HILL FARM NEWS

CURRICULUM CHARACTER COMMUNITY

4 DECEMBER 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,

Firstly, a huge thank you to everyone who generously donated bottles and chocolates for our Festive Fair. These will be wonderful prizes for our raffles and games, adding to the festive fun!

The Hill Farm Events Team has been busy organising a fantastic array of stalls and activities, and we're excited to announce that Santa Claus will be making a special appearance. The festivities kick off at 2:00pm, and we warmly welcome family and friends to join us. Pupils are invited to come dressed in their Christmas jumpers and casual clothes to get into the holiday spirit.

The countdown to Christmas at Hill Farm is always magical, filled with the joyful sounds of carols and rehearsals for our school plays. We have a host of exciting events ahead, including our much-loved 'Carols by Candlelight' and the Christmas performances. Please refer to the back of this newsletter for all key dates.



Our attendance initiative, the '12 Days of Attendance,' has started with great enthusiasm! Classroom doors have been transformed into advent calendar doors, revealing a daily prize. On the final day, three lucky winners will receive Amazon vouchers.

Year 4 enjoyed a fantastic trip to the Black Country Museum, experiencing a Victorian Christmas as part of their history topic. Meanwhile, our Year 1 pupils had a magical day at Telford's Winter Wonderland, where they even visited Santa! Our Reception and Nursery children will also be visiting Father Christmas during their upcoming trip to the Albany Theatre next week. Photos of these special moments will be shared soon.

Please remember, on Monday 8th December, straight after school, we will be hosting our Design and Technology Showcase in the KS1 and KS2 halls. This event will highlight the creativity and innovative designs from across the school.



Next Thursday and Friday are our Christmas Jumper Days again! Thursday is the day for the school Christmas Dinner, and Friday is the Festive Fair. Friends and family are warmly invited to join us for the fair, enjoy the stalls, and perhaps do a little Christmas shopping. Please note, children can be collected from their classrooms at 2:00pm on Friday.

Finally, on the last day of term, Friday 19th December, children are invited to come to school in their pyjamas for our traditional festive breakfast celebration. After breakfast, they may change into party clothes for the afternoon festivities if they wish.

We look forward to sharing this joyful season with you all!

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 is 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 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.

* **What's your favourite winter tradition or memory at school?**

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!

YOUNG CARERS

A young carer is someone under the age of 18 who helps to care for a family member, relative or friend. They might support someone who has a disability, a long-term illness, or has a substance misuse problem and without this help they would struggle or not be able to cope.

In recognition of the support our young carers offer, the Belgrade Theatre has kindly donated tickets to enable us to take some of our young carers to the pantomime to see Sleeping Beauty.



DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY (DT) SHOWCASE



DOLCE FESTIVE MENU

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



LIBRARY CORNER



HEADTEACHER'S SPECIAL MENTION

LEAH – YEAR 1



On 1st December, one of our year one pupils; **LEAH**, was invited to take part in Romania's National Day of celebration at the Consulate General of Romania in Birmingham, as part of a dance troupe.

Fabulous achievement, well done Leah.



EVA – YEAR 6



Massive Congratulations to Eva in Year 6 for being named

Gymnast of the Year

Wonderful recognition for your hard work, dedication and talent.

KEY DATES 2025 / 2026

Date	Year Group	Event
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 FAIR

School Christmas Fair

Friday, 12 December

2:00 PM

KS1 & KS2 Halls

Join us for a festive afternoon filled with stalls, games, seasonal treats, crafts, and holiday cheer!

Bring family and friends—everyone is welcome.

ST FRANCIS CHURCH VISIT



On Monday 1st December, Reverend Aggy Palairet; the vicar from St Francis' church came and delivered an assembly all about Christmas. It was wonderful to see the children so engaged.

CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCE TICKETS



Tickets will be available to purchase, for a £1, **from Monday 8th December** at the **School Office**.

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21 days to go.....

