HILL FARM NEWS

CURRICULUM CHARACTER COMMUNITY

23 JANUARY 2026

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

Dear parent/carer,

I am delighted to share that Hill Farm now has access to a school minibus! As part of the Castle Phoenix Trust, we have the use of a shared vehicle, which means we can take children to far more sporting events, competitions and trips without the high cost of hiring coaches. This will open up so many exciting opportunities for our pupils while keeping costs much lower for families.



Our Sharing Stories sessions continue to be very popular. Each week, our librarian shares stories with parents and children in a relaxed and welcoming environment. Next Monday it will be the turn of 1LL, and further dates can be found on the back of this newsletter so you can see when your child's class will be taking part.

This week, we were proud to welcome over 33 school leaders from the local Origin Maths Hub, who visited Hill Farm to observe our pupils' oracy skills in maths. They were particularly interested in how our children use exploratory talk and how they use manipulatives to deepen their understanding of mathematical concepts. As always, our pupils were absolutely brilliant and provided our visitors with lots of ideas and reflections to take back to their own schools.

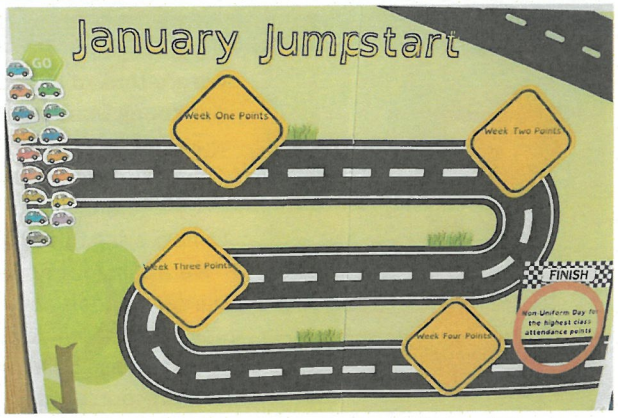
Next Thursday, we look forward to welcoming parents of Year 3 and Year 5 pupils to a National Numeracy parent session. This will offer valuable insight into how maths is taught in school and how you can support learning at home. If you have any questions, please contact the school office.

Attendance remains a key priority for us. Please ensure that children stay at home only when they are genuinely unwell, and wherever possible, schedule appointments outside school hours. Holidays during term time should be avoided. To help promote excellent attendance, we have launched Jumpstart January, where classes can earn a non-uniform day by achieving 100% attendance!

Thank you for your continued support.

Dawn Wilson - Headteacher

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE



Get Set Go... January Jumpstart Attendance!

Week two of the Jumpstart January attendance race is heating up! 4GW and 3DL are currently in the lead—but it's still anyone's game, with only 1–2 points separating the classes. Remember, classes earn points not only for their overall attendance percentage, but also for improving their attendance week by week. Every day counts! To support your child's class in the race, please ensure your child is attending school daily. Let's keep the momentum going and finish strong!

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 30 January – Years 5 & 6 Celebration Assembly
Friday 6 February – Years 3 & 4 Celebration Assembly
Friday 13 February – Year 2 Celebration Assembly

TIME TO TALK

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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

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
GOLD NHS
We are a Ruth Miskin Read Write Inc. school 2024
Little Coventry Communicators

NEWSLETTER NATTER



Debate this week's Newsletter Natter at home with your family and friends to put your Oracy skills to the test.

* **Is there a club or activity you'd like to try this term? Why that one?**

YOUNG MARKETEERS PROJECT



We are thrilled to be launching our **Young Marketeers project** again, giving children hands-on opportunities to grow, create and learn.

To help bring this project to life, we would love donations of gardening tools and seeds you may have tucked away at home.

We are also building up our **OPAL** resources to supercharge playtimes, so if you have any old toys, looking for a new home, we would be delighted to give them a new lease of life.

Thank you for helping us kickstart 2026 to make it a year to remember!

