brilliant achievement and a fantastic opportunity to represent Reel Healing. We are incredibly proud of you, Charlie, well done! 🌟👤



School Health Team

We want all pupils to know **where to go for trusted advice, support and guidance about their health and wellbeing.**

As part of this, pupils have been introduced to the **School Health Team** and the role of the School Nurse.

The School Nursing Service supports children and young people throughout their school years and can provide confidential advice and support on a wide range of health and wellbeing issues.

How can the School Nurse help?

Growing up and starting secondary school can bring lots of changes and new experiences. Our School Health Team can provide information, advice and support around areas including:

- Healthy eating and maintaining a balanced lifestyle
- Physical activity
- Growing up, body changes and puberty
- Emotional health and wellbeing
- Smoking, alcohol and drugs
- Relationships and sexual health
- Worries about home or family life
- Support for young carers

Pupils do not need to wait until something becomes a significant problem before asking for help.

The service provides an opportunity for young people to **ask questions, talk through concerns and access reliable health information.**

Confidentiality and keeping young people safe

Conversations between a young person and the School Nurse are **confidential**. This is important in helping young people feel able to speak openly and ask for support.

There are, however, limits to confidentiality. If a young person shares something that causes concern about their safety or wellbeing, the School Nurse has a duty to help them share this information so that they can receive the right support. **Keeping the young person safe will always be the priority.**

School Nurse Drop-In

Pupils can access a **School Nurse Drop-In** in school if they would like a one-to-one conversation about their health or wellbeing.

Drop in Times

Week 1 – Tuesday 12.15pm – 12.45pm in the Meeting Room (Room behind the Main Foyer)

Our School Nurse is **Grace Higson**