October 2026

RPS THE HUB



Hilltop Residential 2026

The Year 5 and 6 residential visit to Hilltop was truly a memorable experience and one that will stay with the children for many years to come. Over the course of a fantastic few days, our pupils embraced every challenge with enthusiasm, determination and resilience. Whether they were stepping outside their comfort zones, facing fears, or trying something completely new, each child pushed through their own personal limitations to make the very most of every opportunity. They were a real credit to the school, demonstrating excellent behaviour, kindness, teamwork and respect throughout the trip.

As a school, we could not be prouder of what the children achieved. The confidence, perseverance and courage they showed were inspiring to see, and the progress many of them made in such a short time was remarkable.

The staff who accompanied them returned feeling incredibly proud of every single child, although admittedly a little exhausted after such an action-packed few days! Parents should also take great pride in their children, whose positive attitudes and determination shone through in every activity. Experiences such as these help children grow not only as learners but as individuals, building friendships, independence and self-belief. We have no doubt that the memories, skills and confidence gained at Hilltop will help shape the children's year ahead and, for many, may well become a life experience that influences them for years to come.

As we reach the end of what has certainly felt like the longest half term on record, I would like to thank all our families for their support of the school. Parents and Carers are always asking us how best to support their child and working together is very powerful. Thank you for your patience, understanding and respect as we continue to manage the challenges around the road outside the school. Please be reassured that we are speaking with the police and other relevant partners to explore ideas for improving the situation and keeping everyone safe. I hope all our children, families and staff enjoy a very well-earned, restful half term break. - *Caroline Henry*

Important Dates

Monday 9th Nov - Reception and Year 6 Weight and Height.
Tuesday 10th Nov - Parents Evening
Thursday 12th Nov - Parents Evening.
Friday 13th Nov - Children in Need - wear it spotty/pyjamas
Thursday 19th Nov - Mop up Flu Vaccination.
Thursday 19th Nov - Year 5 Trip to the Sainsburys Centre.
Thursday 26th Nov - Year 4 Trip to West Stow.
Friday 27th Nov - Celebration Assembly, Open Classroom and Year 4 Cake Sale.

Best day EVER!

I can't believe I actually did that!

Class of Hilltop 2026!



Did you see how high I was??

"It was an absolute joy to take your children to Hilltop, They were utterly amazing: so supportive of one another, so polite, so resilient and so much Fun!"
- Mrs Phelps



Nursery News

Nursery has had a fantastic and busy September exploring the topic "Me and My Community" The children have been learning about uniforms, who wears them and how they help people in their different roles within the community.

We have been incredibly lucky to welcome a variety of visitors, including a nurse, police officer,doctor and soldier, who shared their uniforms and some of the equipment they use in their jobs. The children loved asking questions and learning about how these people help others every day.

The highlight of the topic was undoubtedly our visit to the Fire Station. The children had an amazing time meeting the firefighters, exploring the fire engine, sitting inside it and even having a turn using the fire hoses!

A huge thank you to everyone who helped make this such a memorable and exciting experience for our Nursery children. They have learned so much and thoroughly enjoyed every moment.

Wrens

Stars of the month

- Succeed = **Alana & Penny**
- Challenge = **Arthur & Warren**
- Inspire = **Ollie & Harley**
- Sports Stars = **Hollie & Joe**



Snacks at Breaktime

Children are welcome to bring in a healthy snack for morning break, Please can they be brought in a named pot, **No Sweets, No Chocolate, No Nuts**.

Remember that Children in EYFS and KS1 have access to Fruit in their Classroom throughout the school day.

For Healthy snack ideas please follow the below link.

Healthier snacks - Food facts - Healthier Families - NHS

Our School Council 2026

Our school councillors for the year have been elected. Their first job was to co-ordinate the vote for the RPS'S Charity of the year. They selected some charities and then the Class Councils voted. The winning charity is Nelson's Journey, with 4 out of 5 classes voting for them. Our school and Class Council system helps our children understand the British Value of Democracy.

Children In Need 13th November 2026

We are inviting the children to dress "Spotty" or wear pyjamas all day for a suggested donation of £1 - School council will also be selling Children in Need Biscuits after school.







Puffins

Stars of the month

- Succeed = **June & Milla**
- Challenge = **Thomas & Millie**
- Inspire = **Dougie & Jessica**
- Sports Stars = **Millie & Olivia**

What a wonderful start to the Robin's Reception journey

As part of our "lets explore" topic, we have been discovering our new environment and settling into life in Reception. The Robins have been busy exploring their classroom and outdoor area using the resources in all sorts of imaginative ways through their play.

