



Signpost

28th November 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a busy and exciting start to the colder months we have had. Our classrooms are beginning to be filled with the sound of Christmas songs ready for our up-coming nativities, and our children have been busy learning.

This month, we are thrilled to celebrate the strong partnership we share with our families. Your feedback from the recent Parent Survey has shown incredible levels of happiness and trust in our school, and we are committed to building on this success.

Parent Survey Results

Thank you to the 70 families who participated in our 2025-2026 Parent Survey. We were delighted to see significant positive increases across all key areas compared to last year. Your voice truly matters, and these results show that the hard work of our staff and the changes implemented over the past year are making a difference.

Common strengths

- ☐ Fantastic teachers
- ☐ Children's happiness
- ☐ Good communication with parents
- ☐ Engage with children as individuals
- ☐ Parental engagement
- ☐ Variety of learning opportunities
- ☐ Focus on kindness
- ☐ Making new Reception students feel welcome and relaxed
- ☐ Children are encouraged to work hard
- ☐ Activities and trips are very good
- ☐ Very present and approachable Headteacher
- ☐ Constantly striving to improve
- ☐ The investment in EYFS
- ☐ Our children are very happy and love school
- ☐ Supportive, caring, empathy and putting children's interests at heart
- ☐ Involved in fun celebrations e.g. world bee day and genes for jean day



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- ☐ Listening to parents and children's needs
- ☐ Supporting and facilitating meetings with external support (Compass Go)
- ☐ High expectations
- ☐ Teaching the children good values
- ☐ The newsletters are very informative

Areas to develop

These were some areas suggested to develop. We would like to share how we have listened to these areas and how we would like to act on these:

- ☐ Issues with ParentPay - there can be issues with ParentPay and this can be tricky for us as a school to resolve due to this being an external provider. We do report these concerns to ParentPay.
- ☐ A few parents said that their children were really looking forward to Lego club and suggested this as a future club. This is something that we would like to run after Christmas. More details will follow about this.
- ☐ A few parents discussed streamlining events with the Junior school. This is something we are keen to do as we appreciate it can be tricky to have siblings at both schools with different dress up days etc. We will endeavour to do this as much as possible but there may be occasions when we celebrate events that are important to our school that might not be suitable for the Juniors that we would still like to run with.
- ☐ Although communication was discussed as a strength at school for many, a couple of people mentioned that they would like us to consolidate communication and that information crosses too many mediums. We aim at school to 'over-communicate' as we know as busy parents, things can easily get missed so for this reason we do try and use a variety of mediums but we do try and communicate the same messages across the different mediums.
- ☐ A few parents would like us to introduce online booking for parents evening. This is something that we hope to use for our next parents evening.
- ☐ One parent asked if we could inform parents about if the fire system covers the hall. The fire system does cover the hall and we have at least half termly fire alarm tests so all children and staff know what to do when the alarm sounds.
- ☐ A few parents requested that RWI/parent information meetings could be recorded for working parents. This is a great suggestion and is something we would like to do for our next meeting.
- ☐ Internet safety is always a concern for parents with the increase in technology for children nationally. A few parents would like information on how ICT is used by children in school. Mrs G. Johnson is our ICT lead and will be planning a parent meeting in the Spring term to discuss how we use ICT in school and to also discuss internet safety.
- ☐ One parent brought to our attention that on the first day of the new school year, not all class teachers were visible in the playground to show new classes were to go. This is something we will ensure is in place for the next academic year as it can always be a little nerve-wracking to start a new class with a new teacher without the added concern of if you are in the right classroom.

Although it is wonderful to hear all the strengths of our school and we are overwhelmed at the positive response we received, we do really appreciate knowing how we can continue to keep improving and moving forward so we thank you for bringing these things to our attention. As always, Mrs Gray is always on the gate, unless at a meeting or on a course, so please don't hesitate to share any more feedback.



