HILL FARM NEWS

CURRICULUM CHARACTER COMMUNITY

19 DECEMBER 2025

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

Dear parent/carer,
What an amazing couple of weeks we've had at Hill Farm as we come to the end of the Autumn term and look forward to the holidays and Christmas festivities!

Our traditional Christmas lunch was a huge success, with over **250** freshly prepared meals served. A special thank you goes to the Dolce team in the kitchen for creating such a delicious feast – I honestly don't know how they do it! Thank you also to our staff who kept everything running smoothly while singing along and dancing to festive favourites.

The Christmas spirit has been alive throughout the school. Our choir brought smiles and good cheer to residents at a local care home, while our Early Years children enjoyed meeting Santa and watching a magical performance at the Albany Theatre. We were also treated to a visit from the Coventry Music Band, who filled the school with the sound of Christmas classics and gave our pupils the wonderful experience of live music.

Thank you to everyone who visited our DT and Art Showcases – it was fantastic to see such enthusiasm for celebrating pupils' creativity. Your purchases of children's artwork will go directly towards supporting other school projects.

Our Festive Fair was another highlight of the season. Families enjoyed the stalls, games and the chance to meet Father Christmas, and together we raised an incredible **£850**. Pupils will now have the exciting opportunity to decide what additional resources they would like for school – a great way to involve them in shaping their learning environment.

The performances this week were simply outstanding. KS1 pupils opened with Children Around the World, captivating audiences with their singing and dancing. The impact of our Oracy focus was clear to see – their confidence and clarity were exceptional. Our Christmas Carol concerts were magical, with the hall twinkling with fairy lights and the sound of children's voices filling the air. To finish the week, Nursery and Reception delighted us with their charming *Knock Knock* Nativity. Thank you to everyone who supported by buying raffle tickets – we raised **£475** for the school.

Today, we rounded off the countdown to Christmas in style with Pyjama Day! Pupils enjoyed breakfast with friends and unwrapped their class Christmas presents, making for a perfect end to the term.

Thank you for everything you do to support our school community. Wishing you all a peaceful Christmas and a wonderful New Year. We look forward to welcoming you back on Tuesday 6th January 2025!

Dawn Wilson - Headteacher

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE



The 12 Days of Festive Attendance – What a Celebration!

WOW! What a fantastic 12 days of festive fun we had! From storytelling and festive tattoos to candy canes, keyrings, and mini erasers, the celebrations were full of surprises. The staff also had a great time creating the daily videos for everyone to enjoy.
Behind door number 12, we saved the best prize for last – the Amazon vouchers! We are delighted to announce our lucky winners:

£30 – Amber
£20 – Angel
£10 – Eve R

We can't wait to see even more brilliant attendance in the first week back in 2026. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

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 Details of Next Year's Assemblies

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 give one Christmas wish to your class or our school, what would it be?**

RAIN OR SHINE THE FUN GOES ON!

Even though the weather has turned a little soggy, our children aren't letting it stop them! They're loving the Opal building challenges and showing off their creativity and teamwork every day.



It's not too late to join in the fun - if you've discovered anything behind the Opal advent calendar doors, please send it in. Every little item helps make our outdoor adventures even more exciting!



Looking ahead to the new year, our Young Marketeers programme is back! We're on the lookout for donations of gardening equipment or seeds and we'd love to hear from any green-fingered parents who might like to get involved. Your support helps our young entrepreneurs grow - and not just in the garden!

VISIT FROM SANTA



Last Friday, during our Christmas Fair, we had a visit from Santa and the children really enjoyed seeing him in his Grotto.

CHRISTMAS FAIR

Thank you all for coming and making last Friday's Christmas fair our best one yet.
We really do appreciate your support.

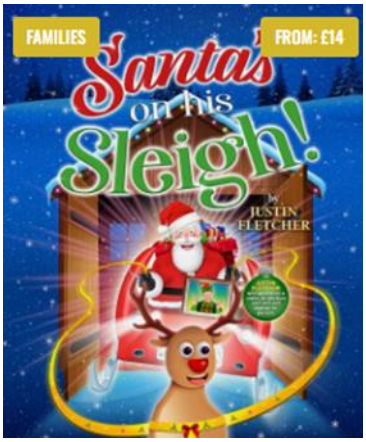
DOLCE FESTIVE LUNCH

On **Thursday 11th December** we had our Christmas lunch and the children had a great time, pulling their crackers and eating with their friends. They all looked amazing in their festive attire.





