HILL FARM NEWS

CURRICULUM CHARACTER COMMUNITY

19 SEPTEMBER 2025

HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE
VALUE OF THE HALF TERM – LIVE WITHOUT HARM
A VALUE IS A PRINCIPLE THAT GUIDES OUR THINKING AND BEHAVIOUR

Dear parent/carer,

Thank you to the parents of 2JF who joined us for the first of our Sharing Stories sessions in the school library. It was wonderful to see so many families enjoying the chance to share a story or two together. Our librarian runs a variety of events each week – please keep an eye on the dates at the back of this newsletter if you'd like to get involved.

This week we also introduced our new home reading scheme, which celebrates and rewards children for the time they spend reading at home. At Hill Farm, we believe that reading is the most important skill your child will develop. Research shows that children who read regularly not only achieve higher academic results but also develop stronger language, imagination, and empathy.

Please remember that school photo day is on Thursday 9th – a chance for big smiles and smart uniforms! We can't wait to see everyone looking their best for their photographs.

Also on Thursday, we will be holding an Early Years Phonics Workshop for parents. This session will explain how phonics is taught in school and provide practical ideas for how you can support your child's reading at home using the Read Write Inc. online resources. The session is open to all parents although we would encourage all Early Years parents to attend.

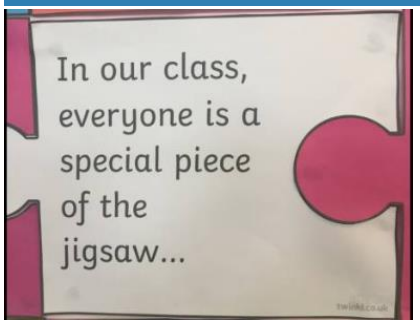
On Wednesday, we are looking forward to welcoming the Vicar from St. Francis Church into school to lead our traditional Harvest Festival. She will speak to the children about the history of harvest and inspire them to think about how we can support our community through donations to local foodbanks. Further details will be shared shortly.

Finally, we are still collecting donations of unwanted items for lunchtime play. These can include toy cars, Lego, dolls, prams or kitchen items such as wooden spoons, scales and bowls. Your contributions help to enrich our children's creative play and imagination.

Thank you for your support,

Dawn Wilson - Headteacher

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE



Attendance is like a puzzle—every piece matters.

When your child is here, the picture is complete!

CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY TIMETABLE

STUDENT RECOGNITION AWARDS

Our Celebration assemblies for Years 1 to 6 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.

- **Friday 10th October - Years 3 & 4 Celebration Assembly**
- **Friday 17th October – Year 3 Class 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.

- **What new learning or skills have you enjoyed most this term?**

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 Gold · We are a Ruth Miskin Read Write Inc. school 2024 · Little Coventry Communicators

KEY DATES 2025 / 2026

Date	Year Group	Event
Thursday 9th October 2025	Whole School	School Photographs
Tuesday 14th October 2025	Year 3	Coventry Sights Trip
Thursday 16th October 2025	Nursery & Reception	Little Dots Play Village in School
Friday 17th October 2025	Whole School	Culture Day
Monday 20th October 2025	Year 5	Beaumanor Hall Trip
Thursday 23rd October 2025	Whole School	Spooky Disco & Break up for Holidays
Friday 24th October 2025	Whole School	Teacher Training Day
Monday 3rd November 2025	Whole School	School Re-opens – 8:30am
Thursday 6th November 2025	Reception to Year 6	Flu Immunisation
Monday 10th November 2025	Whole School	Parent Evenings all Week
Wednesday 19th November 2025	Year 2	Warwick Castle Trip
Friday 28th November 2025	Whole School	Non School Uniform Day – Bottle Donation
Wednesday 3rd December 2025	Year 6	Health Questionnaire – School Nurses
Thursday 4th December 2025	Whole School	Non School Uniform Day - Chocolate Donation
Friday 5th December 2025	Whole School	School Closed – Teacher Training Day
Monday 8th December 2025	Whole School	DT Showcase from 3:30pm
Wednesday 10th December 2025	Invited Parents	Rocksteady Concert – 9:00am
Friday 12th December 2025	Whole School	Christmas Fair at 2pm
Monday 15th December 2025	Whole School	Art Showcase from 3:30pm
Tuesday 16th December 2025	Years 1,2,3,4,5 & 6 Parents	9:15am – KS1 Performance 2:15pm – Years 3 & 4 – Carols by Candlelight 3:15pm – Year 5 & 6 – Carols by Candlelight
Wednesday 17th December 2025	Year 1 & 2 Parents	2:15pm – KS1 Performance
Thursday 18th December 2025	Nursery & Reception Parents	9:15am – EYFS Performance 2:15pm – EYFS Performance
Friday 19th December 2025	Whole School	Pyjama (PJs) Day & Break up for Holidays at 3:20pm
Monday 5th January 2026	Whole School	School Closed – Teacher Training Day
Tuesday 6th January 2026	Whole School	School Re-opens – 8:30am
Friday 13th February 2026	Whole School	Break up for Half Term – 3:20pm
Monday 23rd February 2026	Whole School	School Closed – Teacher Training Day
Tuesday 24th February 2026	Whole School	School Re-opens – 8:30am
Thursday 12th March 2026	Reception & Year 6	Height & Weight Check
Friday 27th March 2026	Whole School	Break up for Holidays – 3:20pm
Monday 13th April 2026	Whole School	School Closed – Teacher Training Day
Tuesday 14th April 2026	Whole School	School Re-opens – 8:30am
Monday 4th May 2026	Whole School	School Closed – Bank Holiday - May day
Tuesday 5th May 2026	Whole School	School Re-opens – 8:30am
Friday 22nd May 2026	Whole School	Break up for Half Term – 3:20pm
Monday 1st June 2026	Whole School	School Re-opens – 8:30am
Friday 26th June 2026	Whole School	School Closed – Teacher Training Day
Wednesday 1st July 2026	Whole School	Transition Day
Friday 17th July 2026	Whole School	Break up for Holidays – 3:20pm
Monday 20th July 2025	Whole School	School Closed - Teacher Training Day