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Key Area of Feedback	Positive Sentiment (Strongly Agree + Agree)	Year-on-Year Improvement
My child is happy at this school	100% (87% strongly agree)	Increased strongly agree by 15%
My child feels safe at this school	100% (87% strongly agree)	Increased strongly agree by 13%
The school makes sure its pupils are well behaved	93% (71% strongly agree and 7% don't know= 100%)	Increased strongly agree by 28%
I feel involved with school life	98% (strongly agree 70%)	Increased strongly agree by 23%
The school curriculum engages my child in learning	99% (strongly agree 80%)	Increased strongly agree by 24%

Leadership Assembly and British Values

Student Leadership Celebration

We are looking forward to holding a very special assembly on 8 th December to celebrate the children who have taken on new student leadership roles. These roles, including Eco-Warriors, Well-being ambassadors, Reader leaders, school council and prefects. These roles help teach our children valuable skills in responsibility, teamwork, and supporting others.

Picture News: Learning British Values

This month we have launched our Picture News assemblies with a focus on what is happening around the world and discussing our British Values. We have enjoyed a live assembly from Brazil, discussed the Nobel peace prize, answered questions such as why do we vote and discussed the COP30 and what we would tell world leaders. We are looking forward to a live assembly from Antarctica on 5th December.

Picture News

The Big Question Award is a brand-new award, inspiring pupils to think deeply about what's happening in the world and consider how asking questions can make a difference.

Share a question you believe could change the world – one that inspires thought, action and discussion about an important issue you care about.

A template has been sent home with your child. Completed sheets should be returned to school by Tuesday 6th January 2026. Spare/replacement sheets can be collected from the school office.

Creative Recycling Week

Our children had a fantastic time participating in National Recycling Week. We spent time learning why we need to reduce, reuse, and recycle, and then the fun began. Every class participated in a Junk Modelling session. The children brought in boxes, bottle tops, and cardboard tubes, transforming them into amazing creations—from majestic robots and speedy cars to fantastical castles. These activities are a wonderful way to foster creativity and reinforce our commitment to the environment.



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Christmas Cards

Children may bring in Christmas cards for their friends in school. Post boxes will be set up in year groups from Monday 1st December. Please make sure a name and class is written clearly on the envelope.

School Meals for January

School lunches for the new term must be ordered on ParentPay before the deadline on Sunday 28th December.

Parent Governor

We are really pleased to welcome Megan Watts to our governing board as a parent governor. Megan is an experienced former primary school teacher and is currently the head of a charity supporting families with children aged 0-5. We are looking forward to Megan supporting the school's journey to ensure our children get the very best start to their education.

Week beginning Monday 1st Dec

We will be celebrating the start of advent with a special assembly incorporating our Christingle Service and welcoming our Christmas tree (children only). We will have a Christingle assembly and children will make Christingles to take home. Photos of this will be posted on Tapestry/Facebook for parents.

Children will need to bring in a nice, juicy orange for this on Monday 1st December.

Exciting news about Pre-School

Last week, we had confirmation that Ready Teddy Go at Signhills has officially been approved to open. We are really excited to start working alongside Ready Teddy Go who are already a well-established early years provider. Our similar approaches to early years education will support the children's transition from pre-school to starting school. Please contact Ready Teddy about your child starting at their new site.

Christmas Bingo at Juniors Wed 17th Dec 6.00 – 8.00

As part of our work to fundraise for our school, we will be joining with Signhills Academy on Wednesday 17th December for a family Christmas Bingo night. This will take place in the Junior Academy's New Hall. Please enter through the Junior playground on this evening. Doors open from 5:40pm; there will be a 50p entrance fee to cover the bar (tea, coffee, squash and biscuits). It is £2.00 a ticket of 10 games and you will be playing for a variety of selection boxes! You can choose to play as many tickets as you want at a time. All children must be accompanied by an adult. You do not need to book. The proceeds from this fundraiser will be shared between the two schools and we will use the money raised to purchase some more high quality literature to support our curriculum.

Thursday 18th and Friday 19th December

On Thursday (Pantomime) and Friday (Party Day) a cold 'party food' lunch will be served. If you have already ordered hot meals for these days they will be cancelled. A Google form will be sent out on Monday asking for choices of sandwiches (ham, jam or cheese) or the option to bring in a packed lunch from home.