FESTIVE THEATRE TRIPS



Our younger children had a great time last week as they visited the Albany theatre and experienced "Santa's on his Sleigh". It was an exciting interactive Christmas show with Santa, the elves: Snowdrop and Mistletoe, plus Rudolph and featured (on screen) Santa's virtual little helper Head Elf Justy, played by Justin Fletcher.
It was a show full of singing, laughter and Christmas fun!



CHRISTMAS FAIR DONATIONS

All of the remaining bottle and chocolate donations, left after the fair, were put to very good use. They have been delivered to Arden Grove Care Home, where they will be enjoyed by elderly residents living with dementia.



CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCES

It's been a really lovely week at school, with the Christmas performances bringing a warm, festive feel to each day. The children did a great job, showing how much effort they'd put into practising, and it was nice to see their confidence grow as they took to the stage.

The performances were brilliant, it was clear how proud the children were of what they had achieved. They gave everyone a chance to pause, enjoy the season, and appreciate the hard work that goes into these shared school moments.







ART SHOWCASE

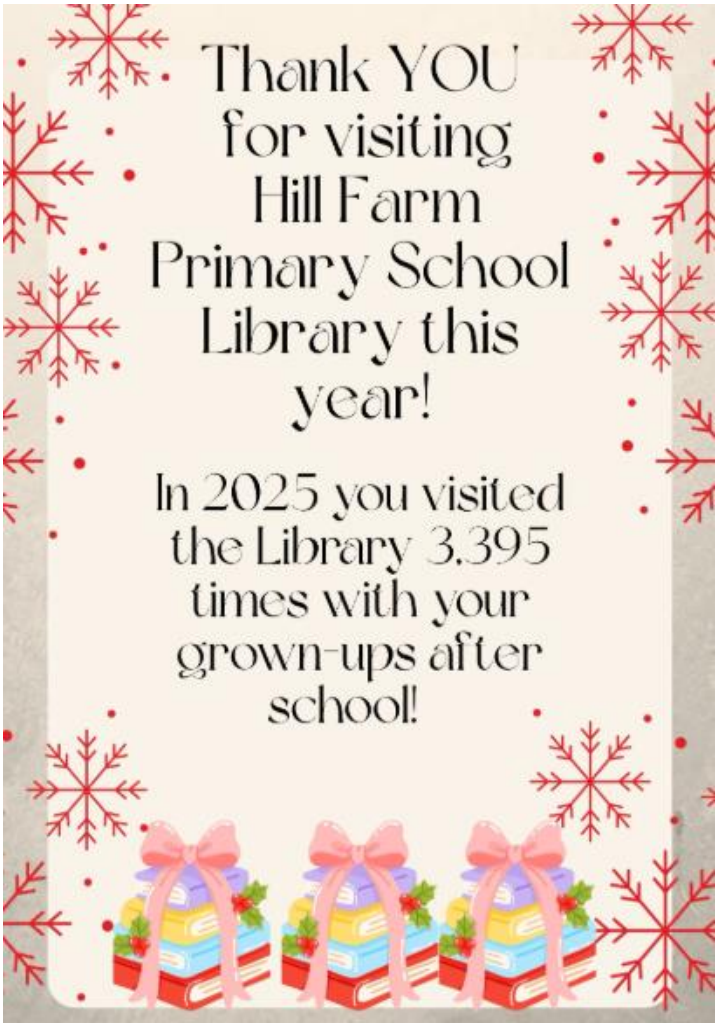
This week, we proudly showcased artwork created by children from across the school with the theme "Our Natural World". Below are some of the displays, that parents were invited to enjoy our exhibition.



