HILL FARM NEWS

CURRICULUM CHARACTER COMMUNITY

19 JUNE 2026

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

Dear parent / carer,

It has been a very busy and exciting couple of weeks at Hill Farm, with our children enjoying a wide range of enriching learning experiences and opportunities.

Firstly, we are delighted to share that we have achieved the highest accolade for our lunchtime play – the **OPAL Platinum Award**. This reflects the significant improvements in our playtimes, where children now have far more opportunities to be creative, collaborate and explore through play. We can already see the positive impact this is having on their confidence, independence and enjoyment. We are always looking for donations of items such as dressing-up clothes, household objects and toys – please contact the office if you can help.

Thank you to all parents and carers who attended our Nursery information evening for children starting in September. It was a pleasure to meet our youngest pupils and see them confidently exploring their new environment —- we are really looking forward to welcoming them into our Hill Farm family.

A huge well done to our Year 1 pupils who successfully completed their phonics check, and to our Year 4 pupils for completing their multiplication check. These are key milestones in children's learning, underpinning success in reading and maths, and it was fantastic to see our pupils approach them with confidence.

Our Year 5 pupils had an exciting opportunity to visit Warwick University this week, where they experienced a "Tasking" event. This involved Taskmaster-style challenges focused on teamwork, problem-solving, communication and oracy. Children also had time to explore the campus and sit in lecture theatres, giving them a real insight into university life and raising aspirations for the future.

Also, our Year 5 pupils thoroughly enjoyed their trip to Leicester Space Centre, where they explored space-themed interactive exhibits, experienced an immersive planetarium show and deepened their understanding of science and space exploration.



Finally, we were pleased to successfully hold both our Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 Sports Days, with children taking part in a variety of fun and competitive events, from sprints to javelin. Thank you to all parents and carers who joined us to support, and a special well done to the parents who gamely took part in the races!

Our pupils demonstrated excellent sportsmanship throughout and represented the school beautifully. Our EYFS Sports Day has been rescheduled for **Tuesday 2nd July at 1:45pm** — we are hoping the weather will be kinder.

Thank you for your continued support,

Dawn Wilson - Headteacher

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE



We appreciate your support in ensuring your child attends school every day so they don't miss out on this fun opportunity.

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 3rd July – Years 1 & 2 – Values Assembly**
- **Thursday 9th July – Year 1 (both) Class Assembly**
- **Friday 10th July – Years 3 & 4 – Values Assembly**
- **Friday 17th July – Year 6 Leavers 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 **Tuesday and 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. View all current vacancies and apply via our Careers Site: https://www.eteach.com/careers/castlephoenixtrust/

A BIG CHEER FOR ARBSCAPE TREE SURGEONS LTD!



A huge shout-out to **Arbscape Tree Surgeons Ltd** for donating their time and energy to help get our Forest School area ready for its brand-new all-weather shelter. Their hard work has given the space a fantastic boost, and our pupils can't wait to enjoy even more outdoor adventures. We're so grateful for their community spirit — they've helped make something really exciting happen for our school.

SUNFLOWERS



Thank you to Lana and Reiha for bringing in the sunflowers they have grown at home to plant in our school garden — Mrs Stewart was delighted!

HILL FARM ACHIEVES PLATINUM OPAL STATUS!

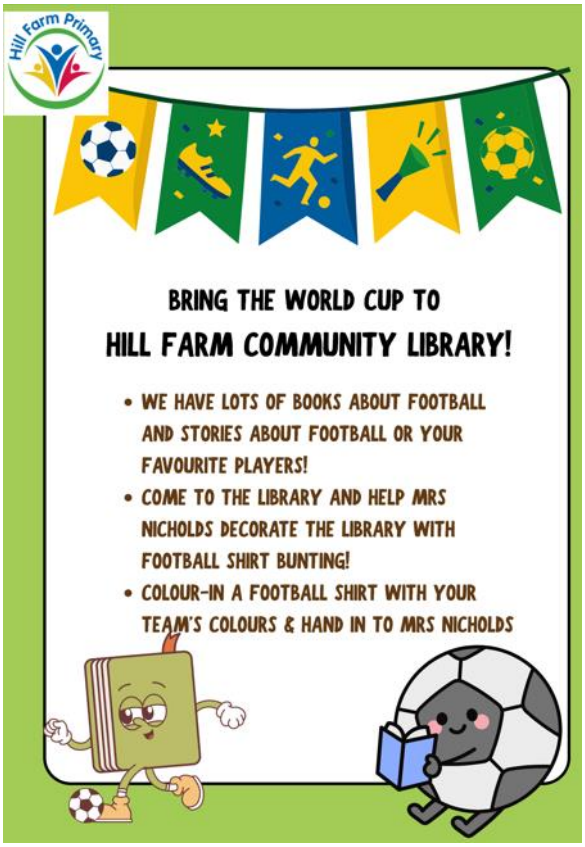
Platinum Award

We are incredibly excited to share that **Hill Farm has been awarded the prestigious Platinum OPAL status** for our outstanding lunchtime play provision — the highest recognition a school can receive. This award celebrates the amazing work our staff, pupils, and community have put into transforming playtimes into joyful, creative, and inclusive experiences.