OPAL OUTDOOR LEARNING IS ROLLING FORWARD!

Our OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning) journey is really gathering speed, and the children are absolutely loving it! From building, creating, and inventing, to collaborating and exploring, our outdoor spaces are transforming into hubs of imagination and adventure. Now, we're looking to add an exciting new element to our OPAL provision… **WHEELS!** Imagine the possibilities:

- Trucks hauling treasures across the playground
- Scooters whizzing along imaginary race tracks
- Cars becoming part of fantastic role-play adventures
- Wheels inspiring construction challenges, obstacle courses, and even new games that the children invent themselves!



If you have any *wheel-related donations* at home that are no longer needed — toy cars, scooters, ride-ons, trucks, prams, buggies, wheelbarrows, or anything else on wheels — we would love to give them a new life in our outdoor play.



Your donations will help us expand the children's opportunities for creative, active, and collaborative play, making OPAL even richer and more exciting. Thank you for helping us keep our outdoor learning rolling forward!

RADFORD'S BIG TIDY

Last month Mrs Wilson received this lovely letter thanking two of our pupils for doing a fantastic job in the community and they wanted us to thank and celebrate their wonderful contribution to their community. The pupils are Lana (year 3) and Reiha (year 1)

Dear Mrs Wilson,

I am writing to you on behalf of the The Radford's Big Tidy Team to thank two of your pupils and to ackknowledge their good work in our community. On Saturday 20th Septemeber the 2nd 'Radford's Big Tidy took place. An event that sees the whole community to come together, to care for our space. We held a guided litter pick before gathering to connect and create in our local community centre with some textile recycling crafts.

Lana and Reiha worked really hard to pick up as much litter as possible and then got very creative back at the community centre to make collage butterfliers that will be added to our community bunting.

We would love it of their hard work and community spirit could be acknowledge and celebrated in school.

With warm wishes and thanks

on behalf of the Radford's Big Tidy Team





OPEN DAY - NEW TO RECEPTION IN 2026



If you have a child who will be new to Reception in 2026, then you're invited to our **Reception 2026 Open Day** on **Wednesday 19th November**.

The event will begin with a guided tour of the school, concluding in the Reception classroom where you'll have the opportunity to explore both the indoor and outdoor learning environments. Your child is welcome to join you on the tour.

Please book an appointment time via the school office.

SHARING STORIES - LIBRARY SESSIONS



We are once again having **Sharing Stories** sessions in the Library – from **9-9:30am on Mondays.** Parents will be collected from the KS1 playground by Mrs Nicholds, our school Librarian.

- 06 October = Foxes
- 13 October = Hedgehogs
- 10 November = 1LL
- 17 November = 1OL

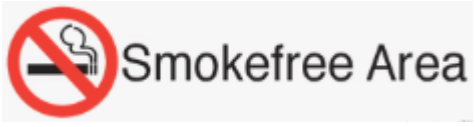
We think sharing stories is so important as It helps to develop children's communication and language, builds their listening and attention skills and boosts their cognitive abilities, preparing them for learning in KS2 and beyond.

SMOKING & VAPING



In accordance with our Parent Code of Conduct policy, we ask that you refrain from smoking or vaping on school premises and at the entrances to school to help promote a healthy and welcoming atmosphere for all our pupils.

We appreciate your support in helping us maintain a safe and respectful school environment for everyone.



PARENT WORKSHOPS - RWI

Read Write Inc. Phonics

Read Write Inc (RWI) Phonics is a proven programme that ensures early success in reading, writing and spelling and we are hosting workshops for Parents to enable you to help with your child's learning.

Please come and join us on the following days at **9:00am**:

- Reception RWI Parent Workshop - Thursday 9 October
- KS1 RWI Parent Workshop - Thursday 6 November
- Reception RWI Parent Workshop - Thursday 26 February
- KS1 RWI Parent Workshop - Thursday 5 March