HILL FARM NEWS

CURRICULUM CHARACTER COMMUNITY

27 FEBRUARY 2026

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

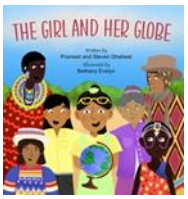
Dear parent / carer,

I hope you all had a relaxing and enjoyable half term break.

Thank you to the parents who attended our recent digital oracy workshop. Families shared that the session was extremely helpful, particularly in understanding how children communicate online through gaming, messaging and social media. The workshop explored the importance of encouraging open, positive conversations at home so that children feel confident discussing their online experiences and seeking support when needed. Rather than focusing on screen-time limits or specific apps, the session looked at simple, practical ways to strengthen trust, listening skills and emotional wellbeing through every day talk. If you were unable to attend and would like more information, please speak to the office or contact Miss McShane in Nursery.

Before half term, pupils were very proud to present their Design and Technology showcase. We hope you enjoyed seeing the wide range of creative work on display. From product design and mechanisms to imaginative model-making, pupils thoroughly enjoyed developing their ideas and producing such impressive pieces.

The Valentine's Disco was also a great success and raised over £500 for the school fund. This money will contribute towards our goal of purchasing a book vending machine, which pupils will be able to use as a reward for outstanding reading achievements. Reading plays a vital role in every area of the curriculum, and we encourage families to read with their children as often as possible. Many of our pupils are now Gold Readers, and you can keep track of your child's progress through the Arbor App. Our school library is open every day until 4 pm and has a great range of books to inspire even the most reluctant readers.



World Book Day takes place next week, and children are invited to come dressed as their favourite book character on **Friday 6th March**. As part of the National Year of Reading, we are delighted to welcome two special visitors. On Tuesday 4th March, author Polly Daliwell will be visiting to talk about *The Girl and Her Globe* and her work with the Girls in Movement charity, which supports the education of girls around the world. On Thursday 5th March, Coventry's Poet Laureate, Andrea Mbarushimana, will lead assemblies and workshops exploring culture and diversity through storytelling and poetry.

The following week, beginning **Monday 9th March**, Hill Farm will be taking part in Coventry's Aspiration Week. Pupils will experience a variety of opportunities designed to help them think about future careers. This includes visits to Coventry Building Society and Warwick University Medical Centre, as well as a visit from Jaguar Land Rover, who will bring vehicles to school and share how cars move from initial design to full production.

Thank you, as always, for your ongoing support.

Dawn Wilson - Headteacher

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Watch This Space!
Marching into March

We're marching into March with a super-fun attendance challenge!

Come to school every day this month and you could win a prize and help your class climb to the top of the leader board!

Step by step, day by day,

Let's march together all the way!

Keep watching this space to see who's leading the parade!

CELEBRATION / VALUES ASSEMBLY TIMETABLE



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 6 March - Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 Values Assembly
Friday 13 March - Nursery & Reception Mother's Day Assembly
Friday 13 March - Years 1 & 2 Mother's Day Assembly at 2:30pm
Friday 20 March - Nursery, Reception, Years 1 & 2 Values Assembly
Friday 27 March - Nursery & Reception Easter Bonnet 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

OFSTED REPORT

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NEWSLETTER NATTER

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

* **What has felt tricky so far this term? How are you managing it?**

GPC SERVICES

A huge, muddy-boots, high-five **THANK YOU to GPC** for their incredibly generous donation of time and hard work in completing the initial building work for our brand-new outdoor learning classroom!

Thanks to their energy, skill, and can-do spirit, what was once just an idea on paper is now becoming a real, exciting learning space for our children. The transformation has already caused lots of wide eyes and excited chatter around school — and we're only just getting started.

We are so grateful for the care and effort the team put in. You haven't just built structures — you've helped build future adventures, discoveries, and outdoor learning memories.

From all of us at school: **thank you for helping bring our outdoor classroom to life**!

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.

DOLCE PRICE INCREASE



You should have received a letter regarding a price increase, by Dolce, for their school meals, from 28th March 2026.

- Nursery meals are increasing to **£2.79**
- Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 are increasing to **£3.00**

LIBRARY CORNER

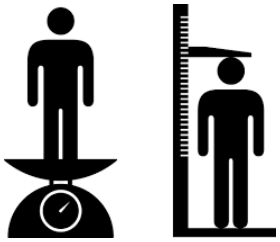


As part of our World Book Day celebrations, we are fortunate to be having a visit from Coventry's Poet Laureate; Andrea Mbarushimana, on **Thursday 5th March**.
Ms Mbarushimana is giving a whole school assembly where she'll be performing some of her poems and talking about her work as a freelance writer.

