HILL FARM NEWS

CURRICULUM CHARACTER COMMUNITY

18 SEPTEMBER 2026

HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE
VALUE OF THE HALF TERM – LIVE WITHOUT HARM
A VALUE IS A PRINCIPLE THAT GUIDES OUR THINKING AND BEHAVIOUR

Dear parent/carer,

As we settle into the new school year, it has been wonderful to see the enthusiasm and positivity across the school. Our clubs have proved extremely popular, reflecting our commitment to providing children with a wide range of exciting extra-curricular opportunities.

Unfortunately, demand has exceeded the number of places available in some clubs, but please be assured that if your child was not successful this time, we will do our best to offer them a place in a future club.

Thank you to everyone who attended our Meet the Teacher evening. We greatly value the partnership between home and school and appreciate the opportunity to share information about your child's learning. Please remember that teaching staff are available at the end of each school day should you have any questions or concerns. Parents' Evening will take place during the **week commencing Monday 9th November**, and further details will be sent out in due course.

Thank you to everyone who visited the Book Bus. Together, we raised **£202** towards purchasing even more books for our school library. Our library remains open until 4.00pm each day for families to visit and enjoy choosing books together. Children should also be bringing home their school reading book, which has been carefully selected to match their reading ability. We encourage you to spend a little time reading with your child every day. Even ten minutes spent reading, discussing the story and exploring new vocabulary can help to build fluency, confidence and a lifelong love of reading. When your child reads with staff in school, comments are recorded on Arbor, allowing you to keep track of their progress.

Thank you for continuing to support excellent school attendance. Last week's average attendance was an impressive 98%. Every day in school matters. Regular attendance helps children develop strong learning habits, make consistent progress and build positive friendships. We ask for your continued support in ensuring that your child attends school every day and arrives on time so that they can make the most of every learning opportunity.

A reminder that all children attending Breakfast Club or After School Care Club must be booked in advance, through the office. It is very difficult to plan staffing, activities and resources when we do not know which children will be attending. Booking your child in is therefore essential. From next week, only children who have been booked in will be guaranteed a place. We appreciate your support in helping us run these clubs safely and effectively.

Thank you for your support,

Dawn Wilson - Headteacher

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE



A huge thank you to our parents and carers for your continued support with school attendance. We are delighted to share that we have already achieved daily attendance rates of **98%** this year. This means that on some days, **only 8 children were absent from school**. Every day in school matters, and these impressive figures show the positive impact of families prioritising attendance. Thank you for helping your children make the most of every learning opportunity. Together, we can continue to ensure all children thrive and succeed.

CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY TIMETABLE

STUDENT RECOGNITION AWARDS

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 25th September - EYFS Celebrtion Assembly**
- **Friday 2nd October - Years 3, 4 & 5 Celebration Assembly**
- **Friday 9th October - Year 1 & 2 Celebration Assembly**
- **Friday 16th October - Year 6 Celebration 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 & 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

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??**

Values-based Education VbE Quality Mark · Ofsted GRADED GOOD · Oracy Centre of Excellence voice 21 2024 · Young Carers in Schools Award 2018 · MUSIC MARK SCHOOL MEMBER · Arts Council England Artsmark Silver Award Awarded by Arts Council England · Coventry GOLD · We are a Ruth Miskin Read Write Inc. school 2024 · Little Coventry Communicators

READING CHALLENGE

DID YOU COMPLETE THE

SUMMER READING

CHALLENGE???

VISIT THE LIBRARY AND SHOW MRS NICHOLDS YOUR CHALLENGE CARD -
YOU WILL GET A DOJO
AND BE ENTERED INTO A PRIZE DRAW!

READ A PICTURE BOOK ✓	READ A CHAPTER BOOK	READ A POEM ✓
READ A BOOK SET IN A DIFFERENT COUNTRY	READ A BOOK TO YOUR FAVOURITE TOY ✓	READ ALOUD TO A FAMILY MEMBER
READ OUTSIDE	VISIT THE LOCAL LIBRARY	READ A NONFICTION BOOK

WOOLLY WONDERS WANTED

We're looking for some **woolly donations** to help bring our Forest School adventures to life!
Our children will be using wool for lots of exciting outdoor activities, from weaving and creating to exploring and making wonderful woodland treasures.



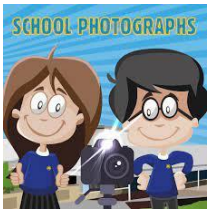
If you have any **spare, leftover or unloved balls of wool** hiding away at home, we'd love to give them a new adventure! All colours, textures and thicknesses are welcome. So please have a rummage in your cupboards and help us make our Forest School sessions **colourful, creative and full of fun!** Thank you!

OPAL ADVENTURES ARE GROWING!

This term, there are lots of exciting things happening with Opal, and we'd love for you to be part of the fun!
We're on the hunt for **metal spoons** – any size, any shape – to add some magic to our outdoor play.
Our **KS1 Mud Kitchen** is bubbling away with new ideas, and we'd be thrilled with donations of **pots, pans, or kitchen bits and bobs** you no longer need.
Your amazing support helps us create outdoor spaces full of creativity, imagination, and joy for the children.
Thank you for helping us make playtime even more special!



SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS



Just a reminder that the school photographer will be in school on
Thursday 8th October 2026

MEDICINES IN SCHOOL



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.

FLU IMMUNISATION



Protect your child from flu

The School Immunisation team need your correct details.