Please could we ask ALL PARENTS/CARERS to complete this form by **Thursday 4th December.**



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Non-uniform day

On Friday 12th December, children can wear their own clothes and bring a donation of sweets or chocolate for our party day. **Please ensure that they do not contain nuts** as we have children with serious nut allergies.

Fri 19th December –last day of term

As we have done in previous years, school will be finishing at 2pm. This allows a little extra time for those going on holiday, travelling to visit family or wanting a little extra time to share the excitement of breaking up for Christmas. Any children unable to be collected early will be watching a festive movie in Hedgehogs Class until 3.30pm.

It is important that you email school@signhillsinfants.co.uk or message on the Arbor app if you are unable to collect at 2pm, by Friday 12th December. Collection will be from Hedgehogs Class accessed via the gate in front of the office. **THERE WILL BE NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUB ON THIS DAY.**

‘Bee’haviours for learning

We just wanted to remind everybody about our school motto of ‘busy ‘bee’ing our best and our six learning ‘bee’haviours for any new parents and families of our school. The opportunities and education we provide for our pupils not only benefits them, but also our future community as our children grow and contribute to our society. The Nurturing of learning behaviours in line with our ‘bee’haviours for learning’ are core to ensuring children succeed.

Our learning ‘bee’haviours are:

‘Bee’ Kind

‘Bee’ Responsible

‘Bee’ Positive

‘Bee’ Curious

‘Bee’ Brave

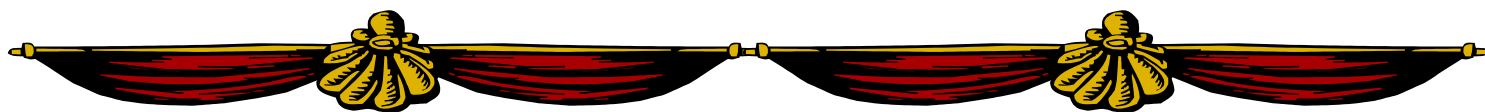
We nurture these learning ‘bee’haviours in all that we do to ensure all children continue to delight in their lifelong love of learning.

Thank you for your continued support!

Hannah Gray

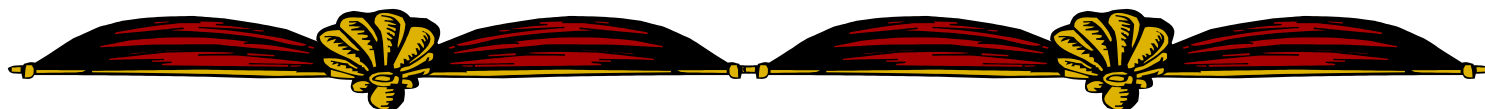


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DIARY DATES

December	Mon 1 st	Last week of After School clubs Please bring in a large juicy orange for Christingle
	Tues 9 th	Reception Nativity (Performance 1) 9.30am – 10.15am OR
	Wed 10 th	Reception Nativity (Performance 2) 1.30pm – 2.15pm
	Thurs 11 th	Christmas lunch – order on ParentPay Christmas jumper day
		Year One Nativity (Performance 1) 9.30am – 10.15am OR
	Fri 12 th	Year One (Performance 2) 1.30pm – 2.15pm Non uniform day in exchange for a donation of chocolate for party day
	Mon 15 th	Badgers Class Nativity 9.30am – 10.15am
	Tues 16 th	Owls Class Nativity 9.30am – 10.15am
	Wed 17 th	Foxes Class Nativity 9.30am – 10.15am Christmas Bingo at the Juniors 6.00pm – 8.00pm
	Thurs 18 th	Whole school at the Parkway pantomime a.m.
	Fri 19 th	Christmas party day End of Term 2 – 2.00pm – NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUB ON THIS DAY
	Sun 28 th	Deadline for ordering lunches for the first week back
January 2026	Tues 6 th	School opens 8.50am – Term 3



The Class Attendance each week can be found on the Attendance page on our website.

https://www.signhillsinfants.co.uk/parents/attendance/class_attendance/weekly_class_attendance_25_26.html

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