It has also been lovely to see the Robins exploring and making new relationships. Our 30 Robins have formed some fantastic friendships, and it is wonderful to see how settled they are becoming.

The Robins have enjoyed exploring the wider school too, including lunchtimes on the big playground with the older children, PE in the hall, the magical garden and the Trim Track. They have also loved meeting the many other grown-ups who help us in school, and some Robins were even lucky enough to visit Mrs Henry in her office!

The Robins have had a truly super first half term and have made a brilliant start to their learning journeys.



Nightingales

Stars of the month

- Succeed = **Evie & Hamish**
- Challenge = **Olivia & William**
- Inspire = **Iris A & Ben**
- Sports Stars = **Stanley & Iris T**





Year 1 and Supertato!

Year 1 have had a fantastic time exploring the story *Supertato!*

The children were thrilled when some of the story characters paid a special visit to our classroom, inspiring lots of wonderful learning. In English, we wrote character descriptions of the mischievous Evil Pea and created eye-catching missing posters to help us track down *Supertato.*

In art, we have learnt about primary and secondary colours before designing and making our own superhero capes and masks. The children were so proud of their creations and loved flying around the playground pretending to be superheroes.

It has been wonderful to see their creativity, enthusiasm and confidence shine throughout our *Supertato* adventure!

Magpies

Stars of the month

- Succeed = **Jasper & Bea**
- Challenge = **Finn B & Toby F**
- Inspire = **Lilybelle & Rosemary**
- Sports Stars = **Sebastian & Ellie**

Harvest Festival

A massive thank you for all your donations to the North Norfolk Foodbank during our Harvest Festival. Representatives from the foodbank were blown away.

"This will really make a difference"

New Autumn/Winter School Menu

Aspens new lunch menu will start on the childrens return to school after Half term.
The menu is always available on the School website or from the School office.
Please ensure that there is enough money on your child's Arbor account if they wish to have a school lunch.



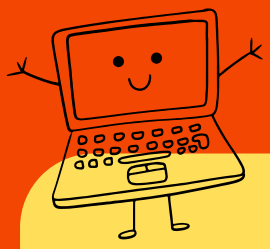
Goldfinches

Stars of the month

- Succeed = **Sidney W & Florence**
- Challenge = **Edward & Raef**
- Inspire = **Buddy & Harriet**
- Sports Stars = **Georgie & Hugo**

Parent Consultation's are on Tuesday 10th and Thursday 12th November
Book your appointment via Arbor.





Arbor

Please remember to update Arbor with regards to Change of address, Phone numbers etc... We also need at least one Emergency contact.

Coats, wellies and outdoor clothing

As the weather is forever changing! Please ensure that your child has Named wellies at school and always brings a coat! Please also Name all Hats, Gloves and Scarfs!

Well done to Year 6 Parents and Students who raised a **FANTASTIC £110** with their bake sale!



Poppy Appeal

The School Council will be selling Poppy Appeal merchandise from Monday 2nd November.
Children are welcome to bring in cash to make a purchase from the rear playground at Breaktime, Prices range from 50p - £2

After School Clubs

Autumn 2 After School clubs are now available for booking on Arbor or direct with Discover Outdoors. Please read the Booklet carefully.

Kingfishers

Stars of the month

- Succeed = **Matilda & Evelyn**
- Challenge = **Sophia & Olivia**
- Inspire = **Hudson & Alfred**
- Sports Stars = **Evelyn & Chester**

Christmas Trees and Decorations!

Do you have a spare Christmas Tree or Decorations/lights you are able to donate to the School?
Please contact the school office if you are able to help.

Important December Dates and Events

Thursday 3rd Dec - Year 3 Trip to Tide and Time
Friday 4th Dec - Decorations day, Santa's Grotto
Monday 7th Dec - Santa's Grotto
Monday 7th Dec - Rocksteady Concert
Tuesday 8th Dec - Year 6 singing at Ashtree Village
Wednesday 9th Dec - KS1 Nativity Play 09.30am
Thursday 10th Dec - KS1 Nativity Play 09.30am
Friday 11th Dec - Celebration Assembly and Year 3 Cake Sale
Monday 14th Dec - Year Reception Vision and Hearing Test
Tuesday 15th Dec -Year 3&4 Christmas Play 2pm & 6pm
Wednesday 16th Dec - Year 5 & 6 Carol service at the Church
Thursday 17th Dec - Christmas Lunch followed by Pantomime

Half Term 26th October - 30th October

HAPPY HALLOWEEN