Hiller Newsletter

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Week beginning 5th October

Timings of the school day

- **Gates open at 8:45am**
- **School starts at 8.50am**
- **Gates close promptly at 8.55am**
- **School finishes at 3:20pm**

Letters sent out this week

Term dates 2026 – 2027
Parent Gym information
Healthy Lunchbox letter

Headteacher's message

Thank you to everyone for their super efforts today dressing in yellow to support Hello Yellow Day! All of the children have had a great day focusing on activities to support their mental health and created wonderful art work – portraits of themselves - being proud of who they are!

Two weeks to go until half term and they are a busy couple of weeks too! Next week we start welcoming parents into school for our Parent Pops ins – starting with Year 4 and Year 5. This is an opportunity for you to come in and see what your child has been learning so far since they returned in September. Have a wonderful weekend everyone!

Dani Brayshaw #ProudtobeaHiller #Bethebestyoucanbe

Parent Gym

We know from talking with parents that many of you wonder what you can do to give your children the best start in life (and make your life as a parent a bit easier too).

This is why we're delighted to offer Parent Gym, a well-established, six-week programme that shares and explores practical tips and strategies to make family life easier and help your children thrive – being run by our trained Parent Gym coaches: Mrs Sophie Hipkiss and Mrs Cheryl Joyce.

All parents are welcome to apply and places will be filled on a first come first served basis. Through our relationship with Parent Gym the programme is **free for parents.**

Each weekly session lasts two and a half hours, and will take place in The Hub (free, refreshments will be provided) on: **Tuesdays, from 9.00am to 11.30am**

On Tuesday 20th October – we are holding a Taster Session (1 hour) – shorter session for you to meet the coach and find out more about the sessions.

To **confirm** your place, please email: **kthompson@coneyhill.gloucs.sch.uk** to register.

Dates for your diary

October

12th — Outdoor learning—Year 3 & 5
Year 4 parent pop in at 2.45pm
13th —Year 5 parent pop in at 2.45pm
15th – House Curling event
19th— Year 3 parent pop in at 2.45pm
20th—Parent gym taster session (see details sent out)
Year 6 parent pop in at 2.45pm
22nd – Year 4 trip to Gloucester museum
23rd—END OF TERM finish at 3.20pm
26th —30th —HALF TERM

November

1st —Firework Display at Coney Hill Rugby Club (details to follow)
2nd— TERM 2 starts for all pupils
9th & 10th—Parents evening
11th— Year 1 Parents evening only
13th—Children in Need / Feel Good Friday (details to follow)
PTFA Neon discos (details to follow)
18th – Year 4 trip to Caerleon
24th —Reception and Year 1 Oracy café at 8.50am
26th— Year 2 & Year 3 Oracy café at 8.50am

December

1st – Year 4, 5 & 6 Oracy café at 8.50am
4th – Elf day (details to follow) and donations for the Christmas Fayre
7th & 8th – Year 1 / 2 Christmas show (details to follow)

Hiller Highlights

Happy Hillers Preschool
"This week we have drenched our classroom and learning in the warm glow of the colour yellow this week. We have used different textures to create yellow collages, mixed yellow into different shades using white paint and finished off our week celebrating Hello Yellow Day!"

Reception
"We have had a wonderful week learning all about our super powers – our senses! We explored the outside area using our sense of sight and found different signs of Autumn. We have also made wonderful story maps of the Little Red Hen"

Year 1
"This week in History we have been looking at toys from the past and how they are different from the toys we play with today. We loved Hello Yellow Day today and made some great self portraits out of pasta and spaghetti – we looked closely in mirrors at our features"

Year 2
"We have had a super Hello Yellow Day today and loved dressing up in Yellow to celebrate! We had a great Jigsaw session talking about ourselves and what makes us unique and special and then this afternoon we enjoyed painting portraits of ourselves!"

Year 3
"We have had a full on week! We have become cricketers, part of the fossilisation process and even time travellers who painted their own cave paintings. We have also enjoyed starting our new book 'How to wash a woolly mammoth' and are excited to write our own animal washing instructions!"

