HILL FARM NEWS

CURRICULUM CHARACTER COMMUNITY

17 OCTOBER 2025

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

Dear parent/carer,

Today was a wonderful celebration of the rich culture and diversity within our Hill Farm community. Following a fantastic idea from our Junior Leadership Team last term, pupils were invited to come to school wearing traditional costumes or the colours of their country's flag. The school was filled with vibrant colours, excitement and pride as children shared and celebrated their heritage. During the afternoon, pupils took part in a range of engaging activities designed to explore and appreciate different cultures from around the world. The day really reflected the values of respect, inclusion and togetherness that makes Hill Farm such a special place to learn.





Our Early Years children had an exciting time exploring the roles of the future when Little Dots Play Village visited our school. Pupils had the opportunity to roleplay a variety of careers, including police officers, firefighters, veterinarians and doctors. The activities allowed children to imagine what they might like to do when they grow up, while developing their confidence, creativity and teamwork skills.

Year 3 were also inspired this week as they visited Key Landmarks in Coventry. The children got to explore the Cathedral, The Herbert Art gallery, the Transport museum and Lady Godiva's statue.

We would like to thank all the parents who have kindly donated food items for the foodbank collection. This follows an assembly led by the Vicar from St. Francis Church, who spoke to the children about the tradition of Harvest and the importance of helping those in need. Collection boxes have been placed in each classroom and all donated items will be passed on to the Church to help support families in our community. Your generosity is greatly appreciated and helps to teach our children the value of giving and kindness.

We hope you are enjoying the new home reading scheme, which celebrates and rewards children for the time they spend reading at home. It has been wonderful to see so many pupils already on their way to achieving their Bronze award. The scheme is a fantastic way to encourage a love of reading, build confidence, and celebrate the dedication of our young readers. Keep up the great work!

Finally, please remember next Friday is a Teacher Training Day and school will be closed. We re-open after half term on Monday 3rd November. Thank you for your support,

Dawn Wilson - Headteacher

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE



We would like to remind you of the importance of regular school attendance. If your child has already missed, or is close to missing, **7 days of learning** this school year, they are at risk of not reaching our school attendance target of **96%**.

Our target of 96% recognises that children may occasionally need time off due to illness or other unavoidable circumstances. However, missing more than this can have a **detrimental impact on your child's learning, progress, friendships and overall school experience**.

We appreciate your continued support in ensuring your child attends school every day so they can make the most of their education and all that school life offers.

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.

- **Watch this Space for next term's dates**

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.

- **How do you look after yourself and others when school feels busy?**

Values-based Education VbE Quality Mark
Ofsted GRADED GOOD
Oracy Centre of Excellence voice 21 2024
Young Carers in Schools Award 2018
MUSIC MARK SCHOOL MEMBER
Arts Council England Artsmark Silver Award Awarded by Arts Council England
Coventry Gold NHS
We are a Ruth Miskin Read Write Inc. school 2024
Little Coventry Communicators

KEY DATES 2025 / 2026

Date	Year Group	Event
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	Year 4	Black Country Museum 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	Year 1	Winter Wonderland Trip
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!

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.

SPOOKY DISCO



We will be selling
Spooky Disco
tickets at the school office from
Monday 20th October, 2025. £1 a ticket.
Please remember to bring it on the day of the disco,
Thursday 23rd October.

CULTURE DAY



It was **Culture Day** today in school. The day was a colourful celebration of identity, heritage and belonging. Our children proudly wore traditional clothing or outfits that represented their cultural backgrounds, national flag or personal identities.

LIBRARY SESSIONS



PARENT WORKSHOPS - RWI

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**:

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

SCHOOL CLOSED & REOPENING DATES



On Friday 24th October school will be closed for Teacher Training and then for Half Term

School Reopens on Monday 3rd November