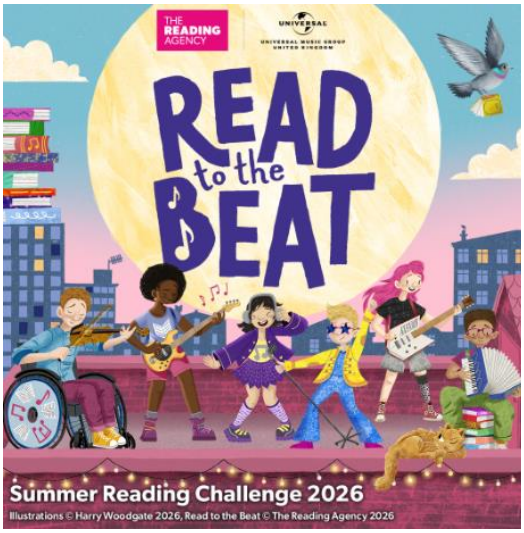
From imaginative play zones to active challenges and calm spaces to unwind, our OPAL journey has turned lunchtimes into something truly special. The Platinum award recognises that every child at Hill Farm now enjoys high-quality play that encourages exploration, teamwork, confidence, and fun.

We are so proud of our pupils, whose enthusiasm and creativity have helped make our playtimes shine brighter than ever.

LIBRARY CORNER – WORLD CUP



BOOK REVIEW RAFFLE



This Year's Summer Reading Challenge from The Reading Agency launches this weekend. Go along to Jubilee Crescent Library or the Central Library to start your summer reading journey. Activities, stickers & certificates are given to all children who complete the challenge of reading over the summer holidays. (Hill Farm will also launch our own summer reading challenge before the end of term - double the fun for readers!!).

CONGRATULATIONS!



Congratulations to Miss Roper and Mr Rose on their new roles as Associate Deputy Heads.

Well Done to you both.

ASPIRE WORKSHOPS



AFTER SCHOOL CARE CLUB PROVISION



Unfortunately, Simply After School are no longer able to continue running the after-school club. In the meantime, provision will continue to run until **5pm** at the usual cost of **£5** per day. If you have any questions, please contact the school office or Mrs Wilson.

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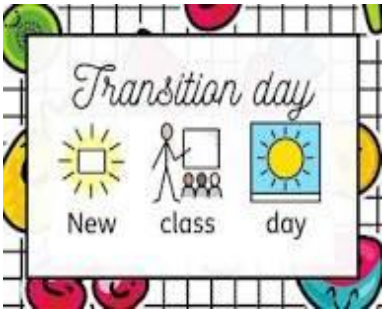
Debate this week's Newsletter Natter at home with your family and friends to put your Oracy skills to the test.

- **What's your favourite park to visit?**

CONTACT DETAILS



TRANSITION DAY



Please note that **Wednesday 1st July** is Transition Day. Children will meet their new teacher and spend time in their new classroom. All children have shared friendship choices and we have ensured that they will be with at least one of their chosen friends. Year 6 pupils should go directly to their new secondary school.

YEARS 1 & 2 – BEACH TRIP



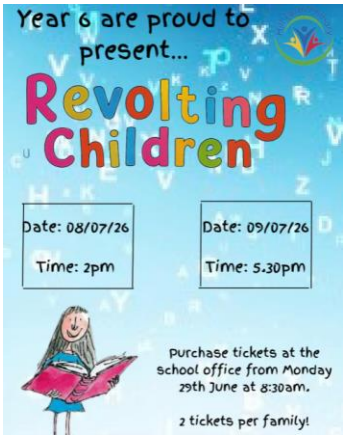
A reminder that next **Thursday 25th June**, is the Year 1 and 2 beach trip to Weston-Super-Mare. With warmer weather forecast, please ensure your child has a hat and sun cream with them.

PE KIT



Thank you for your continued support in ensuring children come to school in the correct PE kit. Feedback from both pupils and parents has been very positive. PE kit should consist of a plain white T-shirt, black shorts and black pumps or trainers. These items are widely available and inexpensive, and having the correct kit ensures all children can take part fully, safely and confidently.

YEAR 6 PERFORMANCE TICKETS



Calling all Year 6 parents, tickets for the Year 6 performances will be going on sale from **Monday 29th June** from the school office.

Wed 8th July – 2:00pm
Thurs – 9th July 5:30pm

Each Performance is approximately an hour

MEDICATION



If your child needs medication in school such as inhalers and epi-pens, please can you make sure these are in date and that you have completed the correct paperwork at the school office.

CHILDREN'S COMMISSIONER



We have been sent a message from the **Children's Commissioner**, asking for our support in ensuring children and young people from our school take part in **the National survey, The Big Future**, here:

http://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigfuture

It is **crucial** that they hear from children in **every** school and college, in **every** community, across the country. Without hearing from our pupils, their experiences, views and aspirations risk being missed from the national picture that will help shape future policy.

At a time of **significant change** for children and young people, it is more important than ever that their views are reflected in policy making. Through this survey, the Commissioner can take the voices of our pupils directly to the centre of government.

SLEEP TIGHT WORKSHOP



KEY DATES 2026

Date	Year Group	Event
Monday 22nd June 2026	Year 5	Gurdwara Trip
Tuesday 23rd June 2026	Year 3	Lunt Roman Fort Trip
Thursday 25th June 2026	Years 1 & 2	Beach trip
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
Tuesday 7th July 2026	Year 5	Dance for Rights Day – Warwick University Trip
Tuesday 7th July 2026	Year 2	Mosque Trip
Wednesday 8th July 2026	By Invitation	Rock Steady Concert 9:00am in KS2 Hall
Wednesday 8th July 2026	Year 6	2pm – Leavers Performance
Thursday 9th July 2026	Year 6	5:30pm – Leavers Performance
Thursday 16th July 2026	Whole School	End of Year Reports
Thursday 16th July 2026	Year 6	PROM – 6:00pm – 7:30pm
Friday 17th July 2026	Year 6	Leavers Assembly 9:00am KS2 Hall
Friday 17th July 2026	Whole School	Break up for Holidays – 3:20pm
Monday 20th July 2026	Whole School	School Closed - Teacher Training Day