HILL FARM NEWS

CURRICULUM CHARACTER COMMUNITY

23 MAY 2025

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

Dear parent/carer,



The attendance initiative has been a great success with children having a fantastic time on the bouncy castles today! Some days this term has seen our attendance at 98% which has never been achieved before – thank you! There will be another initiative that will take us to the end of summer, look out for more information and try to only keep children off school if they are unwell.





Year 2 had a fantastic time visiting the MAD Museum and the Butterfly Farm in Stratford this week as part of their topic. Children were delighted by the huge butterflies that landed on them as well as being fascinated by the range of mini-beasts and spiders.



The animal theme continued when the Animal Encouter team brought a range of unusual creatures into assembly. KS1 pupils had close encounters with lots of exotic animals and learned so much more about habitats and environments.

The OPAL team were also in school this week to offer more advice and support to create even better playtimes for our pupils. They were so impressed at how are children worked together to create innovative structures and how considerate and supportive of each other they are. We are still gratefully receiving any donations of unwanted items – please look at the list on the back of the newsletter for inspiration.

Finally, next term is packed with trips and events such as new reception children welcome days, sports days and a Summer fair. Please look at the dates section of the newsletter for more information.

Thank you as always for your support and have a wonderful half term.

Dawn Wilson - Headteacher

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE



BOUNCY CASTLE REWARD!

We're thrilled to announce that our attendance for this half term has rose to over **96%** – a fantastic achievement that reflects the commitment of our pupils, families, and staff. Every day in school makes a difference and we're so proud of everyone for making attendance a top priority.

To celebrate attendance, our pupils were treated to time on the bouncy castle and assault course fun! The field was filled with laughter, teamwork and energy as children bounced, climbed, and raced their way through.

It was a well-deserved reward for all the effort put into showing up, learning and being part of our school community each day. Well done to everyone – let's keep up the great momentum into next term!

CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY TIMETABLE

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

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**.

If you would like to contact the **SENCo** via email, please send to: hfp-sendenquiries@castlephoenixtrust.org.uk

SCHOOL VALUES AWARD – CLASS WINNERS



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1BM - Priyanka for her independence during maths. Year 1 were learning about halving and Priyanka took such pride in her work.

1LL - Rafael for challenging himself in lessons and taking pride in the presentation of his work.

2HD - Gabriel has been an absolute superstar with attending school and trying really hard to engage with his learning. He has demonstrated such resilience and determination and we are so proud.

2JD - Rose is such a kind and caring member of the class. She has such a friendly demeanour which means that other children gravitate towards her. She has been showing great resilience and determination lately especially with her writing which has made Mrs Dankaro incredibly proud.

3EF - Priscilla for showing determination, resilience and perseverance in every lesson. In history, we have been creating speeches as Queen Boudicca and Priscilla has blown Miss Fowell away with the factual information she included!

3JB - Evelyn for working hard in English to improve her handwriting and speed. You have been carefully listening to teacher instructions to help you work more independently!

3JB - Hela has shown great resilience in her work and attitude towards learning. Her efforts in English have really paid off with her last big write using all the success criteria we had studied. Her handwriting has also improved immensely. Well done.

3MG - Cherish for showing all aspects of the value altruism. Cherish started Hill Farm this term meaning he is new to our school despite this he has shown so much kindness to even newer students in 3MG. Miss Griffin is very proud of you Cherish!

4AW - Franklin for settling into 4AW so well. Franklin has picked up routines, our values and is a helpful and caring member of the classroom day in and day out. Well done Franklin!

4DJ - David joined Hill farm this week and his attitude to learning has been amazing. We have been producing a debate in English on the story of Narnia. This is all new to David and he has showed engagement and determination to get this done and produced. Really persuasive text.

5DL - Diya for showing creativity in English and producing a beautiful poem about space.

5MB - Pamilean for working hard to achieve his small steps targets.

