

Pound Hill Infant Academy - Term 1 – Week 2
Friday 11th September 2025



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

Key Term Dates	
Thursday 18 th September 2025	FoPHIA hosting a coffee morning all parents/carers welcome, in the main hall from 8.40am
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

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.



This Week's Spotlight – Cathie Paine (CEO) Reach2 visit.

We were delighted to be joined by Cathie Paine (CEO) of Reach2 Academy Trust on Monday 8th September 2025. Cathie toured the academy, spoke with our children, staff, joined lessons and was a visual presence on the playgrounds at the end of the day.



We look forward to the relationship with Reach2 Academy Trust developing further in the coming months.

We look forward to working with you in and out of the academy throughout this academic year.

Mr Jordan,
Principal



Meet the Teacher event, Wednesday 10th September 2025.

Thank you to our Year 1 and Year 2 parents and carers attendance to the 'Meet the Teacher' event on Wednesday 10th September 2025. It was lovely to see so many of you despite the weather!



All teacher's presentations will be uploaded onto Weduc as quickly as possible, for parents/carers unable to make the event.



Reception parents are invited to the '3 weeks in' meeting with Mrs Blackie (EYFS Phase Lead), on Tuesday 23rd September 2025, (9am-10am). (Once again, the Presentation will be loaded onto Weduc after the event.)

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)

Before and After School – Equipment and resources not to be used before and after school.

We politely remind parents/carers that the academy play equipment and resources/activities set-out in the mornings and after school **are not** to be touched, or used, by all children.

This is to support with pupils' learning from when the academy doors are shut, in the mornings, and for health and safety reasons, due to staff ratios on the playground before and after school.



Thank you for your support and co-operation.



Congratulations to all our Weekly Celebration Winners

Care Respect Independence Perseverance Success

Reception: Nightingale, Einstein and Hawking

Year 1: M Comaneci, L Blake and S Jassi

Year 2: K Lester, M Latter and E Haazia

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.

Academy organised clubs (free of charge) will be sent out by end of next week.

Clubs will begin from week beginning Monday 22nd September 2026.

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](#)