WORLD BOOK DAY



RECEPTION & YEAR 6 – HEIGHT & WEIGHT CHECK



In England, height and weight checks in schools form part of the National Child Measurement Programme (NCMP), a government initiative to monitor child growth and plan health services.
Our Reception and Year 6 children will be checked on **Thursday 12th March**, by trained healthcare professionals, from the School Nursing Team, in a private area away from other pupils. Children remain fully clothed but are asked to remove their shoes and heavy outdoor coats. Individual results are confidential. They are not shared with the child's teachers or classmates. Parents will receive a letter (or sometimes a digital result) within 6 weeks detailing your child's height, weight, and BMI centile.

MOTHER'S DAY ASSEMBLIES



We are delighted to invite the special person in your child's life to join us for our Mother's Day assemblies, **on Friday 13th March**. This is a lovely opportunity for the children to share songs and their pictures to celebrate the important people who support, love and care for them.

- **Reception & Nursery:** 9:00 - 9:30am in the **KS2 Hall**
- **Years 1 & 2:** 2:30–3:00pm in **KS2 Hall**

We look forward to welcoming you and sharing this special occasion together.

PARENT WORKSHOPS - RWI

Read Write Inc (RWI) Phonics is a proven programme that ensures early success in reading, writing and spelling and we are hosting workshops for Parents to enable you to help with your child's learning.

Please come and join us on the following days at **9:00am**:

- KS1 RWI Parent Workshop - **Thursday 5 March**
- Reception RWI Parent Workshop - **Thursday 19 March**

HARD BOILED EGG DECORATING COMPETITION



We are holding a "Decorate the Hard Boiled Egg" Competition week beginning **Monday 23rd March**.
The winners will be chosen by our Head boy & girl on **Wednesday 25th March**, so please send your child's entry in by that day.

ROCKSTEADY CONCERT

There is a Rocksteady concert on **Wednesday 25th March** for invited guests, to watch their child perform a musical medley of what they have been learning in their music sessions.

EASTER DISCO



On **Thursday 26th March**, we are having an Easter Disco

- **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 for Years 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6 will go on sale, from the office, on **Monday 23rd March**. **£1** a ticket (Nursery & Reception - **Free**)

EASTER BONNET PARADE



Our Nursery and Reception children are invited to take part in our Easter Bonnet Parade on **Friday 27th March at 9am in KS2 Hall**.
Please help your child create a bonnet at home using any materials you like. Parents are welcome to attend.
We encourage creativity and recycled materials.
The winners will receive a prize!

NUT FREE SCHOOL



PARENTS EVENING CONSULTATIONS



Parents' Evening consultations will take place during the week commencing **Monday 16th March**. This is a valuable opportunity to discuss your child's progress and development with their class teacher. Appointments can be booked via **Arbor** and we encourage all parents and carers to secure a time slot as soon as you can.
If you require any assistance with booking, please contact the school office, who will be happy to help.

PRE-LOVED SCHOOL UNIFORM



Just a reminder that we have a selection of pre-loved school uniform items available for purchase at the **school office**.

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 2nd March 2026	Whole School	The Hive 3:30pm – 4:30pm
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	Nursery & Reception Parents	Mother's Day Assembly – 9:00am KS2 Hall
Friday 13th March 2026	Years 1 & 2 Parents	Mother's Day Assembly – 2:30pm KS2 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 KS2 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
Wednesday 29th April - Tuesday 5th May 2026	Whole School	Scholastic Book Fair 3:20pm daily in the Library
Monday 4th May 2026	Whole School	School Closed – Bank Holiday - May day
Tuesday 5th May 2026	Whole School	School Re-opens – 8:30am
Monday 11th May – Friday 15th May 2026	Year 6	SATS
Friday 22nd May 2026	Whole School	Break up for Half Term – 3:20pm
Monday 1st June 2026	Whole School	School Re-opens – 8:30am
Monday 15th June 2026	Years 3, 4, 5 & 6	Sports Day – Details to follow
Tuesday 16th June 2026	Years 1 & 2	Sports Day – Details to follow
Wednesday 17th June 2026	Nursery & Reception	Sports Day – Details to follow
Tuesday 23rd June 2026	Year 3	Lunt Roman Fort Trip – Details to follow
Thursday 25th June 2026	Years 1 & 2	Beach trip – Details to follow
Friday 26th June 2026	Whole School	School Closed – Teacher Training Day
Wednesday 1st July 2026	Whole School	Transition Day
Friday 3rd July 2026	Whole School	Summer Fair – 2:00pm
Friday 17th July 2026	Whole School	Break up for Holidays – 3:20pm
Monday 20th July 2026	Whole School	School Closed - Teacher Training Day