Year 4
"We have had a busy week becoming walking dictionaries! We have loved learning new words from quadrilaterals in Maths to gladius and scutum in History. We have been working hard on some persuasive phrases as we've put our Roman Army recruiter hats on in writing!"

Year 5
"This week we were lucky enough to have a double cricket session! In Science, we have learnt all about which metals are magnetic and non-magnetic. In Maths, we have covered Roman numerals and marched onto problem solving! Phew!"

Year 6
"We have had a great week! We have finished our class novel 'Once' and have moved onto the sequel 'Then' – we love the characters! In writing this week, we have looked at letters from the war, in preparation of writing our own letters to a loved one. In History we learnt all about Operation Dynamo, looking at photos to make inferences"

Clubs—Term 1

ALL clubs start next week—week beginning 21st September and run for the next 5 weeks!

Children MUST bring in PE kit if they are taking part in an active sport club

Mondays
Boys and Girls Football — Years 4, 5 & 6
Multiskills —Year 1 & 2
Drawing & Painting— Year 4, 5 & 6
Tag rugby—Year 3 & 4

Wednesday
Lego and Construction— Year 2 & 3
Board games —Year 1 & 2
Young Voices—Year 5 & 6
Basketball — Year 5 & 6

Thursday
Music — Year 3 & 4
Multi-soccer—All year groups

Friday
Netball—Year 5 & 6
Mindfulness & Yoga—Year 1 & 2

Golden Learning Behaviour



Congratulations to Ava, Emmet, Honeylyn, Mercy, Parker, Tommy and Maksim, who were awarded **STAR OF THE WEEK** this week in celebration assembly. Well done! #ProudtobeaHiller #Bethebestyoucanbe



Attendance

Well done to our Year 3 class who were awarded the Attendance Cup for 98% attendance in the last week! Keep this up! #everymomentmatters

Parent Pop ins



Our first Parent Pop ins are taking place on:
Monday 12th October – Year 4
Tuesday 13th October – Year 5
Monday 19th October – Year 3
Tuesday 20th October – Year 6

If you are able to come – please arrive at the main office at 2.45pm

HELLO YELLOW

Healthy Lunchboxes



In recent weeks we have begun to see any increase in sweet, sugary and unhealthy food items creeping into packed lunches. As a school we promote healthy food choices and lifestyles and encourage our packed lunches to reflect this too, this includes choosing healthy options and being mindful of portion size. Please see the letter attached of food items that are NOT permitted and also a website for some great ideas.

Lunchbox ideas and recipes – Healthier Families - NHS

parentgym

Six-week parenting programme



Dear parents,

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Through our relationship with Parent Gym the programme, normally worth £1000 per parent, is free of charge. All parents are welcome to apply but placed are limited so sign up now to secure your place.

Each weekly session lasts two hours. See below for details on how to find out more info.

03/11/26
Chat (2 hours)
Help your family talk and listen to each other.

10/11/26
Love (2 hours)
Build self-esteem and independence through secure attachments.

17/11/26
Behave (2 hours)
Bring calm and order to your home.

24/11/26
Care (2 hours)
Looking after ourselves and our families.

01/12/26
Discover (2 hours)
Support your children to learn and explore.

08/12/26
Together (2 hours)
Look to the future and recapping key techniques.

To find out when and where the sessions are happening and confirm your place, please email : kthompson@coneyhill.gloucs.sch.uk

We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely, Cheryl Joyce & Sophie Hipkiss

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FIREWORKS DISPLAY

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 1st

Hot Drinks Tea & Coffee

Fairground Rides & Stalls

Hot Food Burgers, Chips Hot Dogs

Sweet Stall Candy Floss & Chocolate

Bar

Tickets on NOW!!

Get tickets from CHRFC or Coney Hill Community Primary School

Pre-sale: Adults £6• Children £5

On the gate: Adults £8 • Children7

Gates open at 3pm for 6pm start