HILL FARM NEWS

CURRICULUM CHARACTER COMMUNITY

21 NOVEMBER 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,
Thank you to everyone who attended our recent parent consultation evenings. We hope you found the meetings informative and helpful in discussing your child's education and next steps. If you were unable to attend, please contact the office or your child's class teacher to arrange a more convenient time.



Year 2 had a fantastic day at Warwick Castle as part of their history topic. The children thoroughly enjoyed the experience, made even more magical by the beautiful Christmas decorations.



Thank you to everyone that joined our 'Sharing Stories' library sessions. Mrs Nicholds is delighted to see the growing number of families joining their children to enjoy this interactive storytelling opportunity.

Lost property is now available at the school office which will make it much easier to locate any missing items! You can also purchase pre-loved uniform at very reasonable prices, helping both your family and the environment!

Next week, you will receive a letter with a link to a national survey about your experience with Hill Farm Primary School. The survey takes about 10 minutes and can be completed on any device. We welcome all feedback -positive and constructive to help us support our families better and continue improving.



Looking ahead, next Friday 28th marks the first of our Christmas Jumper days! Children can wear casual clothes or a Christmas jumper in exchange for a bottle donation for our Festive Fair (please note any alcohol donations should be left at the office). They can then wear them again on Thursday 4th December in exchange for a chocolate donation.

Thursday 11th December is the school Christmas Lunch and children can again wear their Christmas jumpers and then finally again on Friday 12th December which is our Festive Fair – this should mean we get as much wear out of Christmas jumpers as possible 😊



Thank you for your support,

Dawn Wilson - Headteacher

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE





The 12 Days of Festive Attendance!

From 3rd - 19th December, we're celebrating great attendance with our 12 Days of Festive Attendance event! Each day, a surprise treat will be revealed behind classroom doors — it could be for individual pupils, whole classes or special prize draws.
All pupils who attend school every day during the 12 festive days* will be entered into a grand prize draw on 19th December for the chance to win Amazon vouchers.
Let's make these days magical and keep our attendance shining bright! (*unavoidable absences will be considered)

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 28th November – Year 5 Class Assembly**
- **Friday 12th December – Reception, Years 5 & 6 Celebration 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 change one thing about school life this term, what would it be and why?**

OPAL CHRISTMAS MAGIC CLEAR OUT!

As the festive season tiptoes closer and Christmas magic begins to twinkle all around us, we're setting off on a joyful mission to create an extraordinary enchanted experience for our children! And what better time than now - while everyone is having a festive clear-out and making room for Santa's wonderful new gifts - to pass along treasures ready for their next adventure?

We're gathering donations of:

- Well-loved toys
- Treasured books
- Crafty creations that are looking for a new home
- Dolls and animals
- Action heroes and speedy cars
- Glittering craft gems and art surprises



Your generous donations will help us fill our OPAL play area with wonder, delight, and festive cheer, weaving a Christmas full of laughter, sparkling moments, and magical memories.

And don't forget our outdoor adventures are where the magic truly comes alive!



Please send your children wrapped up warm in coats, hats, gloves, and sturdy footwear, whatever the weather may bring. We love exploring the fresh air and discovering nature's winter wonders, rain or shine.

Thank you for helping us sprinkle Christmas joy and create a winter wonderland where imaginations can soar, stories come alive, and every child can feel the magic.

Let's make this Christmas unforgettable for all our little adventurers!

BOTTLE DONATIONS



On **Friday 28th November** we are having a Non-Uniform Day in exchange for Bottle Donations that will form part of our Christmas Fair tombola.

Please bring in any suitable bottles such as soft drinks, wine, sauces or toiletries. These need to be new, unopened and unused.

CHOCOLATE DONATIONS



On **Thursday 4th December** we are having a Non-Uniform Day in exchange for Chocolate Donations that will form part of our Christmas Fair tombola. Please bring in any kind of chocolate treats: new, unused and unopened.

RUNNING LATE



To help us manage collections more effectively going forward, we kindly ask that if parents or carers are running late, would you please phone the school on **02476 595 455** to inform us of the delay, estimated collection time and confirm who will be collecting your child.

If parents are running **more than 15 minutes late,** we will move pupils to our after-school club provision, where they can be signed out by the authorised adult. After school club costs £5.00 per evening session.

DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY (DT) SHOWCASE



PE KIT



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.

CONTACT DETAILS



To ensure you receive all information from school, please make sure that your contact details are up to date with the school office:

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

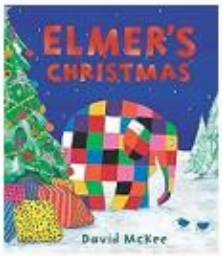
AMAZING READS

From Hill Farm Community Library

Autumn 2

The School Community Library is open Mon-Fri 3:15-4pm. Everyone is welcome.

Seasonal Picks

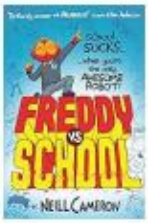


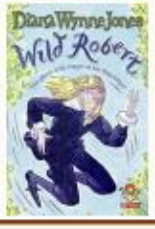




Reading Ambassador Picks







Grown-Ups' Faves



Rose from 3DL's grown up says 'I have happy memories of this book being shared with me as a child. My favourite fairytale in this book was Red Riding Hood.

- **This book can be found in the Year 5 section of the School Community Library!**

Michael Rosen











What is your favourite book to share with your family?

HEADTEACHER'S SPECIAL MENTION

Aspiring Author Award to **Lana** for writing the beautiful story – A Mermaid's Tale.

Aspiring Illustrator Award to **Reiha** for drawing beautiful illustrations for the book – A Mermaid's Tale.



KEY DATES 2025 / 2026

Date	Year Group	Event
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 3:30pm – 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

CHRISTMAS LUNCH





On **Thursday 11th December** we are having our Christmas lunch



The children can wear their Christmas jumpers
and bring a Christmas cracker to share with friends.



(See our next Newsletter for the Festive Menu from Dolce)