Have your email address or mobile phone number changed within the last year? If so, please get in touch with your team:

Coventry schools:

bewise.immunise@covwarkpt.nhs.uk

02476 961422

FAMILY LEARNING



SHARING STORIES

SAVE THE DATE

Sharing Stories

PARENTS CAN JOIN THEIR CHILDREN IN THE LIBRARY TO READ AND SHARE STORIES ON THE FOLLOWING DATES:

29TH SEPTEMBER - 2EF
6TH OCTOBER - 2JF
13TH OCTOBER - 1OL
20TH OCTOBER - 1LL
Session is 9-9:30am

Mrs Nicholds will collect parents from the KS1 playground from 8:40am



CULTURE DAY



Culture Day 2025 was a vibrant and inspiring celebration of the diversity that makes our school community so special.

Our pupils proudly shared their cultures through traditional dress, music, food and poetry, creating an atmosphere of respect and joy.

The day provided a valuable opportunity for pupils to learn from one another, deepen their understanding of different cultures and reflect on the importance of inclusion and global citizenship.

It was a memorable event that highlighted the confidence, creativity and unity of our children.

We will be hosting Culture Day 2026 on Friday 16th October, where our children once again can share their cultural heritage with their school community.

THE HIVE

The Hive

SEND Parent Community Support Group

MONDAY 5th October
The Hive
Mrs Stewart's OUTDOOR TAKEOVER!

Buzz into Autumn at The Hive!

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

Work together to create your very own:

- 'Leafy creatures'
- Autumn crowns
- Seasonal-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.

NOT A HALAL KITCHEN



Can we take this opportunity to remind those of you who it affects, that we **do not** serve Halal produce in our kitchen. If in doubt about the ingredients in any of the meal choices, you can click on the menu itself and it will give you a breakdown of all the ingredients it contains. Alternatively, you should pick the Vegetarian option.

PRELOVED UNIFORM



If your child has outgrown their school cardigan or sweatshirt please think about donating to the school office. We would be happy to receive clean items in a reasonable condition, to be able to sell from the school office, to help boost school funds.

KEY DATES 2026 / 2027

Date	Year Group	Event
Tuesday 29th September 2026	Class 2EF	Sharing Stories with Parents Class 2EF 9:00 - 9:30am
Tuesday 6th October 2026	Class 2JF	Sharing Stories with Parents Class 2JF 9:00 - 9:30am
Thursday 8th October 2026	Whole School	School Photographs
Tuesday 13th October 2026	Class 1OL	Sharing Stories with Parents Class 1OL 9:00 - 9:30am
Tuesday 13th October 2026	Reception to Year 6	Flu Immunisation
Friday 16th October 2026	Whole School	Culture Day (details to follow)
Tuesday 20th October 2026	Class 1LL	Sharing Stories with Parents Class 2EF 9:00 - 9:30am
Thursday 22nd October 2026	Whole School	Spooky Disco (details to follow)
Thursday 22nd October 2026	Whole School	Break up for Holidays at 3:20pm
Friday 23rd October 2026	Whole School	Teacher Training Day
Monday 2nd November 2026	Whole School	School Re-opens – 8:30am
Thursday 5th November 2026	Year 5	Beaumanor Hall Trip
Monday 9th November 2026	Whole School	Parents evening
Wednesday 11th November 2026	Year 2	Warwick Castle Trip
Thursday 19th November 2026	New Parents	Reception Open Day
Friday 27th November 2026	Whole School	Non-Uniform for Bottle Donation
Monday 30th November 20026	Year 6	Health Questionnaires
Wednesday 2nd December 2026	Year 6	School Nursing Team
Thursday 3rd December 2026	Whole School	Non-Uniform for Chocolate Donation
Friday 4th December 2026	Whole School	School Closed – Teacher Training Day
Friday 11th December 2026	Whole School	Christmas Lunch & Christmas Jumper Day
Friday 11th December 2026	Whole School	Christmas Fair 2pm
Friday 18th December 2026	Whole School	Break up for Holidays at 3:20pm
Monday 4th January 2027	Whole School	School Closed – Teacher Training Day
Tuesday 5th January 2027	Whole School	School Re-opens – 8:30am
Tuesday 9th February 2027	Year 2	Selly Manor Trip
Friday 12th February 2027	Whole School	Break up for Half Term – 3:20pm
Monday 22nd February 2027	Whole School	School Closed – Teacher Training Day
Tuesday 23rd February 2026	Whole School	School Re-opens – 8:30am
Thursday 11th March 2027	Reception & Year 6	Height & Weight Check
Thursday 25th March 2027	Whole School	Break up for Holidays – 3:20pm
Monday 12th April 2027	Whole School	School Closed – Teacher Training Day
Tuesday 13th April 2027	Whole School	School Re-opens – 8:30am
Monday 3rd May 2027	Whole School	School Closed – Bank Holiday - May day
Tuesday 4th May 2027	Whole School	School Re-opens – 8:30am
Monday 10th May – 14th May 2027	Year 6	SATS Week
Friday 28th May 2027	Whole School	Break up for Half Term – 3:20pm
Monday 7th June 2027	Whole School	School Re-opens – 8:30am
Friday 25th June 2027	Whole School	School Closed – Teacher Training Day
Wednesday 7th July 2027	Whole School	Transition Day
Wednesday 21st July 2027	Whole School	Break up for Holidays – 3:20pm