

Pound Hill Infant Academy - Term 1 – Week 3

Friday 19th September 2025



PHIA Pupil numbers: Reception: 90 Year 1: 90 Year 2: 90

Key Term Dates	
Monday 22 nd September 2025	FOPHIA AGM, 4.30pm
Tuesday 23 rd September 2025	Reception parents only: 3 Weeks in parent workshop. 9am-10am
Thursday 25 th September 2025	Individual photos
Wednesday 8 th October 2025	All classes: Parent drop-in to classes. 2.30pm-3.00pm
Tuesday 21 st October 2025	Parents' Evening
Thursday 23 rd October 2025	Parents' Evening
Thursday 23 rd October 2025	Last day of term 1
Friday 24 th October 2025	INSET – Talk for Writing training
Half term	
Monday 3 rd November 2025	INSET - Curriculum
Tuesday 4 th November 2025	Term 2 begins – Doors open at 0830



This Week's Spotlight – Online platforms – home learning offer

The academy provides access to online learning platforms, for home learning, for all our pupils. These build, and support, the learning in the academy.



The platforms available for all pupils are:

Purple Mash – Access to a variety of curriculum tasks



Bug Club – Access to online reading books.



In addition, Year 1 and Year 2 will have access to **Mymaths**. **Mymaths** provides different maths tasks.



Class teachers will post suggested activities or tasks for your child to complete. These suggestions maybe part, or in addition to, the weekly Learning Together sheets sent home via Weduc.

All instruction sheets to access the online learning platforms can be found on the newsfeed within Weduc. These provide a guide to help parents/carers load the platforms. However, if you have any problems, please speak to your child's class teacher or contact the academy office.

Pupils usernames and passwords, for these online platforms, will be added to your child's yellow reading diary from next week.

Mr Jordan, Principal



If you think you would like to volunteer at the academy, please come to the office to collect a volunteer application form. Volunteers may be involved in activities like:



- Hearing children read
- Working with individual children
- Working with small groups of children
- Supporting in specific curriculum areas, such as ICT or art.



Supporting EAL pupils in certain languages to support their understanding in lessons, as their understanding of the English language improves.

Attendance

We are committed to ensuring all our pupils have every opportunity to develop their learning and have access to new experiences. For this to be fully achieved, the pupils must achieve good levels of attendance.



Any absence affects the pattern of a child's schooling and regular absence may seriously impact their learning. The Department for Education (DfE) defines a pupil as a 'persistent absentee' when **they miss 10% or more** schooling across the school year, for whatever reason.

Attendance of 90% = one day absence per month (Persistently Absent)

Attendance of 80% = one day absent per week.

Academy day

Morning drop-off

Doors open: 0830

Doors and gates shut:
0840

(After 0840, please report to the academy front office, via the front pedestrian gates, near the Health Centre).

End of the day:

Collection: 1510-1520
(Gates open at 1500)



Love of Reading

Creating a love of reading is central to the academy's curriculum. The academy reading offer includes:



- Phonics: Daily phonics lessons, following the Sounds~Write Phonics Programme.

- Daily reading lessons: Daily reading lessons (including weekly reading aloud to an adult)

- Timetabled library visits



- Year 2 accessing the Accelerated Reader programme.



- Home reading books: Pupils can change their 'banded' reading book up to twice in a week. Book boxes for changing books are available on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday to support with this cycle of reading. (Please ensure that your child brings the current reading book back before changing books to ensure there is a suitable of books within the academy for all readers.)

Bug Club is also available! **Academy Password is: bug25**



- Yellow reading diaries are used to communicate reading successes between school and home. These are left at the academy on a Monday and returned on a Tuesday. Pupils are encouraged to read a minimum of four times a week at home.

More information regarding the academy's reading offer can be found on the website: [Curriculum - Pound Hill Infant Academy](#)



Congratulations to all our Weekly Celebration Winners

Care Respect Independence Perseverance Success

Reception: Hawking, Einstein and Nightingale

Year 1: A Mason, T Eldrige and M Comaneci

Year 2: A Patel, S Ahmed and S Krubhakaran

PHIA extended schools offer – Clubs for Autumn term 2025

Details of this term's clubs offer external provider clubs (incurring a cost to parents) has been sent via Weduc.

This initially will be for Year 1 and Year 2 only to allow EYFS pupils to settle into academy life and routines.

Road Safety Notice

If you witness anti-social driving, then please report to Sussex Police, using the **'Operation**

Crackdown' link attached in this letter and this link will now be a standing item on the academy newsletter



[Anti-Social Driving Public Reporting System](#)