HILL FARM NEWS

CURRICULUM CHARACTER COMMUNITY

11 APRIL 2025

HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE
VALUE OF THE MONTH – RESOURCEFULNESS
A VALUE IS A PRINCIPLE THAT GUIDES OUR THINKING AND BEHAVIOUR

Dear parent/carer,

Today has been a wonderful end to the Spring term. The morning was made extra special by our nursery and reception children who modelled their Easter bonnet creations and made us smile with their singing and stories.





It wasn't just early years that demonstrated how creative they can be though - the boiled egg competition was a great success with some really quite amazing designs. Well done to everyone that took part and thank you to Sarah and Mario (Head boy and girl) for choosing the winners.

There was also a celebration assembly which recognised pupils who had excelled in their oracy skills, shown their school values, achieved bronze dojo certificates and of course the winners of the House Cup – Wildcats who enjoyed taking part in an 'egg hunt' this afternoon.

Well done to our 'rock star' pupils who performed confidently in front of a packed hall this week. The children showcased their musical talents, including drumming, guitar, and vocals as they entertained the audience with a selection of favourite songs.

All pupils enjoyed taking part in STEM week which was launched in a special assembly led by Rob Bennet in connection with Coventry Transport Museum and was followed with each year group taking part in fun, interactive workshops using construction materials to innovate, make, explore, test and learn.



A huge well done to all of the children that took part in the sponsored run this week. Children were given a sticker for every lap of the field they ran and it turns out we have some very fit children! Thank you to all our families for the support given and money raised. I am delighted to announce that this amount combined with the sale of disco tickets/treats and the bake sale managed to raise a whopping **£2,551.10** - this means we can go ahead and order the sandpit for the KS1 playground!!

Finally, a very warm welcome back to Miss McCann who returned from maternity leave and has joined the year 5 team to cover Mrs Ling.

Have a wonderful Easter holiday and look forward to seeing you all return when school opens on Monday 28th April 2025.

Dawn Wilson – Headteacher

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE



BOUNCY CASTLE CHALLENGE!
Next Half Term Attendance Incentive

Want to jump, climb, and conquer the assault course?

✅ If you achieve at least 98% attendance (next half – which is only 4 weeks!) you'll receive a ticket to go on the **Bouncy Castle & Assault Course for FREE!**

Let's do this, Hill Farm Attendance stars!

It has been amazing to see so many children coming to school every day, ready to learn and take part in all the exciting things that Hill Farm has to offer. A **big thank you** to all parents and carers for your continued support in ensuring your children are on time and attending regularly - it really does make a difference! Let's keep up the amazing effort and aim for even higher attendance in the Summer Term.

CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY TIMETABLE

STUDENT RECOGNITION AWARDS

Our Celebration assemblies for Years 1 to 5 are held in the **KS2 Hall** and start **at 9:00am**. Year 6 have a monthly showcase/celebration assembly starting at **2:45pm** on Tuesdays. We would love it if you could join us with your family and friends. If your child is due to be presented with a certificate or an award you will receive an invite to the assembly no later than the Wednesday of that week.

- **Watch This Space for Next Term's Assemblies**

TIME TO TALK

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We offer weekly **'Time to Talk'** parent/carer appointments with **Miss Roper (SENCO).** It is an opportunity to talk about any questions or concerns you might have or to discuss progress, additional needs or **SEN support** for your child. Appointments are available every **Wednesday** and can be made via the office.

'Time to Talk' appointments are available at **8:30am or 8:50am**.

Values-based Education VbE Quality Mark
Ofsted GRADED GOOD
Oracy Centre of Excellence voice21 2024
Young Carers in Schools Award 2018
MUSIC MARK SCHOOL MEMBER
Arts Council England Artsmark Silver Award Awarded by Arts Council England
Coventry Silver Award NHS
We are a Ruth Miskin Read Write Inc school 2024
Little Coventry Communicators

SCHOOL VALUES AWARD – CLASS WINNERS



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1BM - Lucas for settling in so well at Hill farm! He found it really tricky at first but now he skips down the corridor with a smile to say "good morning miss McShane, good morning Mrs James!"

1LL - Sophia for showing kindness to her friends within the class. She is so helpful and understanding of the needs of our new children and loves showing them what to do / where to go.

2HD - Kaydon for showing the value of individual liberty. He can show determination and independence when writing in English. He worked extremely hard using his plan to write his instruction text. He added in adverbs and used the resources around him to support his writing. Kaydon has really found his feet in year 2 and has definitely grown in independence when it comes to completing activities in class. Well done Kaydon!

2JD - Olivia consistently shows her school values and is a role model to all. These last few weeks in particular she has shown the value of navigate the world and resourcefulness with her sheer resilience and determination towards spelling and writing. She has persisted in her writing, trying her best and showing how well she can use all the skills she has been taught!