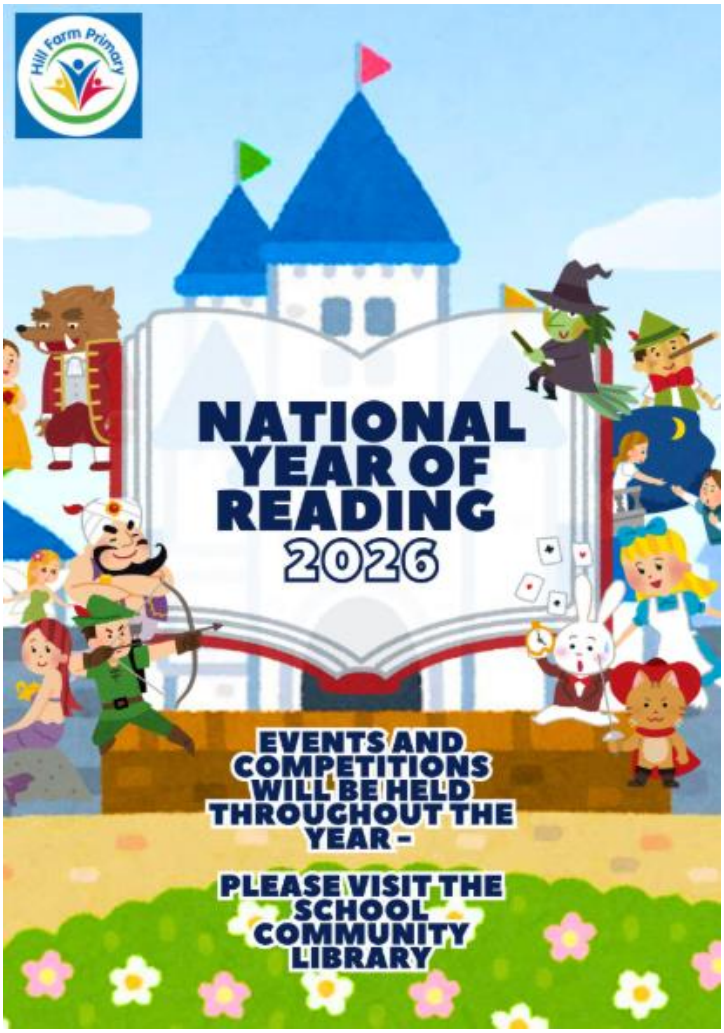




LIBRARY CORNER



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SCHOOL CHOIR

The choir had so much fun during our trip to Coundon Manor Care Home this week. The children showed our school values beautifully, showing teamwork, confidence and positivity throughout their performance. They sang various and well-known Christmas songs and made a real impression with the care home!

They would now love to see us return in the new year for more singing and arts and crafts with the residents. We are all very proud of the hard work and dedication the children have shown towards singing and choir club this year! Well done!!



UNIFORM & PE KIT

Please ensure that children return to school in the new year wearing the correct uniform and with their full PE kit.

Boys



- Royal blue sweatshirt or cardigan with or without the school logo
- White polo shirt (with soft collar) or white school shirt (plain or with school logo)
- Black or grey trousers or tailored shorts
- Black or grey socks
- Black shoes

Girls



- Royal blue sweatshirt or cardigan with or without the school logo
- White polo shirt (with soft collar) or white school shirt (plain or with school logo)
- Black or grey skirt/pinafore dress/trousers or blue and white checked school dress
- Black, grey or white socks/tights
- Black shoes (without a heel and with a fastening)

P.E Kit (all children)

- Plain white T-shirt (available with the school logo if you wish)
- Plain black shorts
- Black pumps

KEY DATES 2025 / 2026

Date	Year Group	Event
Monday 5th January 2026	Whole School	School Closed – Teacher Training Day
Tuesday 6th January 2026	Whole School	School Re-opens – 8:30am
Thursday 15th January 2026	Reception Classes	Visit to St Francis Church
Monday 19th January 2026	Class 1OL Parents	Sharing Stories in the Library
Monday 19th January 2026	Year 4	First Aid Course in School
Monday 26th January 2026	Class 1LL Parents	Sharing Stories in the Library
Monday 2nd February 2026	Foxes - Parents	Sharing Stories in the Library
Monday 9th February 2026	Hedgehogs - Parents	Sharing Stories in the Library
Tuesday 10th February 2026	Whole School	Valentine's Disco – Details to Follow
Thursday 12th February 2026	Year 2	Selly Manor Trip
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 13th March 2026	EYFS & KS1 Parents	Mother's Day Assembly – 9:00am KS1 Hall
Monday 16th - Friday 20th March 2026	Whole School	Parents Evening Consultations
Monday 23rd March 2026	Years 1,2, 3, 4, 5 & 6	Hard Boiled Egg Decorating Competition Starts
Wednesday 25th March 2026	Invited Guests	Rocksteady Concert – 9:00am KS2 Hall
Thursday 26th March 2026	Whole School	Easter Disco – Details to Follow
Friday 27th March 2026	EYFS Parents	Easter Bonnet Parade – 9:00am KS1 Hall
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 2026	Whole School	School Closed - Teacher Training Day

SCHOOL REOPENS



School Reopens at

8:30am on Tuesday 6th January 2026

