HILL FARM NEWS

CURRICULUM CHARACTER COMMUNITY

16 OCTOBER 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

Today was a wonderful celebration of the range of cultures we have within our school. Children came to school dressed in traditional clothing or the colours of their country's flag, and many brought in some wonderful projects from home to share what was important to them about their country and culture. During the afternoon, children had the opportunity to explore and learn about each other's countries and traditions. It was lovely to see them sharing what they had learnt and celebrating the diversity we have across Hill Farm.

Year 3 enjoyed their trip to St Mary's Guildhall, where they learnt more about Coventry's fascinating history. They had the opportunity to explore this remarkable medieval building and see the famous Coventry Tapestry. The visit was a great opportunity for the children to learn more about the history of the city they live in and bring some of their classroom learning to life.

Our Early Years children enjoyed exploring Little Dots Play Village, with a variety of real-world role-play experiences including shops, emergency services and other community settings. The children had a fantastic time and these experiences are a great way to develop their communication, creativity and understanding of the world around them through play.

Throughout Black History Month, children will be learning about influential Black individuals who have made significant contributions to society, both past and present. These opportunities help to broaden children's understanding of history, celebrate diversity and inspire them through the achievements of others.

Your children have also watched a helpful short video about how to stay safe around Halloween, trick or treating and Bonfire Night. The video has been produced for primary-aged children and shared with schools by Coventry Police and Schools Panels. Please remind children that if they are trick or treating, they should stay with an adult, keep together and only visit houses where they are welcome. With Bonfire Night approaching, please also remind children to keep a safe distance from bonfires and fireworks and to always follow the instructions of the adults they are with.

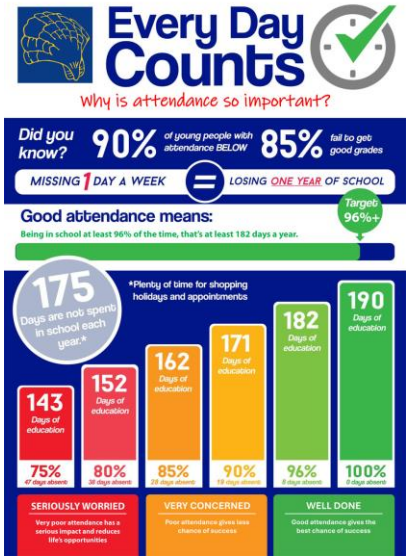
Finally, please remember that we are gradually phasing out the use of identifiable photographs of pupils on our website and social media. We will continue to share the fantastic learning and experiences taking place at Hill Farm, but photographs will increasingly be taken from angles that do not identify individual children.

As part of this approach, photography and video recording by parents at assemblies and performances will no longer be permitted unless specific permission has been given by the school. We know that parents enjoy capturing these special moments, and we thank you for your understanding as we take this additional step to protect our children's privacy and digital safety.

Thank you for your support,

Dawn Wilson - Headteacher

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE



At our school, we want **every** child to have the best possible start in life, and that begins with being in class every single day. Excellent attendance is about so much more than just hitting targets; it is vital for your child's learning, confidence, and friendships. Because primary education builds on foundational blocks like phonics and maths, missing even one day can leave a child struggling to catch up on new concepts. Did you know that an attendance rate of **90% actually means missing one full day of school every two weeks?** That adds up to nearly four weeks of missed learning over the year. Thank you for your continued support in helping your child arrive on time and ready to learn—**every day truly matters!**

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 16th October - Year 6 Celebration Assembly**
- **Wednesday 21st October – Year 3 Celebration Assembly**

TIME TO TALK

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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.

- **If you could invent something to make the world better, what would you create?**

COSY COATS & MAGICAL CREATIONS!



Brrr… a sprinkle of autumn chill is in the air! Please remember that every child needs a warm coat at school every day. The weather can change in a flash, and we want our little adventurers to stay warm while exploring the great outdoors!

SPRINKLE SOME CREATIVITY!

We're dreaming up something magical! We want to create enchanted craft stations on our playgrounds at lunchtime, where little imaginations can soar and wonderful creations come to life!



We're looking for donations of crafty treasures, such as:

- Paper, card, crayons and colourful pens
- Wool, ribbons and fabric scraps
- Clean cardboard boxes and tubes
- Stickers, collage bits and other crafty goodies



Every little donation helps sprinkle a little more magic!

Together, we can keep our children cosy, inspire big imaginations and turn lunchtime into a world of wonder!

RECEPTION OPEN DAY 2027



You're invited to our Reception 2027 Open Day on Thursday 19th November.

The event will begin with a guided tour of the school, concluding in the Reception classroom where you'll have the opportunity to explore both the indoor and outdoor learning environments. Your child is welcome to join you on the tour. Please book an appointment time via the office.

THE HIVE



The Hive is BACK!

A huge thank you to the parents and children from attending Mrs Stewart's outdoor takeover of **The Hive**. Both children and parents had a creative fun filled session collecting Autumn treasures and creating a crown.



A lovely outdoor activity that can be created at home.

Join us for the next Hive on **Monday 9th November**.

ODD SOCKS DAY

Odd Socks Day
in the UK will take place on
Monday 15 November 2027
marking the start of Anti-Bullying Week.

- **Purpose:** To promote individuality, celebrate what makes people unique, and raise awareness against bullying in schools
- **How to Participate:** Wear mismatched or funky odd socks to school.

PUMPKIN PATCH



CULTURE DAY



We are incredibly proud of the massive success of our **School Culture Day**, which took place today. The event was a vibrant, joyful celebration of the diverse backgrounds, heritages, and identities that make our school community so special.

It was wonderful to see so many students and staff "dress to express" in beautiful traditional attire, national colours, and outfits representing their unique heritage.

WRAPAROUND CLUBS

Please remember that children **must have a booking in place before** attending Breakfast Club or After School Care Club. We continue to have children arriving who have not been booked in, which makes it very difficult for us to plan staffing and make sure we have safe arrangements in place. From now on, please ensure that your child is booked in advance before bringing or sending them to the club. Thank you for your cooperation.

KEY DATES 2026 / 2027

Date	Year Group	Event
Tuesday 20th October 2026	Class 1LL	Sharing Stories with Parents Class 2EF 9:00 - 9:30am
Thursday 22nd October 2026	Whole School	Spooky Disco
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
w/c Monday 9th November 2026	Whole School	Parents evenings
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
Friday 27th November 2026	Year 4	Black Country Museum Trip
Monday 30th November 2026	Year 6	Health Questionnaires
Wednesday 2nd December 2026	Year 6	School Nursing Team
Thursday 3rd December 2026	Whole School	Non-Uniform for Chocolate Donation
Thursday 3rd December 2026	Year 1	Winter Wonderland Trip
Thursday 3rd December 2026	Year 6	Year 6 Movie Night – 3:30pm – 5:30pm
Friday 4th December 2026	Whole School	School Closed – Teacher Training Day
Wednesday 9th December 2026	Invited Parents	Rocksteady Concert – 9:00am KS2 Hall
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 2027	Whole School	School Re-opens – 8:30am
Thursday 11th March 2027	Reception & Year 6	Height & Weight Check
Wednesday 24th March 2027	Invited Parents	Rocksteady Concert – 9:00am – KS2 Hall
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 14th July 2027	Invited Parents	Rocksteady Concert – 9:00am – KS2 Hall
Wednesday 21st July 2027	Whole School	Break up for Holidays – 3:20pm