3EF - Abdul for showing determination and resilience with his handwriting. This week, we have been working on our letter formation and our handwriting targets. Abdul has worked hard to listen to feedback and has completely transformed his handwriting since the start of Year 3!

3JB - Chloe for taking pride in her learning. Chloe has been working hard on her handwriting and has been using digital technology to make progress towards this target. She independently gets this set up at the start of each lesson and is like a mini teacher!

3MG - Tara for always showing her Hill Farm values and being a role model to others in 3MG and all of year 3. Miss Griffin is extremely proud of Tara and her resilience particularly in Maths as we have been finding fractions of an amount which involves following steps to find the answer. You are a superstar, Tara!

4AW - Iga for always trying her hardest in ever lesson. Although Iga struggles sometimes, she will always have a go and try her best. Her determination and resilience in English has been fantastic and she has been contributing some brilliant ideas in class. Well done Iga, keep up the great work.

4DJ - Abdullah is new to 4DJ but what a delight it is to have him in the class! He is so polite to all staff and children and always willing to learn with a smile on his face. He has shown determination to learn English and works hard to complete all tasks in lessons.

5DL - Ibrahima for setting an excellent example in the classroom of how to show respect to others and responsibility towards his learning.

5MB - Logan W for his determination in improving his writing.

LUNCHTIME SUPERVISORS AWARDS



Year 1 - Lucas for being well-behaved in the canteen as well as in the playground at lunchtimes.
Year 2 - Prisha for always being very good at lunchtime and also very keen to help. 😐.
Year 3 - Isoda even though being very new to our school, she is already showing all of the Hill Farm values. Well done Isoda!
Year 4 - Arafat for being respectful and well-mannered at lunchtimes.
Year 5 - Najla for always being so kind and helpful at lunchtimes.
Year 6 - Layla (Mur) for being a helpful and respectful member of year 6.

SCHOOL ORACY AWARD – CLASS WINNERS



ORACY IS LEARNING TO TALK, LEARNING THROUGH TALK AND LEARNING TO LISTEN

1BM - Rose for her cognitive oracy and reasoning when matching families in her science lesson. She could explain carefully why she was matching teachers to their parents and children.

1LL - Kevin for using his physical oracy skills in phonics. He is beginning to project his voice within his phonics lesson, using his special friends, Fred talk and say the word.

2HD - Francis has received his award for his cognitive oracy. We have been writing an instruction text this week and Francis has been focused on using his phonic sounds to Fred a word in his head before writing it down. When writing Francis has been thinking hard about the sound he needs to use and this has resulted in him using more ambitious vocabulary. Well done Francis!

2JD - Poppy has been trying really hard to use her talk protocols and demonstrate all the steps on the listening ladder. She has been supporting her partner by digging deeper with questions to help them clarify their thoughts and then build on their ideas further. She was even selected to be in the video showcasing oracy!

3EF - Paisley for showing confidence with her physical oracy. She has been changing the expression in her voice, trying to project this and has been working hard on her protocols. She is an expert at the listening ladder. Well done!

3JB - Grace for working hard on projecting her work and taking part in class discussions. Grace has blown Miss Fowell away with her cognitive oracy and her use of the listening ladder - she is able to work independently because she listens so carefully in every lesson. Great job!

3MG - Raihana for her listening strand in Oracy. Raihana found it tricky to follow the steps on the listening ladder as she is brand new to our school. Now, she is an expert with following all the steps on the listening ladder. She is showing Miss Griffin that she is 100% focused and ready to learn.

4AW - Charlie for working well in a group. During English this week, Charlie worked really well planning his ideas for his writing, he focused on his handwriting and worked extremely well with his partner, well done.

4DJ - Eryn has worked really hard these past few weeks in her cognitive oracy skills. Eryn has been able to really think about the writing and complete work independently. Eryn can sometimes be shy to put her hand up but when asked for her contribution it is clear she has great understanding.

5DL - Bareerah for listening intently to new learning from the adults and her peers. She uses this new knowledge to strengthen the quality of her written work.

5MB - Rigesh for always making contributions to class discussion, applying talk protocols and sentence stems in all lessons.

DID YOU KNOW.....



Physical Education (PE) is a vital part of the school curriculum, and it is essential that all children are properly equipped to take part.

Please ensure that your child has their PE kit in school, at all times.

Having the correct PE kit allows your child to participate safely and fully in all PE lessons.

NEWSLETTER NATTER



Debate this week's Newsletter Natter at home with your family and friends to put your Oracy skills to the test.

- ***What are some things you do to feel happy and healthy, both in school and outside of school?***

SCHOOLGRID MENU CHOICES



We've noticed a lot of food being wasted lately because the children aren't choosing meals they enjoy. Could you please sit down with your child to help pick their **new Summer** lunches? This may help reduce waste and ensure they're excited about their meals.

Thank you for your support!

