

Newsletter 6 Friday 11th October, 2024



Wildlife Photograph of the Year 2024

This awesome photo captures the epic migration of tiny tadpoles, in Vancouver, to avoid predators and search for food. What a journey!!! Our tiny tadpoles here at Hillfort are on their own epic journey through a mammoth eight-week term.

I am so excited to show our wonderful school to prospective parents tomorrow morning (Saturday 15th), in the lead up to the application for Reception school places, for the academic year 2025/26.

Parents' Evening booking slots will go live on Monday 14th October at 6pm.

We expect parents and carers to attend these meetings. These are so important to firstly, understand how your child(ren) have settled into the new school year, demonstrate how they are progressing with their learning, and finally, so the teachers can share what you can do at home to support with what we are doing during the school day. If you cannot make your appointment, then please arrange a separate meeting date and time.

Coming Soon

As part of our drive for active and healthy lifestyles, I will be looking at how our car park is used before and after school, so look out for updates on this. Have a lovely weekend.

Mr Campbell





Early Years Corner











Well done on another great week Stars and Rockets! This week we have continued our learning; our number of the week has been 5 and we are getting so good at blending sounds together to read words!

PE day

On Wednesday, we had our first session of PE! We used the apparatus to practise our balancing skills! We listened to the instructions from Mr B and took turns with our friends in our groups to have a go on the apparatus. We balanced along a balance beam, climbed over the horse carefully and walked over the bench and commando crawled under a tunnel of mats! Great listening Stars and



















Year 1

A busy week here in Year 1.

In P.S.H.E we have been thinking and talking about what makes us happy!
In Geography we have been walking around our wonderful school and identifying physical and human features.

Year 2

This week Year 2 have started their art topic, looking at primary colours.

We enjoyed mixing them to make secondary colours.

We also carried out another science experiment looking at properties of materials.

Year 3

This week, Year 3 have become Petrologists! We have been experimenting and observing different types of rock and used a variety of methods to test their water resistance and hardiness. The children worked scientifically and very well in small groups, testing a range of different types of stone including: marble, limestone, slate, granite and sandstone.

In PE, we have been developing our team building skills.

In History, we have been looking at some replica and original Stone Age artifacts and discussing the different uses of arrow and axe heads, scrapers and blades.

Instead of photos we have used QR codes to link to our Seesaw app. Please use both if you can as one is 3ER and the other 3CC – thank you!











Year 4

Over the recent weeks, Year 4 have received fantastic PE delivered by Exeter Chiefs. During these sessions, the children have been learning how to hold a rugby ball, pass accurately and work as a team to overcome challenges. These are all great skills that we will transfer into the classroom. These lessons have been a highlight of the week for our Year 4 children, and we know the year group working with them next will have a lot of fun!







Year 5

Year 5 have continued their Art work which has focused on retro-futurism this week and have created some very imaginative pieces of work.

They have also been writing their own portal stories based on a text that has helped them to frame their writing.'

Year 6

In Year 6 we have been designing our own mythical creatures!
We have completed some wonderful writing on this and are very excited to be entering a Harry Potter competition for a chance to win a trip to Harry Potter Studios.







Polite Reminders

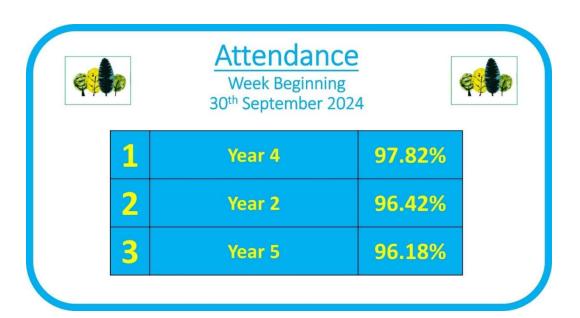
Please can we remind parents to park considerately when dropping off or collecting children. The double yellow lines and yellow hatchings outside the school gate are no parking areas. Please make sure you are not blocking driveways or junctions.

There are passes available from the school office allowing you to park in Westbourne carpark for free for an hour each side of the school day. This way you can park safely and walk down to school each day.

We seem to have a lot of toys and personal things being bought into school recently. We strongly encourage children to not bring in personal items from home.

We cannot take responsibility if things get lost or broken.

This includes smart watches, these are not permitted in school.









Safeguarding

Hello everyone, I am Naomi Best- Assistant Head and I would like to introduce my role of Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) here at Liskeard Hillfort.



What is a Designated Safeguarding Lead you might ask?

· A DSL has overarching responsibility for how safeguarding is embedded and operationalised within an organisation including schools. The DSL is usually the first point of contact for concerns raised within the school community both staff, children and parents.

My role is to

- Take lead responsibility for safeguarding and child protection (including online safety and understanding the filtering and monitoring systems we have in place.)
- Support all staff members to carry out safeguarding duties
- Liaise closely with children's social care and other services.
- Ensuring a culture of safeguarding is embedded and maintained with rigour here at Hillfort, including accountability to our school monitoring committee and at Academy Trust level too.

If you ever need to speak to me, please do not hesitate to catch me in school, on the playground or book in via the main office to speak to me face to face. We also have a dedicated email address you can contact us with. Please see below for address...

safeguarding@hillfort.tpacademytrust.org

Next week I will introduce you to the wider safeguarding team.







Meet the SEND team







Hillfort's SEND team is made up of Mrs Best, the safeguarding lead and SENCo, Mrs Kirk, an Early Years teacher and Deputy SENCo and Miss Hawke, Year 2 teacher and associate SENCo.

We completed our NASENCo qualification in 2018/2020 and Miss Hawke is hoping to begin hers soon

As a team, we work together to support the class teachers in identifying and supporting children with Special Educational Needs in their class. We communicate with outside agencies such as speech therapists, Early Years Support team, the Communication support team and physiotherapists to support your children with their learning and progress. If you have a concern or query please contact your class teacher and they can liaise with us for initial support.







Dates for your Diaries

Saturday 12 th October	Open morning for September 2025
	admissions 10 -12noon
Monday 21st October	Whole school flu vaccinations
Thursday 24th October	School Disco (more information to follow)
	day 1st November Half Term
Monday 4 Movember 2	2024 Inset Day (School Closed for children)
Tuesday 5 th November	Year 1 Hearing screening
Wednesday 6 th November	Whole school individual photographs and siblings
Wednesday 6 th and Thursday 7 th November	Parents Evening (details to follow)
Monday 11 th November	Open Evening for September 2025 admissions 4 - 5pm
Friday 6 th December	Christmas Fayre
Monday 23 rd December - Fri	day 3 rd January 2025 – Christmas Holidays









































