

Welcome to Hilltop First School and Foundation Stage

Reception 2026



**“to create and maintain a school
that gives its children
the best possible outcomes”**

**Our vision is to cultivate
curiosity, kindness, reflection and confidence
in all our pupils so that every child
will experience success.**

Hilltop First School Vision and Values



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Snowdrop Class

Class teacher: Mrs Charmaine van Laar

Support Staff: Miss Emma Davies

Meet the Team

Hilltop Governing Body

The Governing Body provides strategic management, and acts as a "critical friend", supporting the work of the Head teacher and other staff. The Governing Body is **responsible for** managing the school budget.

Hilltop Friends PTA

The role of the PTA:

- build strong working relationships across the school community
- Create lasting memories for our children
- help to raise additional funds which can be used to enrich the children's school experience.

We invite all parents to be involved in whatever way they are able.

The boring but important bits

➤ Communication

- ❖ Wed/Fri emails
- ❖ Arbor App
- ❖ Class Dojo
- ❖ Website including calendar
- ❖ Teachers will be available for one to one conversations – it is best to book this via the school office



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➤ Uniform - School Days Direct / PTA (links on website)

Please make sure that your child has a blue sunhat which protects the back of their neck as well as their face. We sell bucket hats and legionnaire hats in the school office.



SCHOOL DAYS DIRECT
The Uniform Specialist
101 Hill Road, Hilltop, Taplow, Bucks, SL6 0LZ
01295 250077
www.schoolsdaysdirect.co.uk

HILLTOP SCHOOL
AIMING HIGH

HILLTOP SCHOOL UNIFORM AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE IN STORE FROM SCHOOL DAYS DIRECT, TAPLOW.

Online ordering will be available from Monday 4th June 2018.
To order online please visit our website www.schoolsdaysdirect.co.uk, select 'Online Shop', & find Hilltop first school. Use access code: **SDHS**

Sweatshirts from £9.75 Cardigans from £11.25 Polo Shirts from £6.75 Legionnaire Caps £4.50

Satchel Bags £9.00 Book Bags £7.00 P.E. T-Shirts from £6.00 P.E. Bags £6.00 Shadow Stripe Shorts from £5.99

ALSO AVAILABLE FROM SCHOOL DAYS DIRECT:-
Boy's school trousers, grey school shorts, girl's school trousers, skirts, pinafores, socks, tights, black joggers.

OPENING HOURS
Monday to Friday - 8.00am to 5.00pm
Saturday - 9.00am to 5.00pm



Every child will be given a blue school water bottle when they visit in September. These must come into school each day full.

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 - ❖ Non logoed items need not be bought from the uniform shop
 - ❖ Sunhats and bookbags can be bought from the school office
- **Attendance**
 - ❖ Term time holidays will not be authorised.
 - ❖ Fixed Penalty notices are issued when a child has five or more unauthorised absences within a rolling ten week period.
- **Sickness**
 - ❖ 24 hours after diarrhea/vomiting – we will extend this to 48hrs if it seems widespread
 - ❖ Please inform the office before the start of the school day
- **Drop off and pick up**
 - ❖ Mornings: 8:40-8:50 Say goodbye on the driveway – children come in alone
 - ❖ Afternoons 3:30pm pick up from outside classroom
- **Parking**
 - ❖ No parking on site at drop off / pick up times
- **Lunches**
 - ❖ Free for Reception-Year 2 pupils
 - ❖ You will receive an email from The Pantry to set up your account
 - ❖ Children may bring in packed lunch but we encourage school dinners
 - ❖ Please remember to cancel unwanted meals

Learning in Reception

- Learning is still predominantly play based
- Children spend part of the morning based in a learning zone linked to one of the areas of the EYFS curriculum
- Adults support and challenge children to do things which they would not/could not do on their own
- Daily Phonics: Letterland
- Daily Maths Mastery
- Low-key Reception Baseline Assessment



Preparing your Child for Big School



- **Talk about school – and listen**
- **Practise wearing school shoes**
- **Independence**
 - ❖ Putting on/taking off coats and jumpers
 - ❖ Eating independently
 - ❖ Managing own toileting
- **Please read to your child**
 - ❖ You might want to join the local library summer holiday reading challenge
- **Play dates with other children in the same group**
 - ❖ New starters will be able to swap contact details at the taster session
- **Bedtime**
 - ❖ Please practise early bedtime routines so that your child is ready for a full day in school
 - ❖ Try to move away from afternoon naps.
- **Screen Time routines and limits**

Please label all belongings!



Starting Dates

September 2026

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
	1 Staff INSET day	2 Year 1-4 Start	3	4 Individual new to Hilltop visits	5	6
7 Individual new to Hilltop visits	8	9 All Reception 9:00-12:00 Tea & Tissues	10 All Reception 9:00-112:00 Tea & Tissues	11 Reception stay for lunch 8:50-12:30	12	13
14 Reception stay for lunch 8:50-12:30	15 Reception in all day 8:50-3:30	16	17	18	19	20

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Upcoming events

Day 1

Wednesday 9th

9.00am -12.00pm

- **Slightly later drop off to avoid the rush - 9am**
- **What to bring:**
 - ❖ Bookbag
 - ❖ Full water bottle
 - ❖ Cardigan/jumper if necessary
 - ❖ Sunhat
 - ❖ Spare clothes if you are worried about wetting accidents
- **Please be here to collect your child promptly at 12pm.**
- **They might want to talk about their day, or they might not – let them take the lead!**
- **Early bedtime ready for day 2.**

You are invited:

- **Summer term taster session visit for children new to Hilltop:**
 - ❖ Tuesday 14th July – 1:45-3pm
- **One to one transition meetings for Foxglove parents**
 - ❖ Foxglove: Monday 13th July
 - ❖ You will be able to book via Arbor
- **Individual visits for new children in September**
 - ❖ Friday 4th September & Monday 7th September
 - ❖ Please make sure that you have booked a time slot this evening for you and your child
 - ❖ We ask that you don't bring along siblings. We want this visit to be all about the child who is starting school.

You are invited:

➤ Family BBQ - Friday 3rd July from 5pm

❖ Bookings online

❖ <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/hilltopfriendswindsor/index.cfm?event=event&eventId=82430>

➤ Coffee Shop – Fri 17th July 2:15pm

