

Pound Hill Infant Academy - Term 2 – Week 1

Friday 7th November 2025



PHIA Pupil numbers: Reception: 90 Year 1: 87 Year 2: 90

Key Term Dates	
Friday 7 th November 2025	FOPHIA EYFS Disco – 3.15pm-4pm FoPHIA Year 2 Disco – 4.30pm-5.30pm
Wednesday 12 th November 2025	Year 1 Space Day
Friday 14 th November 2025	FoPHIA Year 1 Disco 3.15pm-4.15pm
Thursday 20 th November 2025	Year 1 Space Dome Flu vaccinations (NHS)
Friday 21 st November 2025	FOPHIA Paint and Sip event
Thursday 27 th November 2025	Non-School Uniform day – donations for FOPHIA Festive Fair
Wednesday 3 rd December 2025	Parent Drop-in. 2.30pm
Thursday 4 th December 2025	Year 1 Phonics Parent/Carer Workshop – 9am
Friday 5 th December 2025	FOPHIA Festive Fair. 3.30pm-5.30pm
Tuesday 9 th December 2025	EYFS Festive performance (9.15am) Online Place request available via RMP - Notices
Wednesday 10 th December 2025	EYFS Festive performance (9.15am) Year1 Festive performance (2pm) Online Place request available via RMP - Notices
Thursday 11 th December 2025	Year1 Festive performance (9am) Online Place request available via RMP - Notices
Tuesday 16 th December 2025	Year 2 Festive performance (2pm) Online Place request available via RMP - Notices
Wednesday 17 th December 2025	Year 2 Festive performance (9am) Online Place request available via RMP - Notices
Thursday 18 th December 2025	Christmas lunch – Chartwells Festive Jumper Day Last day of term
Friday 19 th December 2025	INSET – Making adaptations within the curriculum.
Festive holiday	
Monday 5 th January 2025	Term 3 begins – doors open 0830



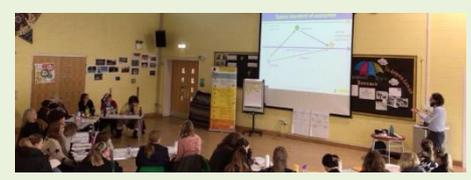
This Week's Spotlight - INSET training



On Friday 24th October 2025 and Monday 3rd November 2025 staff completed a series of training activities:



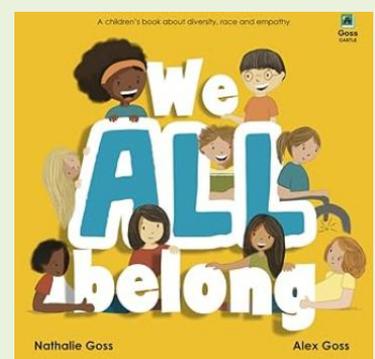
- Staff training on emergency procedures and First Aid training
- Talk for Writing training – further curriculum training for writing
- Leadership discussions across the curriculum in each year group
- Class and academy environments (inside and outside) to further support the curriculum.



Love of Reading – Book recommendation

“We all Belong’ is a beautifully written and illustrated children's picture book that recognises and celebrates the diversity in a caring group of children.”

“A wonderfully flowing, rhyming poem about respect... whatever our culture, whatever the colour of our skin.”



Mrs Brewis met with Kerry Ellis (writer and singer of the song ‘One Voice’ that the choir sang last academic year). She presented her with a ‘Going For Gold’ award that PHIA children had wanted to give her and pass on all the beautiful messages the children wrote. It is safe to say she is as lovely and as wonderful as the songs she sings and commented again how amazing PHIA choir sounded. She said she felt hugely emotional reading all the lovely messages and was beyond grateful. Keep singing!

Goodbye Mrs Newell and welcome back Mrs Mecrow



Mrs Newell (support team) will be leaving the academy at the end of this week. Mrs Mecrow returns to the academy following her maternity leave. Mrs Mecrow will mainly be offering teaching support, within the year 2 team, to Makosinski class. Whilst we are very happy to see Mrs Mecrow return, we are sad to say goodbye to Mrs Newell. I am sure you join the academy in wishing Mrs Newell every success for the future.



Attendance

Academy day

Morning drop-off

Doors open: 0830

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)



Punctuality: It is not only days that matter; every minute counts. Arriving on time (doors open at 8:30am) means children can walk into class with their friends. This increases their sense of belonging and creates a calm start to the day. Specialist teaching such as reading begins promptly after registration. Your child deserves the very best so it is paramount they are there.

Attendance	Description	Approximate Days Lost Per Year	Approximate Weeks Lost Per Year
99-100%	Excellent	0-4 days	Less than 1 week
97-99%	Expected	5-9 days	1-2 weeks
96%	Less than expected	10-13 days	2-3 weeks
90-95%	Unsatisfactory	14-18 days	3-4 weeks
Below 90%	Persistent absence	More than 19 days	More than 4 weeks

Congratulations to all our pupils for a fantastic term.

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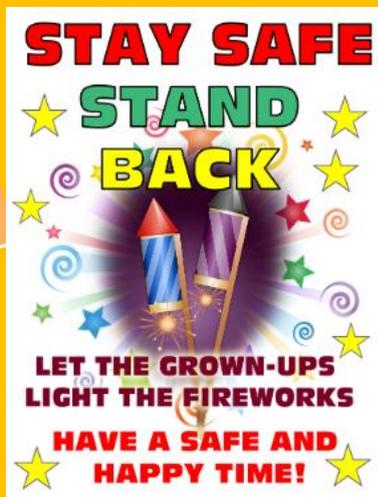
Reception: A Nauman, I Tipper and S Ksiazek

Year 1: C Slater, D Patel and C Timms

Year 2: A Sirangi, A O'Connell and K Crow



Enjoy Fireworks, but be safe!



PHIA is taking part in this year's Poppy Appeal.

Poppies and other poppy themed items are available for a voluntary donation from the academy front office.

Thank you in advance for supporting this year's poppy appeal!