HILL FARM NEWS

CURRICULUM CHARACTER COMMUNITY

4 JULY 2025

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

Dear parent/carer,

As we move through the final weeks of the summer term at Hill Farm Primary, the school is as busy and vibrant as ever. Our pupils have been enjoying a wide range of exciting experiences, both in and out of the classroom and we're delighted to share some of the highlights with you. From energetic Sports Days to creative projects and memorable trips, it's been a joyful and enriching time for everyone involved.

Our Sports Days were a fantastic success, with all pupils embracing the chance to take part in a range of fun and competitive activities. It was wonderful to see their enthusiasm, determination and teamwork throughout the events. A big thank you and well done to the staff who brought great energy (and competitiveness!) to the egg and spoon races. A special well done to the parents who joined in the fun too! Your involvement helped make the day even more memorable for the children.

A huge thank you to everyone who joined us for today's Summer Fair. The weather was beautiful and It was a joy to see so many families enjoying the stalls, games, and activities. We're especially grateful to our events team for their hard work in planning such an enjoyable event – and blowing up hundreds of capybara balloons!

Another highlight last week was the annual trip to the seaside. Year 1 and 2 pupils had an unforgettable trip to Weston-Super-Mare. With the sun shining, they spent a glorious day building sandcastles, eating chips on the beach and riding donkeys. Laughter and smiles were in abundance – special thanks to Miss Lessels for organising!

Our enterprising Year 6 pupils have been showcasing their green fingers and business savvy at Coventry Cathedral Market day, selling vegetables they grew themselves as part of the Young Marketeers project. Not only have they learned valuable entrepreneurial skills, but they've also gained a deeper understanding of sustainability and where our food comes from. We're incredibly proud of their efforts.

Some of our aspiring engineers had the chance to visit Caludon Castle School to take part in a collaborative STEM project with other schools in our Trust. These exciting opportunities spark innovation and help our young learners develop creative problem-solving skills.

Our Rock Steady music club wowed audiences with an electric performance in front of a packed hall. This club gives pupils the chance to learn an instrument, play in a band, and perform live! If your child is interested in joining, please contact the school office to find out more.

The next two weeks are all about celebrating our incredible Year 6 pupils as they prepare to say goodbye to Hill Farm. With their end-of-year performance, prom, leavers' assembly and residential trip all on the horizon, it promises to be a truly special and memorable time.

Dawn Wilson - Headteacher

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE



Let's Make Every Day Count!

We're excited to announce that the ***Golden Ticket*** has officially launched in school! Our lucky winners this week were thrilled with their prizes – well done to them!

There are **plenty more chances to win next week,** so keep aiming for full attendance. **The more days you're in school, the better your chances of being drawn!**

Good luck to everyone – who will win a Golden Ticket next?

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**. 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.

- **Thursday 10th July – 2HD Class Assembly**
- **Friday 11th July – Y1 - Y5 Celebrtion Assembly**
- **Friday 18th July – Year 6 Leavers Assembly**

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

NEWSLETTER NATTER

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

If you could be any animal for a summer day, what would you choose?

DOJO BRONZE & SILVER AWARD WINNERS



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

2HD - Arvind, Gabriel, Wesley, Tudor, Kajetan, Aida, Rayan, Liana
2JD - Ayaan, Fariya
3EF - Paisley, Alivia, Abdul Rahim, Adnan, Ayaan
3MG - Darin
3JB - Devora, Grace, Lucas
4AW - Daria, David, Forrest, Jad, Muhammad
4DJ - Rory, Christine, Nathanaelle, Tolu
5MB - Elis, Aksharan, Jesna, Emmanuel, Ava, Roxy, Lily

And our **Silver (500+) Dojo** Award Winners are:
1BM - Cora, Eugenia, Japneet, Noah, Shakir, Cairo-King, Tajveer, Todd, Princ
1LL – Alyaan, Dilsah

YEAR 6 – SPONSORED LITTER PICKING



A group of our Year 6 children took part in a sponsored litter-picking activity in an effort to raise money towards their Leavers' Prom at the end of the school year.
Rather than resort to the familiar bake sale or sponsored silence, the children decided to opt for an activity that would benefit our school's local community at the same time as raising money for their special event.
The children managed to fill 24 sacks of rubbish in two afternoons! Building on the success of the clean-up, we hope to repeat the event in the future, as well as looking to add more community and environmental-based activities to our calendar.
They raised a massive **£770** – Thank you for your generosity and support.

DID YOU KNOW.....



At Hill Farm we aim to ignite children's creativity and imagination by providing visual, tactile and sensory experiences which equip them with the skills and knowledge to communicate opinions about artwork, apply a variety of media and respond by making their own art works.

Art is all about children experimenting, designing and expressing themselves in a visual way. This includes looking at the world around them, learning about artists, art techniques and other cultures and responding by making their own art works. We recognise that a high-quality art education can build pupils' ability to 'appreciate and interpret what they observe, communicate what they think and feel, or make what they imagine and invent'.