LUNCHTIME SUPERVISORS AWARDS



Year 1 - Jamie-Leigh for her outstanding behaviour in the canteen. She is well mannered and plays well with others.
Year 2 - Edward for always being kind and helpful at lunchtime. Keep it up.
Year 3 - Habil for being such a great, responsible friend and football team mate. He's always showing his Hill Farm values on the playground and in the canteen.
Year 4 - Julia as she plays well with her friends and is a polite and respectful member of year 4.
Year 5 - Mason for lovely playing and sharing on the playground.
Year 6 - Summah for showing her kindness and respect values, when using the OPAL equipment at lunchtimes with other children.

SCHOOL ORACY AWARD – CLASS WINNERS



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

1BM - Eve for her physical oracy in our class assembly. She took on a new part and projected her voice with confidence.

1LL - Jamie-Leigh for using the talk protocols and beginning to extend her answers using full sentences.

2HD - Porsha has been working really hard to use her talk protocols and sentence stems to answer questions especially with reasoning in maths. She has been working hard to work with her partner to begin digging deeper to clarify her understanding.

2JD - Ahmed has been working very hard on using his listening ladder to ensure that he responds to the speaker with 100% focus. This has meant that he has been able to confidently build on others ideas and use them to clarify his own understanding.

3EF - Alivia for her fantastic physical oracy. During our speeches as Queen Boudicca, Alivia changed her facial expression, volume and pace to 'become' the leader of the Iceni Tribe. Great job!

3JB - Camilla is always very kind and thoughtful in every aspect of her daily life at school. Miss Bannister is now seeing Camilla transfer this wonderful characteristic into her oracy in class. Camilla is thinking about questions and opinions in class and is providing well thought out answers to describe her learning. Well done.

3MG - Ivan for his Physical Oracy as he has been taking part in most of our class discussions and he is using his voice to put his thoughts and opinions forward. He is really projecting his voice so we can all hear his thoughts in class. Well done, Ivan you are making amazing progress.

4AW - Graceford for using her cognitive Oracy really well in Geography. She is carefully thinking about her responses before instigating a conversation. She is also trying to use key vocabulary in her responses which is amazing! Keep it up.

4DJ - Tomasz - Oracy - Cognitive Tomasz has been working super hard with his times tables the past few weeks. He has been using his pervious knowledge to be able to memorise and work out timetables he is suck with and showed determination to improve his score.

5DL - Kayden for using his confident, clear and coherent speaking voice for showing off our school when visitors were here!

5MB - Tiberiu for working hard to project his voice when performing poems in class.

DOJO BRONZE & SILVER AWARD WINNERS



The winners of our **Bronze (250+) Dojo** Awards for this week and last are:

1LL - Roan,
2HD - Edward, Yimika,
2JD - Darcey, Kevin, Leila, Maya, Poppy, Rose, Rowen, Sakina
3EF - Mirthik

And our **Silver (500+) Dojo** Award Winners are:
1LL - Isla
1BM - Emily

Congratulations & Well Done!!

NEWSLETTER NATTER



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

- **What's your favourite park to visit?**

CONTACT DETAILS



Please remember to update the office if any of your contact details change:

- **Address**
- **Home Phone Number**
- **Mobile Phone Number**
- **Email Address**

DID YOU KNOW.....

The Purpose of PE in Primary Schools is to do the following:

1. **Promote Physical Health:** Encourage active lifestyles, help prevent childhood obesity, and improve cardiovascular and muscular fitness.
2. **Enhance Motor Skills:** Develop coordination, balance, agility, and fine/gross motor skills.
3. **Support Cognitive Development**: Physical activity can boost concentration, memory, and classroom performance.
4. **Foster Social Skills**: Teach teamwork, cooperation, and communication.
5. **Encourage Emotional Wellbeing:** Help reduce stress, build confidence, and improve mood.



YEAR 6 – RESIDENTIAL TRIP



Just a reminder that the Year 6 Residential Trip money, for their Woodland Adventure, needs to be paid in full by today please.

CLIMATE ED - YEAR 5

We are very fortunate to have some professional volunteers from **Climate Ed** coming into school to run a series of sessions for our year 5 children. **Climate Ed** is a charity that provides high quality carbon literacy to children across the UK, to enable them, their families and communities to reduce their carbon emissions.

These sessions will address key areas of carbon emissions and reduction including transport, food and general consumption. The children will be helped to find solutions that they can do at home to tackle climate change. They will learn practical skills like measuring a carbon footprint, thinking critically about social and environmental issues, and debating and making reasoned arguments.

