HILL FARM NEWS

CURRICULUM CHARACTER COMMUNITY

3 JULY 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 busy and exciting couple of weeks at Hill Farm as we continue to provide our pupils with a wide range of opportunities that enrich their learning and support their personal development.

Children thoroughly enjoyed Transition Day, spending time with their new teachers and becoming familiar with their classrooms for September. It was wonderful to see how quickly they settled and how excited they were about the year ahead. We were particularly proud of our Year 6 pupils who attended their secondary school transition days and embraced this important milestone with confidence and enthusiasm.



Thank you to our EYFS parents and carers who joined us for our re-arranged Early Years Sports Day. The children had a fantastic time taking part in a range of activities that allowed every child to experience success and showcase their sporting talents. It was lovely to see their excitement, determination and smiles throughout the events.

This week, we were delighted to welcome children from local schools to Hill Farm for an Early Years Singing Cantata. Led by the Local Authority Music Team, the event provided a wonderful opportunity for our youngest pupils to come together through music, singing and dance. It was a joy to watch the children performing with such enthusiasm whilst building friendships and connections with children from other schools.

Our Year 4 children have also been making a positive contribution to the local community. Today they have been planting in Jubilee crescent. Through our Forest School curriculum, pupils develop their understanding of biodiversity, sustainability and environmental responsibility. Projects such as these give children the opportunity to put their learning into action whilst taking pride in improving their local area.



Thank you to all of the parents and carers who have attended our Aspire events this week. These sessions provide a fantastic opportunity for children to share their learning and achievements with their families, while giving parents an insight into the exciting experiences taking place in school. We look forward to welcoming more families to our final Aspire events next week – Year 3 on 6th July and Year 4 on 7th July at 2:30pm.

As families begin preparing for September, I would like to remind everyone about our uniform expectations. School shoes or trainers should be completely black, with no additional colours or logos. Wearing a school uniform helps create a sense of belonging, promotes equality and ensures children are ready to learn. Our PE kit consists of a plain white T-shirt and plain black shorts or jogging bottoms. During colder weather, children may wear a plain black or grey zip-up hoodie. Information about your child's PE day for next year will be shared before the end of term.

Finally, a huge thank you to everyone who supported our Summer Fair. It was a fantastic event with a wonderful atmosphere and thanks to the generosity of our community, we have raised valuable funds that will be used to enhance resources and experiences for our pupils. Special thanks must go to Mrs Nealon, Mrs Pinks and Mrs Hodgson, whose hard work ensured the event was such a success.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Dawn Wilson - Headteacher

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

⚽ Hill Farm World Cup – Friday 10th July! ⚽

We're excited to be hosting our very own Hill Farm World Cup Football Tournament on Friday 10th July.

To earn a place, pupils must show excellent attendance between 1st–10th July – every day counts!

There are lots of ways to get involved, including:

⚽ Football Players

📸 Photographers

📰 News Reporters

🏆 Tournament Helpers

Be in school, be involved, and be part of the excitement! 🌍🏆⚽

You may have heard **Mrs Hammond's World Cup Special Playground Pop** this morning, where she shared her excitement ahead of England's game on Monday morning!

To help build the football fever, Mrs Hammond would like to invite all children to a special **World Cup Highlights Club** in the **Key Stage 2 Hall** on **Monday morning at 8.15am**. Children should arrive via the **main entrance** to watch the highlights show together and get into the World Cup spirit.

Let's make every day count and get ready for a fantastic Hill Farm World Cup! 🌍⚽🏆

Excellent attendance = a chance to be part of the action!

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.

- **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/

DONATIONS NEEDED FOR FOREST SCHOOL

We're excited to launch our new **Wild Root Forest School** curriculum, bringing hands-on outdoor learning to life across science, maths and design & technology.

To make sure every child can take part, we're asking for donations of wool and string. These will be used for building, measuring, knot-tying and creative outdoor projects.



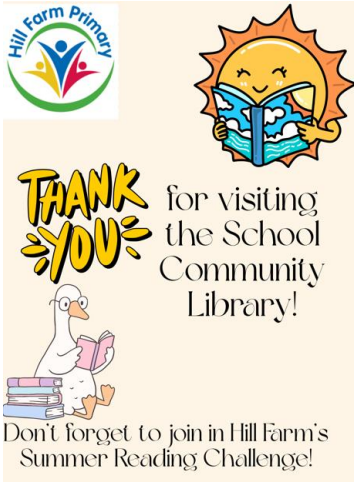
How You Can Help

Please send any spare wool or string into school or drop it at the office.

Every donation, big or small, helps us create inspiring outdoor learning experiences for all our children. Thank you!.



LIBRARY CORNER



Hill Farm Primary

Please Return ALL School and Library Books By Friday 10/07/25





YEARS 1 & 2 – BEACH TRIP



A reminder that next **Wednesday 8th July**, is the Year 1 and 2 beach trip to Weston-Super-Mare. With warmer weather forecast, please ensure your child has a hat, bottle of water and sun cream with them.

ASPIRE WORKSHOPS



NEWSLETTER NATTER



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

- **What makes you feel proud of your school, family or community?**

YEAR 6 PERFORMANCE TICKETS



Calling all Year 6 parents, tickets for the Year 6 performances areg on sale 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.

KEY DATES 2026

Date	Year Group	Event
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	Year 6	2pm – Leavers Performance
Wednesday 8th July 2026	Years 1 & 2	Beach Trip
Thursday 9th July 2026	Year 6	5:30pm – Leavers Performance
Wednesday 15th 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 – 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

BIG EXPANSION TO FREE SCHOOL MEALS (FROM SEPTEMBER 2026)



Following new rules from the Department for Education, it is going to be much easier to qualify for Free School Meals (FSM) from this September. The government is completely removing the £7,400 income limit for families on Universal Credit. This means any household receiving Universal Credit will automatically qualify for Free School Meals, no matter what you earn.

Eligibility & Family Benefits

The standard qualifying benefits are still fully active. Your child could get free school meals right now if you receive any of the following:

- Universal Credit (subject to the income cap until September)
- Income Support or Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Child Tax Credit (with an annual income under £16,190 and no Working Tax Credit)
- Working Tax Credit run-on or the guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999



A successful application saves your family around £495 a year per child and secures extra funding for our school to spend on your child's education.

How to Apply

The application is completely confidential and will not affect any other benefits you get.

Apply online: Visit the secure website at https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals.

COVENTRY HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES AND FOOD PROGRAMME (HAF)



HAF is a national Department for Education-funded programme that enables eligible children and young people to attend free activities and experiences with free nutritional food provided. HAF activities and experiences take place in the Easter, Summer and Christmas school holidays.

The next HAF holiday programme is Summer which runs from 21 July to 1 September and bookings are now live, please follow this link

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