Through our high-quality art curriculum, we support children in developing ideas, presenting their ideas using sketchbooks, learning about artists and evaluating and analysing our art pieces. In addition, we provide children with knowledge and skills linked to six media: collage, drawing, painting, sculpture, print-making, textiles.

YOUNG MARKETEERS

The Young Marketeers Market Day is Finally Here!



We're thrilled to announce that The Young Marketeers Market Day is today — and the excitement has grown as fast as our vegetables!
Over the past few weeks, our enthusiastic young gardeners have been sowing seeds, digging soil, and nurturing fruit, vegetables, and plants in preparation for this special event. Their hard work, teamwork, and care have truly paid off, and now it was time to share the fruits (and veggies!) of their labour.

Where? Coventry Cathedral
When? Friday 4th July
Time? 12:00pm – 2:00pm

Our budding marketeers set up shop alongside other schools for a vibrant and colourful market stall. Many of you came along to support our children, picked up some delicious, homegrown produce, and saw first-hand the fantastic results of their dedication.
It was amazing that you came and supported us. Thank you.

SCHOOL NURSING TEAM

In order to respond to the high demand of referrals, the School Nursing Team are offering **free** parental information sessions. The sessions they currently hold are on **sleep/toileting/behaviours/fussy eating** and **anxiety awareness**. Please follow the links to book on to sessions.

Toileting Sessions
https://youtu.be/rKoe_jTeSHA

Sleep Sessions
https://youtu.be/1LEReKIeGYY

Understanding Anxiety Sessions
https://youtu.be/gZiSutc6Ax4

Challenges in Eating Sessions
https://youtu.be/lay0LGZRdpM

Challenges in Behaviour Sessions
https://youtu.be/MRvcxt7Nx3I

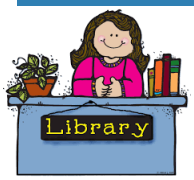
You can continue to reach the School Nursing Service via text if you wish to. The team aim to respond within 24 hours, 9am to 5pm, Monday to Friday (except bank holidays).

Parent Line via
ChatHealth
(07507 329 114)

KEY DATES 2025

Date	Year Group	Event
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	Whole School	End of Year Reports sent Home
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



Thank you for visiting the School Community Library this year, and making it a vibrant, living space.

The Loyalty Card scheme has been a great success, **14 pupils have achieved the Gold Award for 50 visits**, including these 9 children:

- Deimen - Rabbits
- Emmanuel - Hedgehogs
- Priyanka - 1BM
- Rafael -1LL
- Alisia - 2HD
- Fariya - 2JD
- Godwin - 3MG
- Olivia - 4AW
- Daria - 4AW



If you have yet to achieve your 10 visit reward - a lovely blue wristband - then you have 1 week left to get it.

ALL BOOKS from the school, or the Library need to be returned by **next Friday 11th July**, please.

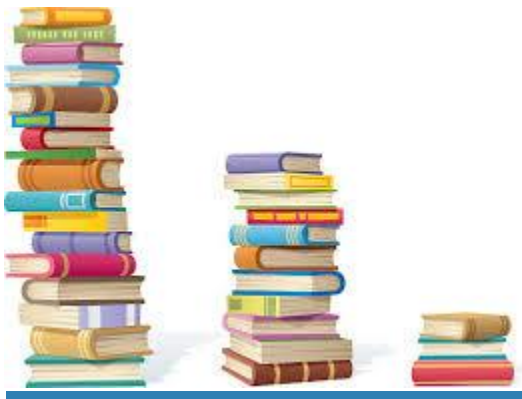
The Library will remain open til the last day of term; however, no books will be loaned after Friday 11th July.
There is a large quantity of Own Books which you are welcome to choose from to take a book home to keep.

The local library in Jubilee Crescent will be running the Summer Reading Challenge.
Mrs Nicholds will give a dojo to all children who take part in that challenge.
If you have not joined the Coventry Library please see Mrs Nicholds, who has some application forms.

Or... you could complete **Hill Farm's Own Summer Reading Challenge**.
You will need to take photos of your 3 completed challenges and then you will be entered into a prize draw!

Please see the back page of the newsletter for details.

Have a great Summer of Stories!



SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

READ A PICTURE BOOK	READ A RECIPE	FIND AND READ A POEM
READ A BOOK SET IN A DIFFERENT COUNTRY	READ A BOOK TO YOUR FAVOURITE TOY	READ ALOUD TO A FAMILY MEMBER
READ OUTSIDE	VISIT YOUR LOCAL LIBRARY	READ A CHAPTER BOOK
READ A NONFICTION BOOK	READ A COMIC	READ A FUNNY BOOK

TAKE PHOTOS OF YOUR 3 COMPLETED CHALLENGES AND SHOW MRS NICHOLDS IN SEPTEMBER -

YOU WILL BE ENTERED INTO A PRIZE DRAW!