HILL FARM NEWS

CURRICULUM CHARACTER COMMUNITY

6 FEBRUARY 2026

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

Dear parent/carer,



Thank you to all the parents who came along to the launch of **'The Hive'** – it was wonderful to see such a great turnout, with families engaging in open and supportive conversations about SEND needs. The atmosphere was incredibly positive and we are delighted to be building a space where parents can share experiences, ask questions, and feel part of a growing support network. If you ever have concerns about your child - whether it relates to their learning, behaviour, communication or wellbeing at home or at school - you are warmly encouraged to attend. Miss Roper, our school SENCo, will be on hand, along with specialist professionals from external agencies, to offer guidance and help signpost any support your child may benefit from. Our next meeting is **Monday 2nd March at 3:30pm.**

We would also like to thank the parents who joined us for the National Numeracy workshop. We hope the session helped you gain a clearer understanding of the approaches we use in school to teach maths and that you now feel more confident in supporting your child's mathematical thinking at home.

Next week is shaping up to be an exciting one for families. On **Monday 9th February**, we will be hosting our Design and Technology showcase in the KS2 hall straight after school. This event gives you the chance to explore a wide range of projects that pupils have been working on - from product design and mechanisms to creative model-making. Children are incredibly proud of what they have produced and we know they would love to share it with you.

Tuesday will be our Valentine's Disco, always one of the highlights of the term. Tickets cost £1 and are available from the school office. Sweet treats will be on sale on the day. Children may bring a change of clothes to school if they wish. Funds raised from the event will go directly towards purchasing new play equipment for lunchtimes. Please remember, if you have any unused household items or toys that could be repurposed for creative play - such as bowls, wooden spoons, small utensils, toys, dressing-up clothes, or similar - we would be very grateful for any donation.

On **Wednesday morning at 9am**, parents are invited to an oracy workshop in the school library. This session will demonstrate how spoken language skills help children to express themselves confidently and build strong foundations for learning across all subjects. It will also include practical ideas you can use at home to encourage rich conversations and vocabulary development.

Then on **Thursday** Year 2 have their trip to Selly Manor as part of their Great Fire of London work.

Finally, please remember that school closes for half term next **Friday 13th February** and will reopen on **Tuesday 24th February 2026**.

Thank you, as always, for your ongoing support.

Dawn Wilson - Headteacher

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE



🏆 Jumpstart January Attendance Winners Congratulations 4GW!

We are delighted to announce that **4GW are the winners of our Jumpstart January Attendance Incentive!**

Throughout January, the class showed fantastic commitment to coming into school every day, demonstrating brilliant determination and teamwork.

As a reward for their outstanding attendance, **4GW have earned a Non-Uniform Day today**. Well done to all the pupils for their fantastic effort—and thank you to parents and carers for your continued support in helping children build strong, consistent attendance routines.

Let's keep the momentum going across the whole school as we move into February!

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 13 February – Year 2 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.

* **Who did you enjoy spending time with at school this week and what did you do together?**

OPAL CREATIVE PLAY SESSIONS

Our OPAL play sessions are growing and our children are loving the chance to dive into imaginative role-play adventures every day. From explorers and engineers to kings, queens, shopkeepers and superheroes, dressing-up play is helping pupils build confidence, creativity, teamwork and communication skills — all while having huge amounts of fun.



To make these experiences even richer, we are collecting donations of **dressing-up clothes and accessories in all sizes — both small and large**. Costumes, hats, scarves, jackets, uniforms, bags, costume jewellery and unusual clothing pieces are all welcome. The more variety we have, the bigger the children's imaginations can grow.

If you have any pre-loved items at home that would enjoy a second life in our play spaces, please send them in. Every contribution helps create magical lunchtime adventures.

Thank you for supporting play, creativity and joyful learning!!

HEALTHY SNACKS AT BREAK TIME



Healthy snacks at break time play an important role in supporting children's learning, energy levels, and overall wellbeing throughout the school day. We encourage children to bring snacks such as



- fresh fruit
- vegetable sticks
- yoghurt
- cheese
- wholegrain crackers

which provide essential vitamins, fibre, and calcium. Choosing snacks that are low in sugar helps maintain steady energy levels, supports concentration in class, and promotes good dental health. By making healthy snack choices, children can develop positive eating habits that support both their learning and long-term health.