EXCITING UPDATES FROM (OPAL)

Our **Outdoor Play and Learning (OPAL)** is in full swing, and we want to extend our heartfelt thanks for all your generous donations so far! Your contributions have truly made a difference in enhancing our activities. We are currently on the lookout for the following:

- **colouring books and**
- **cycle helmets,**

which will be instrumental in ensuring that our children have a safe and creative time while enjoying scooter sessions. Additionally,

- **building toys and**
- **garden pots**

would add a wonderful touch to our outdoor play and learning experiences.

This week, we were thrilled to welcome our **Hill Farm boat**, which is set to become a charming riverbank reading area. We envision it as a serene escape where children can immerse themselves in stories while enjoying the beauty of nature.

(This is an impression of what the finished space could look like)



Stay tuned for more updates, and thank you for your ongoing support!

CAKE SALES



A huge thank you to everyone that supported our Cake Sales by not only donated cakes but buying cakes too. We made over **£800** for school funds, to contribute towards our large sandpit for OPAL.

SPONSORED FUN RUN



On Tuesday, the whole school took park in a sponsored fun run around our school playing field, to raise funds for our large sandpit which will form part of our outdoor play and learning enrichment equipment. With your help, we have received over **£1000** in sponsorship, so thank you all very much for your generosity, it is very much appreciated.

DECORATE AN EGG WINNERS



The Winners & Runner Ups of Decorated an Egg Competition were:

- **Year 1** Alissa & Arthur
- **Year 2** Lana & Ayaan
- **Year 3** Fola & Luca
- **Year 4** Mirah & Jasmine
- **Year 5** Kaja & Nihad
- **Year 6** Mia & Maisey & Sarah

EASTER BONNET WINNERS



The winners of our Easter Bonnet Competition were:

- **Nursery: 1st** - Aadam **2nd** - Joshkka
- **Reception: 1st** - Amber **2nd -** Mateo

A massive **Well Done** to everyone who took part, your creations looked amazing!!

Check out X (formerly twitter) to see all the photos.

KEY DATES 2025

Date	Year Group	Event
Monday 28th April 2025	Whole School	School Re-opens – 8:30am
Monday 5th May 2025	Whole School	School Closed – Bank Holiday - May day
Tuesday 6th May 2025	Whole School	School Re-opens – 8:30am
Wednesday 14th May 2025	Year 4	Viking Visitor in School
Wednesday 14th May 2025	Year 1	Animal Encounter in School
Tuesday 20th May 2025	Years 4, 5 & 6 Parents	RSE Parents Workshop – 9:00am KS2 Hall
Thursday 22nd May 2025	Year 2	Mechanical Art & Design Museum & Butterfly Farm Trip
Friday 23rd May 2025	Prize Winners Only	Bouncy Castle – Attendance Incentive Prize
Friday 23rd May 2025	Whole School	Break up for Half Term – 3:20pm
Monday 2nd June 2025	Whole School	School Re-opens – 8:30am
Thursday 19th June 2025	Nursery & Reception	Twycross Zoo Trip
Thursday 26th June 2025	Years 1 & 2	Beach Trip
Friday 27th June 2025	Whole School	School Closed – Teacher Training Day
Wednesday 2nd July 2025	Invited Guests	Rocksteady Concert – 9:00am KS2 Hall
Friday 4th July 2025	Year 3	Roman Visitor in School
Friday 4th July 2025	Whole School	Summer Fair from 2pm
Friday 18th July 2025	Whole School	Break up for Holidays – 3:20pm
Monday 21st July 2025	Whole School	School Closed - Teacher Training Day

LIBRARY CORNER



Thank you for visiting the Library this term. The Library Loyalty Reward Scheme is going really well. Thank you for your patience and support.

The following students have visited over 10 times and received their 'Hill Farm Star Reader' wristband -

- Amber Foxes
- Anna 2JD
- Arvind 2HD
- David 6PR
- Devora 3MG
- Diveena 4DJ
- Diya 5DL
- Ekamjot 1BM
- Emmanuel Hedgehogs
- Godwin 3MG
- Gurseerat 6PR
- Irtaza Hedgehogs
- Jadin 3EF
- Krish 4AW
- Lawa 3MG
- Lia Hedgehogs
- Linella 1LL
- Mia 1BM
- Muhsin Foxes



The following children have received the second award; a bookmark, for 20 visits to the Library -

- Alisia 1BM
- Daria 4Aw
- Darin 3MG
- Fariya 2JD
- Jesna 5MB
- Rafael 1LL
- Rayn 2HD

Ayesha and Arash both from 2JD, have received the **Bronze Badge Award** for **30** visits. **Well done!!**

Thank you for your donations of children's books, and books for the Book Swap shelf for Adults. We would be very grateful for any donations of children's comics! The Library is open until **4:00pm every school day**. Come and join us. Keep Reading Alive in 2025!

SCHOOL CLOSED



School is now closed and will re-open at
8:30am on Monday 28th April 2025

