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Key Dates:

W/B 27 th November Book Fair	11 th , 12 th , 13 th December Year R, 1&2 performances
7 th December Christmas Jumper day and Christmas lunch	14 th December- class parties in afternoon
7 th December HSPTA Elfridges	15 th December HSPTA Santa Dash. Last day of term

Communications this week:

Y2 Dodgeball Club	Christmas Performances & reminder
Menu Change	Y2 Tennis Club
Disabled Parking Bays	Christmas Lunch
Y1/Y2 Spring Term Clubs	Daily Echo - Ofsted Article

Dear Parents & Carers,

The discos were a huge success at the end of last week, the children had a great time and it was wonderful to see them having so much fun with friends.

Please can we remind you not to park in the disabled bays as we have children at school and that use the community centre that need to be able to park in these spaces. Please only park there if you are a blue badge holder.

We have an article in the Daily Echo today celebrating our Outstanding Ofsted and the amazing work of all staff at Hiltingbury Infants. Please share with the local community!

<https://www.dailyecho.co.uk/news/23943523.hiltingbury-infant-school-hampshire-rated-outstanding-ofsted/>

Book Fair

Next week we have our book fair after school on Tuesday-Thursday in the library. Payments will be made via a QR code. Please come along for those Christmas gifts and to support the school. Children will be visiting the book fair during the day to see the range of books available.

Back to Basics

There is a fantastic campaign to support wellbeing in homes, looking at empowering you as parents and set goals for positive changes. Please visit their website to find out more.

[Back to Basics | Children and Families | Hampshire County Council \(hants.gov.uk\)](https://www.hants.gov.uk/socialcareandhealth/childrenandfamilies/back-to-basics)



Reading Raffle

We have launched our new reading raffle to encourage engagement in reading at home. If your child reads/shares a book at least three times a week and this is recorded in their reading diary they are in the chance to win a book! Names will be drawn from raffle tickets in celebration assembly on Fridays.

Pantosaurus –NSPCC PANTS rule

In my assembly this week we looked at the NSPCC PANTS rule and listened to the Pantosaurus song. This reminds children about keeping their privates private. It is really important that children understand this message and rules to help keep themselves and others safe. Please visit the NSPCC website to share this message at home with your children too. [Let's talk PANTS | NSPCC](#)

Christmas/End of term performances

Booking is now available for our performances in the last week of term. A maximum of three tickets per family as we do not have capacity in our hall to allow more than this. A reminder of the performance times and dates:

Monday 11th December: 9.30am Year 2 performance, 2pm Year 1 performance

Tuesday 12th December: 9.30am Year 1 performance, 2pm Year R performance

Wednesday 13th December: 9.30am Year R performance, 2pm Year 2 performance

Learning Highlights from Each Year Group

Year R

Nativity season is well underway in Reception this week! We have started to learn the songs for our 'Noisy Nativity' production and begun to think about how these songs tell us the story of Christmas. In Drawing Club this week, the children have learnt the story 'Mixed' and have explored new vocabulary linked to the story. We have seen some great drawings and 'passcodes' from all of the children this week, their 'give it a go' attitude to drawing has been wonderful to see. In maths, the children have been applying their knowledge of numbers 1,2,3 to learn about the composition of numbers 4 and 5. In PE, the children have continued to learn about travelling in different ways, directions and speed. The children have continued to amaze us with their fantastic progress in phonics and reading.

Year 1

This week the Year One children have worked hard and learnt to ask and answer questions in history and to understand the term 'living memory'. The children learnt what a timeline is and why it is important. It has helped them sequence the times and dates in chronological order. Year 1 ordered pictures of themselves with toys now, as a baby and of their parent with a toy. We had some great discussions and those showing their own life. Perhaps the children can find other timelines in books to show chronology. Thank you so much for sending in the photos for your child to order.

During our English sessions, the children have learnt what verbs are and have identified these within pictures and sentences. Perhaps help your child to find more verbs when they are reading with you.



In maths the children have learnt about the operation of subtraction. They have learnt to take the smaller number away from the large amount. This was done practically with objects and then the children crossed amounts in subtraction stories to match subtraction number sentences e.g. $5-3=2$

Year 2

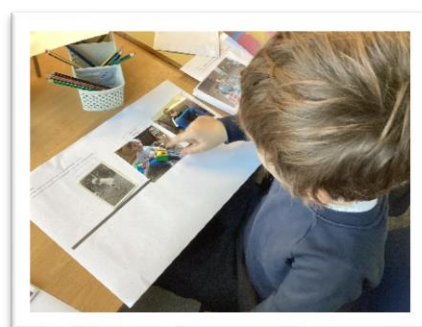
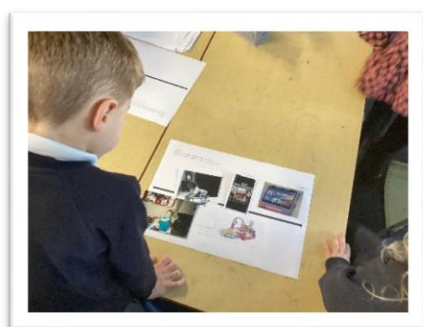
Year 2 have had a busy week beginning to think about their winter production of 'Eddie the Penguin Saves the World'. The children have enjoyed starting to learn the songs, script and staging throughout the week. You should have all received a costume letter which was sent home on Wednesday. Thank you for supporting us by providing costumes for your child; these should be brought to school in a named carrier bag by Monday 4th December at the latest.

In maths, the children have continued to practise fluently recalling their number bonds to 10 and using these to support their knowledge of known facts within 100. They have started to practise using efficient strategies such as number bonds, near doubles and doubles to solve addition problems. In literacy, the children have learnt to use coordinating conjunctions to join clauses and include compound sentences within their writing. We have been really impressed with their engagement. In DT the children have continued to think about wheels and axels and explored current products to support them in designing their own product that meets the needs of a design brief. On Friday, it was wonderful to award our first reading raffle winners with a book to keep. Please continue to encourage your child to read as much as possible at home and record this in their reading diary to ensure they are entered in our next raffle!

Learners of the Week – This week we are incredibly proud of

					
Charlie Spruce	Nyla Plum Tommy Chestnut	Esha Apple Noah Apple Lucca Cherry Reece Plum Addison Beech Mahdi Hazel Arlo Holly Indie Cedar	Rylie Spruce	Jesse Cherry Rocco Beech Wyatt Hazel Garvit Chestnut Azeena Holly	Tiago Cedar

Year 1 History in Action!



Please encourage any families looking for a school place in September 2024 to book a school tour on our website [Hiltingbury Infant School - Starting School September 2024](#)

Kind Regards

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