HILL FARM NEWS

CURRICULUM CHARACTER COMMUNITY

22 MAY 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,

It has been another incredibly busy and enriching couple of weeks at Hill Farm, with so many opportunities for our children to engage in memorable experiences and bring their learning to life.

Some of our Year 5 pupils were lucky enough to visit Warwick University this week as part of the Bright Stars programme. During their time on campus, they took part in a range of interactive activities designed to explore future pathways in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths). They thoroughly enjoyed exploring the university environment and learning more about science and engineering in a real-life context. Opportunities like this play an important role in broadening aspirations and helping pupils to see the relevance and purpose behind their learning.

Year 6 had a fantastic time at Cadbury World following their SATs. This was a well-deserved opportunity to relax and celebrate the end of a significant milestone in their primary school journey. The children represented the school brilliantly, demonstrating excellent behaviour throughout the day whilst enjoying the interactive exhibits and learning about the history and production of chocolate.

Our Year 1 children also had a wonderful experience during their exotic animal encounter. The session sparked huge excitement, with pupils having the opportunity to get up close to a range of unusual animals. This not only enriched their understanding of the world around them but also supported the development of their language and curiosity through first-hand experiences.



Thank you to everyone who took part in our 'Dress as a Sound' day to celebrate phonics. It was fantastic to see such creativity and enthusiasm from both children and staff. Early reading is a fundamental skill that underpins all learning, and securing strong phonics knowledge ensures that children are able to access the wider curriculum with confidence. A special thank you must go to Mrs Harding for organising the day and for dressing as a giant Fred the Frog!



As part of our ongoing work with the NCETM Maths Hub and the Mastering Number project, we also held a Maths Day across the school. Children took part in a variety of active and practical maths lessons designed to build fluency and deepen understanding. It was wonderful to see maths brought to life through engaging activities, with pupils demonstrating confidence, enthusiasm and a real enjoyment of their learning.

Our celebration attendance breakfast last week was a great success, recognising a fantastic **98% attendance**. We are very proud of this achievement and grateful for the continued support from families. We are still striving for that elusive 99%, and I would ask that children are only kept off school if they are unwell, so that they do not miss out on the wealth of opportunities and learning experiences that take place each day.

Thank you for your continued support and have a relaxing half term – the weather looks set to be great!

Dawn Wilson - Headteacher

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE



Our **Playground Pop** on Friday mornings has also been a great addition, and we hope you have been enjoying it as much as we have! As we move further into the summer term, the children are now eager to aim even higher and achieve a fantastic **whole-school weekly attendance of 99%.** To celebrate this, we are planning a **90's Festival Party**. We would really appreciate your support in helping your child attend school as consistently as possible, ensuring they are here whenever they are well enough to do so.

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.

- **Watch This Space for Details of Next Term's Assemblies**

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/

HILL FARM CELEBRATES "SCHOOL FOR NATURE" AWARD



We are very proud to announce that our school has been awarded the prestigious **'School for Nature'** award, signed by Sir David Attenborough.

This wonderful achievement recognises the fantastic outdoor learning and sustainability work carried out by our pupils. Through activities such as gardening, wildlife projects, and eco-friendly initiatives, our children have shown great commitment to caring for the environment.

Well done to all our pupils for this inspiring accomplishment — this is a brilliant example of their learning beyond the classroom!

LIBRARY – BOOK SWAP

Hill Farm Primary

Sharing Stories

PARENTS ARE INVITED
TO THE LIBRARY
FOR A 'SHARE A STORY' SESSION

9 - 9:30AM ON

MONDAY 1ST JUNE 2JD

MONDAY 8TH JUNE 2JF

MRS NICHOLDS WILL COLLECT
PARENTS FROM THE PLAYGROUND
FROM 8:40AM



NEWSLETTER NATTER



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

- **What helps you get ready for learning in the morning?**
- **What helps you wind down at night?**

PE KIT

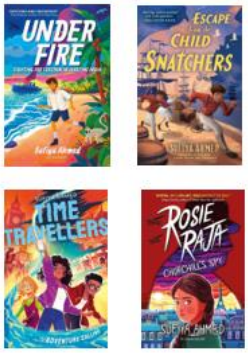


Thank you for your continued support in ensuring children come to school with the correct PE kit – feedback from both pupils and parents has been very positive. PE kit consists of a plain white T-shirt, black shorts, and black pumps or trainers. These items are widely available and inexpensive. PE plays an important role in our curriculum, and having the correct kit helps children take part fully, safely and confidently.

SUFIYA AHMED

Come and meet author Sufiya Ahmed on Tuesday 2nd June 2026





At Foleshill Library
Broad Street, CV6 5BG
Tuesday 2nd June 4 – 5pm

Free event suitable for Years 5/6/7
With acclaimed children's author Sufiya Ahmed
Sufiya writes fantastic diverse historical fiction and
Books will be available for purchase at the event, Cash Only

Coventry Libraries and Information Service

The National Year of Reading 2026 GO ALL IN.

BOOK REVIEW RAFFLE



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

THE HIVE - SEND PARENT COMMUNITY SUPPORT GROUP

Buzz into Spring at The Hive!

Monday 8th June 3:30pm – 4:30pm





Join us for a fun, hands-on outdoor session for children and their grown-ups.

Work together to create your very own 'leafy caterpillar', pot a plant to take home and enjoy spring-inspired arts, crafts and playful activities in the fresh air.

It's a lovely chance to connect, get creative side by side and enjoy quality time together outdoors.









KEY DATES 2026

Date	Year Group	Event
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	Nursery	Trip to Hatton Adventure World
Wednesday 3rd June 2026	New Reception Parents	Reception Open Evening – 5pm in KS2 Hall
Monday 8th June 2026	2JF	Sharing Stories in the Library 9:00am – 9:30am
Monday 8th June 2026	Year 1	Phonics Screening
Monday 8th June 2026	All Parents	The HIVE Session from 3:30pm – 4:30pm
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
Wednesday 17th June 2026	New Nursery Parents	Nursery Open Day – 3:45pm in the Nursery
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
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
Wednesday 8th July 2026	By Invitation	Rock Steady Concert 9:00am in KS2 Hall
Thursday 16th July 2026	Whole School	End of Year Reports
Thursday 16th July 2026	Year 6	PROM – (Detail to Follow)
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

** Year 6 Performance dates to be confirmed