

Pound Hill Infant Academy - Term 2 – Week 4

Friday 29th November 2025



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

Key Term Dates

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)
Wednesday 10 th December 2025	EYFS Festive performance (9.15am) Year1 Festive performance (2pm)
Thursday 11 th December 2025	Year1 Festive performance (9am)
Tuesday 16 th December 2025	Year 2 Festive performance (2pm)
Wednesday 17 th December 2025	Year 2 Festive performance (9am)
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 2026	Term 3 begins – doors open 0830
Thursday 8 th January 2026	20206/27 final prospective parents visit evening event
Wednesday 14 th January 2026	Parent Drop-in 2.30pm
Friday 16 th January 2026	FOPHIA preloved uniform sale (at the front of the academy)
Wednesday 11 th February 2026	Year 1 Bake Sale main playground

FOPHIA -Festive Fair



We welcome donations, volunteers and as many of our community to join us for PHIA's Festive Fair, on **Friday 5th December 2025 (3.30pm-5.30pm)**

Please use this online to volunteer to help the festive fair, we cannot run it without you: [Volunteer Sign Up Form](#)

All money raised will return back to the academy to support the pupils.



Headteacher's Message – Exciting learning opportunities and experiences

Year 2 London Trip – The London Eye



All three classes visited the London Eye this week, travelling to London by train. The focus of the trip built on the history knowledge of London Past and London present. It also offered the pupils the opportunity to use the

knowledge and skills learnt within the art curriculum; completing observational drawings of the London landscape from their London Eye pod.

Once again, thank you to FoPHIA for working with the academy to donate money for this trip, reducing the cost for parents.



Year 1 Woodland learning

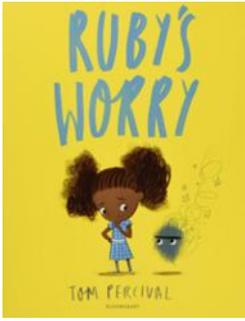
A number of Year 1 pupils had the opportunity to visit Gravetye Woodlands, exploring woodland art and learning about woodland habitats.

The trip was organised by Mrs Ellis (Assistant Principal) and Mrs North (Teacher and Art Therapist). Mrs North works with Gravetye Estate, as an art therapist, to further support therapeutic intervention.



Mr T Jordan
Headteacher

Love of Reading –



This is the perfect book for discussing childhood worries and anxieties, no matter how big or small they may be.



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.



Care Respect Independence Perseverance Success

Reception: Z Sagai, L Swaine and A Patels

Year 1: N Pavic, M Singleton and I Small

Year 2: R Mirza, J Davies and E Sidere

Road Safety



If you witness anti-social driving, then please report to Sussex Police, using the 'Operation Crackdown' link attached below.

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



Unfortunately, the academy received a further complaint from local resident regarding the parking at drop off and collection this week. I continue to urge drivers to drive safely and park legally within roads around the academy. This is to ensure the safety of our pupils.

Mr Jordan

Headteacher