HILL FARM NEWS

CURRICULUM CHARACTER COMMUNITY

24 APRIL 2026

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

Dear parent / carer,

Thank you to our Nursery and Reception families who attended the recent Language and Communication and Phonics workshops. It was lovely to welcome so many of you into school. The sessions offered practical ways to support children's language development through creativity, alongside a clear explanation of how phonics is taught to help children learn to read. As always, we know that strong reading skills are the key to success across the curriculum and reading regularly with your child makes a huge difference.

Over the Easter holidays, we were pleased to add even more equipment to our playgrounds to enhance children's lunchtime experiences. Our new, large mud kitchen has already become a popular space for collaborative play, creativity and imaginative exploration. New stage areas on both the KS1 and KS2 playgrounds are encouraging budding performers to develop their confidence and drama skills, while the addition of outdoor music has further enriched pupils' enjoyment of lunchtime play.

If you ever wonder what your child gets up to during the school day, please take a look at Hill Farm's **X** account. You'll find lots of photographs and updates from across the school, showcasing the learning, enrichment and fun that take place every day.



We are pleased to report that wearing PE kits to school on PE days has been a success, with positive feedback from both parents and pupils. Please can we remind families that the correct PE kit should be worn: a white T-shirt, black shorts, and black pumps or trainers. These items are widely available and inexpensive.

Next Wednesday 29 April, we are excited to be hosting the Scholastic Book Fair in the school library for a week. This is a wonderful opportunity for children to explore new books and develop a love of reading.



Finally, as Coventry City FC celebrate both their promotion to the Premier League and finishing top of the Championship, Hill Farm is proud to celebrate the team's fantastic achievements and show our support. On Monday, we will be holding a Coventry City promotion celebration day so that our pupils and staff who are fans can join in the celebrations. Children are invited to wear their Coventry City football shirts or anything sky blue to help us create a real sea of sky blue! Throughout the day, pupils will take part in football-themed activities, including our own friendly tournaments. Apologies to anyone who supports Leicester City… PUSB!

Thank you, as always, for your continued support,

Dawn Wilson - Headteacher

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE



Thank you for your continued support with attendance. Regular attendance makes a significant difference to children's learning and overall wellbeing.

A reminder that our **Amazon attendance incentive** is still running. Please talk to your child about the importance of coming to school every day. If your child attends school every day this half-term, their name will be entered into a prize draw.

If you are experiencing any difficulties getting your child into school, please do not hesitate to speak with us – we are here to help. We also encourage families to revisit the **family tips** shared recently, including the **sleep advice** email sent out last Wednesday. Good routines and enough sleep can have a positive impact on children's concentration, mood and attendance.

By working together, we can support our children to be happy, settled and ready to learn every day.

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 1 May - Nursery & Reception Values Assembly**
- **Friday 8 May - Years 3 & 4 Values Assembly**
- **Friday 22 May - Years 5 & 6 Values 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

CASTLE PHOENIX TRUST CURRENT VACANCIES

Thinking About a New Job? Explore Our Vacancies!

Castle Phoenix Trust has a variety of exciting opportunities available across our **8 schools** in Coventry and Warwickshire. We are looking for passionate and dedicated individuals who share our commitment to supporting students and enriching our school communities. We encourage parents, carers and local community members to explore the roles currently available and consider joining us in making a positive difference. View all current vacancies and apply via our Careers Site: https://www.eteach.com/careers/castlephoenixtrust/

OUTDOOR PLAY AND LEARNING (OPAL)



We're so excited to share our fantastic new outdoor mud kitchen and stages with you! The children absolutely love exploring, creating and performing in these spaces and it's been wonderful to see their imagination, confidence and teamwork flourish.



Our Opal lunchtimes are now even more engaging, with children fully immersed in creative play, role-play and performances every day. These new additions have truly helped transformed lunchtime into a fun, enriching and joyful part of the school day.

LIBRARY – BOOK SWAP



NEWSLETTER NATTER



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

- **What new things are you hoping to learn this term?**

BOOK FAIR

The Scholastic Book Fair will be here from **Wednesday 29 April** and will be here for one week, in the library.
They have put together a range that:

- brings together the newest and best children's books
- offers over 200 titles suitable for all ages and abilities
- has prices starting from only £2.99

PE KIT

Pupils are now able to come to school wearing their PE kit and school sweatshirt on their PE days. We hope this small change will help save valuable learning time, reduce the issue of forgotten kit and make PE days run more smoothly for everyone.

It is important that all children wear the correct PE kit, which is as follows:

- Plain white T-shirt
- Black shorts
- Black trainers or pumps



CO-CURRICULAR CLUBS



Details went home last week regarding our co-curricular clubs for this term. Please go on to the **CLUBS** section within Arbor and book you child a place. There a still some spaces available.
If you need any help please contact the school office.

SUMMER FAIR – STALL HOLDERS



If you would like to have a stall at our Summer Fair, on **Friday 3rd July, 2026**, please contact Mrs Pinks or the school office for more details.

NEW TO NURSERY OR RECEPTION



We are holding two Open Days in June

- **Wednesday 3rd June** - New to Reception Parents – 5pm
- **Wednesday 17th June** - New to Nursery Parents – 3:45pm

You will be contacted nearer the time with further details

THE HIVE - SEND PARENT COMMUNITY SUPPORT GROUP

The Hive was a huge success again last month and we welcomed lots of parents in to enjoy a craft activity with their children. The parents also had an opportunity to engage in support from our EP service, SENCO and Safeguarding lead. It was a great opportunity to spend special time with their children in a relaxed and welcoming environment, with a cup of tea and a biscuit!



Please join us for our next Hive session on

Monday 27th April 3:30pm – 4:30pm in the Create & Learn Lab






KEY DATES 2026

Date	Year Group	Event
Monday 27th April 2026	1OL	Sharing Stories in the Library 9:00am – 9:30am
Monday 27th April 2026	Whole School	The Hive 3:30pm – 4:30pm – Create & Learn Lab
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
Thursday 7th May 2026	Reception	All Things Wild Trip
Monday 11th May – Friday 15th May 2026	Year 6	SATS
Monday 18th May 2026	1LL	Sharing Stories in the Library 9:00am – 9:30am
Wednesday 20th May 2026	Year 6	Trip to Cadbury World
Thursday 21st May 2026	Year 1	Exotic Animal Encounter in school
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 1st June 2026	Year 4	Start of Multiplication Checks (MTC)
Monday 1st June 2026	2JD	Sharing Stories in the Library 9:00am – 9:30am
Wednesday 3rd June 2026	New Reception Parents	Reception Open Evening – 5pm in KS1 Hall
Monday 8th June 2026	2JF	Sharing Stories in the Library 9:00am – 9:30am
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
Wednesday 17th June 2026	Year 6	Taskmaster Trip to Warwick University (details to follow)
Wednesday 17th June 2026	New Nursery Parents	Nursery Open Day – 3:45pm in KS1 Hall
Thursday 18th June 2026	Year 5	Leicester Space Centre Trip
Tuesday 23rd June 2026	Year 3	Lunt Roman Fort Trip
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
Monday 6th July 2026	Year 4	Trip to the Think Tank
Friday 17th July 2026	Whole School	Break up for Holidays – 3:20pm
Monday 20th July 2026	Whole School	School Closed - Teacher Training Day


HILL FARM PRIMARY
PROMOTION PARTY!
Monday 27th April
COVENTRY CITY ARE GOING UP!
Come to school wearing your Coventry kit or sky blue colours!
Fun activities planned throughout the day!