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Key Dates:	
15 th January - Childhood Anxiety workshop with MHST	29 th January - Year 2 trip to Orchestra
20 th / 22 nd January - Year 2 trip to Bolderwood	6 th February - HSPTA Quiz night
27 th January - Perform Workshops with whole school	W/B 9 th February - Children's Mental Health week

Communications this week:	
Y2 Trip To Bolderwood	Y1 Dyslexia Early Screening Test
Spring Term Activity Clubs	Y2 Trip to Children's Concert
Y1 Geography	Y2 Curriculum News

Dear Parents & Carers,

Welcome back, we hope you all had a lovely time over the Christmas break, I know it can often be a very busy time of year! The staff started the week with INSET training on curriculum, teaching and learning which was really productive. We welcome Mrs Jagyasi to our teaching team as Chestnut Class teacher.

The children have settled brilliantly back into school routines and starting their new learning journeys in class. You will shortly be receiving the year group curriculum newsletter for this half term with an overview of what the children will be learning this half term and ideas of how you can support at home.

Childhood Anxiety Hiltingbury Hub - 15th January

Next Thursday, the 15th January, the Mental Health Support Team will be delivering a session for parents here on childhood anxiety. All are welcome and it will start at 9.15am in the music and drama room - we would love to see you there.

Small World Toys

With our new zones in our playground starting next week we are still looking for donations of small world play e.g. dinosaurs, Playmobile, animals, cars, trains, books etc. If you are having a clear out after Christmas we would appreciate any donations of good condition small world resources you may have.

Instagram

We have an Instagram page where we will be updating with recent events etc as a school. Please do take a look and follow us: @hiltingburyinfantschool

Digital Lives Guide for Parents

Dame Rachel De Souza has recently published a new guide to support children's digital safety: <https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/resource/what-i-wish-my-parents-or-carers-knew-a-guide-for-parents-and-carers-on-managing-childrens-digital-lives/>

Supporting children's safety is a shared responsibility between families, schools and wider society. For parents and carers, this responsibility has become increasingly complex as children's lives are now deeply intertwined with the digital world. Many parents face difficult decisions about how to balance protecting children from online harm with enabling access to spaces that are now central to learning, socialising and play.

This guide was written with the direct involvement of children in England. It is a reflection of their views. As parents, carers and educators, our job must begin and end with our children's care and safety. The hope is that this guide will be a useful resource to parents navigating the digital world.

Starting School September 2026

We still have places for our Year R cohort starting in September 2026. Applications close on 15th January, so please encourage anyone still looking to call the office to book in a tour next week with us!

Have a wonderful weekend!

Kind Regards

Phillippa Longman