The aim is to inspire young people to take an interest in climate change, to find their voice and begin taking action on it.

EXCITING UPDATES FROM (OPAL)

We are thrilled to share that our Opal reading boat is well underway, providing our children with a delightful sensory experience!



This enchanting space not only sparks a love for reading but also promotes sustainability through the inclusion of insect-friendly plants.



Our Year 6 children have also had the fantastic opportunity to select and grow their own plants, fostering an understanding of nature and healthy eating. The joy on the children's faces as they nurture their food and engage in creative play is truly priceless!

Can you help? We are now looking for donations for our recycled mud kitchen, that Mrs Stewart is in the process of building, so we need any of the following, please:

* pots
* pans
* kitchen spoons

Thank you for your continued support!

SUMMER FAIR



If you would like a stall at our Summer Fair on **Friday 4th July, 2025** please contact the school office for more details.

NEW TO RECEPTION – OPEN EVENING

There is a parents welcome meeting on **Thursday 5th June at 5:00pm** for all children starting Reception in September 2025.



SPORTS DAYS



Weather permitting we have scheduled our Sports Days for **Week beginning Monday 23rd June, 2025**

Check out Key dates for specific year group dates

KEY DATES 2025

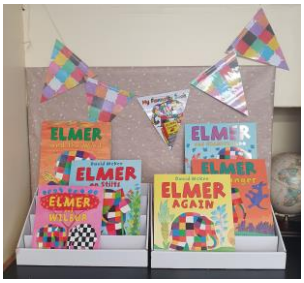
Date	Year Group	Event
Friday 23rd May 2025	Prize Winners Only	Bouncy Castle – Attendance Incentive Prize
Friday 23rd May 2025	Whole School	Break up for Half Term – 3:20pm
Monday 2nd June 2025	Whole School	School Re-opens – 8:30am
Thursday 5th June 2025	New to Reception Parents	Open Evening at 5pm – KS1 Hall
Friday 6th June 2025	Year 5	Visitors from JLR into School
Thursday 19th June 2025	Nursery & Reception	Twycross Zoo Trip
Friday 20th June 2025	Year 5	Space Centre Trip
Monday 23rd June 2025	Year 1 & 2	9:30am – 11:30am – Sports day (weather permitting)
Tuesday 24th June 2025	Years 3, 4, 5 & 6	9:30am – 11:30am – Sports day (weather permitting)
Wednesday 25th June 2025	Nursery & Reception	9:30am – 11:30am – Sports day (weather permitting)
Wednesday 25th June 2025	New to Nursery Parents	Open Evening at 3:45pm - Nursery
Thursday 26th June 2025	Years 1 & 2	Beach Trip
Friday 27th June 2025	Whole School	School Closed – Teacher Training Day
Wednesday 2nd July 2025	Whole School	Transition Day
Thursday 3rd July 2025	Year 3	Roman Visitor in School
Friday 4th July 2025	Whole School	Summer Fair from 2pm
Wednesday 9th July 2025	Year 6 Parents	Year 6 End of Year Show – 2pm – 3pm
Thursday 10th July 2025	Year 6 Parents	Year 6 End of Year Show – 5pm – 6pm
Friday 11th July 2025	Year 4	Cadbury World Trip
Monday 14th – 16th July 2025	Year 6	Woodlands Adventure - Residential Trip
Thursday 17th July 2025	Year 6	PROM – 6:30pm until 8:00pm
Friday 18th July 2025	Year 6 Parents	Leavers Assembly – 9:00am KS2 Hall
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



Our Congratulations go to Ayesha from 2JD!
She has become our **first** Library visitor to achieve **50 visits** since the launch of the Library Loyalty Card.
Well Done !!





This week the children have been looking at Elmer books. Elmer has been a children's favourite for 57 years! There is a display in the Library and at lunchtime the children are coming in to draw their own colourful elephants! These will be turned into elephant bunting to decorate the library!

The message behind the story is that it is OK to be different. Everybody is unique, and everyone is welcome in the Library!



SCHOOL CLOSED



School is now closed and will re-open on

Monday 2nd June, 2025

Gates open at 8:30am