

Pound Hill Infant Academy - Term 2 – Week 5

Friday 5th December 2025



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

Key Term Dates

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 - TODAY



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 –



On Monday, the *Rocksteady* assembly was a *rocking* start to the week. The whole



academy community thoroughly enjoyed the



assembly and created a real buzz across the academy. A

huge thanks to the *Rocksteady* teachers for their time, expertise and passion – the assembly really demonstrated the power of music!

Parent Drop-in – Wednesday 3rd December 2025

Once again, it was wonderful to have family members share learning with the children this week. There was another amazing attendance, which created a real buzz across the academy. Thank you for your continued support and understanding. Parent quote; "It is so lovely to come in and see what they have been learning. Such a fantastic idea and the kids love showing off their work. It gives a nice fuzzy feeling. Wel done Pound Hill Infant Academy"

Phonics workshop for Year 1 parents – 4th December 2025

Mrs Chamberlain was joined by a number of Year 1 parents (and family members) who attended the Year 1 phonics workshop. Early



reading, phonics and writing strategies were discussed and practised. Thank you to Mrs Chamberlain for her time and expertise during this event. (Powerpoint and handout available on RMP).

Mr T Jordan
Headteacher

Love of Reading –



In this cozy bedtime story, follow a child and his grandma through a winter landscape to explore how the Earth goes to sleep for winter.



Spot the sleeping animals as the tale unfolds, then learn about their hibernation habits from the information pages at the end.

Attendance

Academy day

Morning drop-off

Doors open: 0830

(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 at 0830. 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: L Mangan, E Fox and E Laing

Year 1: D Daku, H Sadhar and L Newell

Year 2: G Fonseca, T Bella Pham and D Kholi

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](#)

Sussex Police have informed us that further patrols will be carried out to support with safe parking. 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

