



Hillshott Infant School & Nursery

Whole School Newsletter

23rd January 2026 - Newsletter 17 of 2025-26

Attendance (week ending 16/01/26)

School 95.4% (96% target) / Lates 1.5%

Class	Attendance %	Lates %
Swifts	98.6%	1.4%
Robins	98.3%	1.6%
Kingfishers	97.5%	3.1%
Kestrels	95.6%	1.3%
Barn Owls	94.6%	1%
Falcons	93.9%	0.7%

This Week's Learning

Nursery and Reception children continued their learning about puppets, based on last week's puppet and magic workshop. They made stick puppets and performed puppet shows for each other. This included making up stories, naming their puppets and deciding on different voices for each character.

Thank you to Chris Bassett (our Chair of Governors) for running the workshop for the children. It was lovely to see the children use their imaginations when they had a chance to play with his puppets and their genuine surprise and delight at Chris' ventriloquism skills.

Class Assemblies

Year 2 children thank their parents for attending Class Assemblies this week. We hope you enjoyed hearing about what the children have been learning.

Personal Items

We have a growing number of personal items being brought into school. These include; small plastic toys, toy cars, cuddly toys, lip-gloss and balm, hair bands, elaborate clips and bows. Not only can these get lost, they also cause distractions to learning and disagreements at playtimes.

Please check bags and pockets and take these from children at classroom doors each morning. This includes umbrellas on rainy days, as we do not use them during the school day and have no space to store them in cloakrooms.

Naming Clothing

We also have a growing pile of unnamed clothes in school. This can cause issues with children taking each other's belongings home. Please have a look at your child's clothing (including coats) and either name it or re-name labels that have faded with washing.

Diary Dates

12 th February	Year 1 Spring performance 2pm School Hall – more details to follow
16 th – 20 th February	February half term break
24 th February	Family consultations 3.30 to 5.30pm – more details to follow
26 th February	Family consultations 4 to 7pm – more details to follow
4 th March	Robins Class Assembly – 9am School Hall
5 th March	World Book Day – more details to follow
11 th March	Swifts Class Assembly – 9am School Hall
20 th March	Comic Relief Casual Day – more details to follow
25 th March	Mediaeval Castle Workshop – more details to follow
27 th March	End of Spring Term early close (Nursery 11.30am / School 1.45pm)
30 March – 10 April	Easter Break



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