

Pound Hill Infant Academy - Term 1 – Week 1

Friday 5th September 2025



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

Key Term Dates	
Monday 8 th September 2025	Cathie Paine (CEO, Reach2) visiting the academy (pm).
Wednesday 10 th September 2025	Year 1 and Year 2 only – Meet the Teacher event. 2.30-3.00pm
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 –

Welcome back to the new academic year.

We warmly welcome all the academy community back for 2025-26. All pupils have settled into their new classes and routines exceptionally well and we are very proud of them. The focus for the first two weeks will be on the value of: **Working Together** and the academy behaviours of: **Care** and **Respect**.

Our new Reception classes continue their phased start into next week, building up to a complete school timetable by Monday 15th September.

This year is planned to be action packed; offering our pupils every opportunity to develop their learning, have new experiences and feel empowered to be **unique**.

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

Mr Jordan,
Principal



PE Days 25/26

Please note; PE days for 25/26 are:

Reception: Wednesday

Year 1: Tuesday and Thursday

Year 2: Monday and Friday

All pupils to wear academy PE uniform on their PE day.

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.



At PHIA, we pride ourselves on working with parents to ensure regular attendance is achieved, as outlined in the law.

At PHIA, we will:

- Provide a consistent message – All pupils should achieve regular attendance.
- Meeting early to address patterns of absence
- Build strong relationships with families to ensure pupils have the support in place to attend school.

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.

Community Garden!

The efforts of the Gardening Club is now available from the Community Cupboard. Please help yourself to Potatoes and Onions.



Thank you to employees of Nestle



who, once again, completed a volunteering day in the garden and surrounding grounds. Their huge efforts, in heavy rain, has made the garden autumn ready.

Please remember the Community Cupboard is available to any member of the academy community to take what they need, when needed. Any donations of items are always warmly welcomed too. (Please hand into the academy office).



Congratulations to all our Weekly Celebration Winners

Care Respect Independence Perseverance Success

Reception: All classes

Year 1: All classes

Year 2: All classes

PHIA extended schools offer – Clubs for Autumn term 2025

Details of this term's clubs offer will be sent out by end of next week. This initially will be for Year 1 and Year 2 only to allow EYFS pupils to settle into academy life and routines.

Clubs are a mixture of academy organised clubs (free of charge) and external provider clubs (incurring a cost to parents).

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](#)