WORK HAPPENING ON SCHOOL SITE



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

PLACES OF WORSHIP



We would love to visit different **Places of Worship** to support our learning in Religious Education. These visits help our children develop understanding, respect, and appreciation of different faiths and beliefs within our community.

Are you part of a Place of Worship? If you are able to support us or would like to invite our pupils to visit, please get in touch with **Mrs Ling** via the school office.

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 are on sale from **the school office - £1** each.

FREE PANCAKES



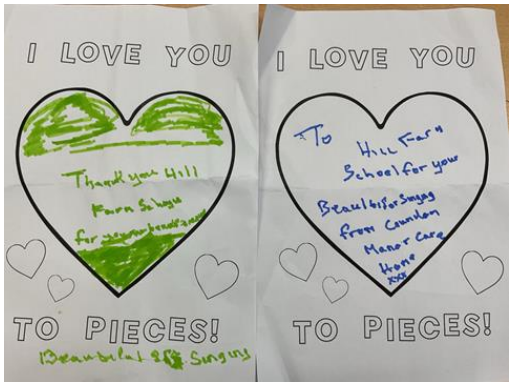
DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY SHOWCASE



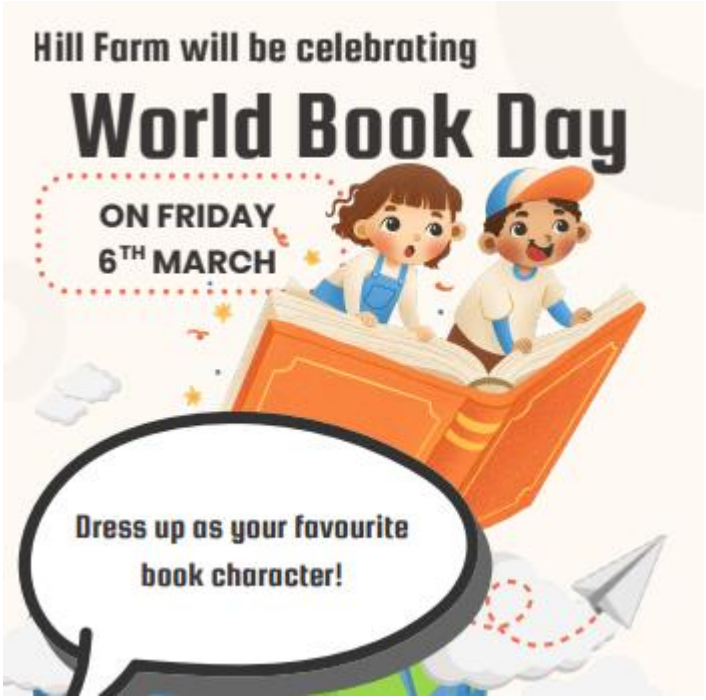
CHOIR TRIP TO COUNDON MANOR CARE HOME



The children in our After School Choir club went to visit Coundon Manor Care home on Tuesday. They sang some popular songs and then did some Valentines crafts with the residents. It was a lovely afternoon and one of the residents even wrote us a thank you note.



LIBRARY CORNER



ORACY & TECHNOLOGY PARENT WORKSHOP



JOB VACANCY – LUNCHTIME SUPERVISOR

We currently have a job vacancy for a Lunchtime Supervisor on a fixed term contract basis, until the end of July.

Please find further details on our website: Hill Farm Primary School | Curriculum | Character | Community

THE HIVE LAUNCH - SEND PARENT COMMUNITY SUPPORT GROUP

Our first session of the **Hive** was a huge success and created quite a buzz! Parents were able to engage with CCT, SENDIASS, The Family Hub and our school's SENCo. Children took part in an SEMHL craft activity. It was a lovely laid-back atmosphere with chats, cuppas and chocolate biscuits!

Join us for the next one on **Monday 2nd March**
3:30pm – 4:30pm in the Create & Learn Lab











KEY DATES 2026

Date	Year Group	Event
Monday 9th February 2026	Hedgehogs - Parents	Sharing Stories in the Library
Monday 9th February 2026	Whole School	Design & Technology Showcase
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
Friday 6th March 2026	Whole School	World Book Day – Dress up as your favourite book Character
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