SHARING STORIES

Hill Farm Primary

Sharing Stories

PARENTS OF CHILDREN IN MISS LESSELS' CLASS - 1LL

ARE INVITED TO TO THE LIBRARY FOR A 'SHARE A STORY' SESSION WITH OUR LIBRARIAN, MRS NICHOLDS

9 - 9:30AM ON MONDAY 26TH JANUARY

MRS NICHOLDS WILL COLLECT PARENTS FROM THE PLAYGROUND FROM 8.40AM

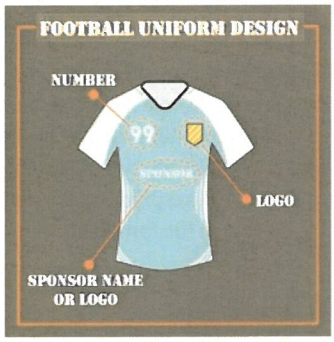




We are currently upgrading our lights to LED, throughout the whole school. To minimise disruption to lessons, this work is being carried out during the evenings for the next 2 to 3 weeks.

Apologies for any inconvenience or disturbance that this may cause

LOCAL BUSINESS SPONSORSHIP

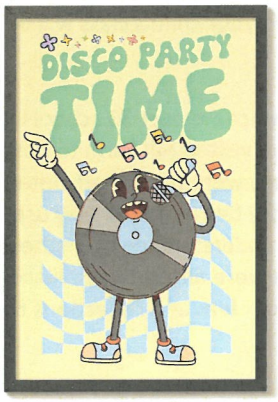


We are thrilled to offer local businesses a chance to support our school's boys' and girls' football teams this year!

We are seeking sponsorship to help us purchase brand-new football kits, with the fantastic opportunity for your company logo to be proudly displayed on the team shirts.

This is a wonderful way to support our school and showcase your business to the local community. If you or your business would be interested in getting involved, please contact Mrs Nealon in the school office for more details.

HALF TERM DISCO



On **Tuesday 10 February** we will be holding an end of half term Disco for the whole school.

Nursery & Reception
2pm – 3pm KS1 Hall

Years 1, 2 & 3
3:30pm – 4:30pm KS1 Hall

Years 4, 5 & 6
3:30pm – 4:30pm KS2 Hall

Tickets go on sale from **Monday 2nd February - £1** each.

FREE PANCAKES



AMAZING READS

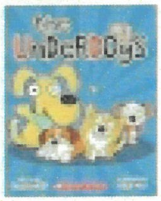
Winter 2026

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

Reading Ambassador Picks

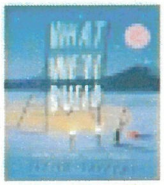




New Books!!!



Seasonal Picks

It's National Winnie the Pooh Day on Sunday 18th January! Help celebrate his 100th Birthday by visiting the School Community Library & borrowing one of these books to read: -





National Year of Reading

- 2026 is the National Year of Reading!
- We hope you will join us in celebrating books by visiting the Library with your grown-ups and telling everyone how much you love reading.
- The School Community Library will soon be celebrating it's 3rd Birthday! We would love to decorate the Library with Birthday cards, so if you make one for the Library, please bring it in!



KEY DATES 2025 / 2026

Date	Year Group	Event
Monday 26th January 2026	Class 1LL Parents	9:00am – 9:30am Sharing Stories in the Library
Tuesday 27th January	Reception	Vision Screening
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
Wednesday 11th February 2026	Whole School	9:00am – 10:00am in the Library Parents Workshop – Digital Talk for Oracy
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

NEW - THE HIVE – SEND PARENT COMMUNITY SUPPORT GROUP

Join ***The Hive***, a **new** welcoming and supportive space for parents and carers of children with SEND



Come along to:

- Connect with other parents and carers
- Learn new skills and share experiences
- Build friendships in a safe, understanding environment
- Stay-and-play activities for children
- Enjoy refreshments while you chat

Where: The Library **When:** First Monday of every month, starting in **February 2026**

Everyone is welcome — whether you want support, conversation, or simply a relaxed place to be with others who understand

Look out for Promotional Posters & Flyers Coming Soon