

Pound Hill Infant Academy - Term 3 – Week 1

Friday 9th January 2026



PHIA Pupil numbers: Reception: 90 Year 1: 90 Year 2: 89

Key Term Dates

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)
Monday 9 th February 2026	Year 1 Little Big Sing
Wednesday 11 th February 2026	Year 1 Bake Sale main playground
Friday 13 th February 2026	INSET - Wellbeing in schools
	Half-Term
Monday 23 rd February 2026	Term 4 starts. Doors open at 0830.
Thursday 26 th February 2026	Mother Tongue Day
Week beginning 2 nd March 2026.	World Book Week Dress-up day - Wednesday 4 th March 2026. Author visit – Thursday 5 th March 2026.

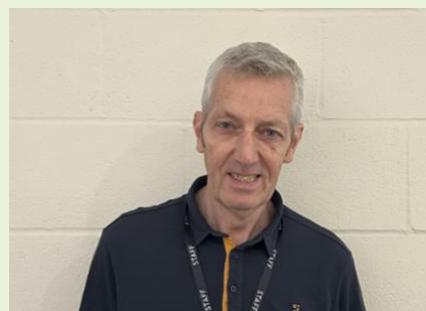
Headteacher's Messages –

I would like to welcome all the community back to the academy in 2026!



What a freezing start to the year and term. I would like to offer my sincere thanks to Mr Sharpe (Premises Manager) for the very early starts in making sure the site was safe for us all.

Since joining the PHIA staffing team, Mr Sharpe has had a significant impact on supporting the estates and health and safety work across the academy site.



This term also marks the beginning of Mrs Manning's maternity leave. Spotts class will now be taught by Mr Chapman.



I am delighted to announce that Mrs Manning gave birth, in December, to a wonderful little boy. The Manning family are doing very well!

We look forward to another exciting term!

Thank you for your continued support.

Mr T Jordan
Headteacher



FOPHIA events this term have raised huge amounts for PHIA – All money will be supporting the pupils.



These funds raised go straight back into the school for the benefit of our pupils. So far this year, we have donated £3156

- Trip subsidy for all year groups (approx. £11 per pupil)
- Going for Gold Book Tokens
- Plants for the library

Thank you for your incredible support!

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 week.

The weekly Celebration winners were:



Care Respect Independence Perseverance Success

Reception: A Diep, M Volfrin and G Alayode

Year 1: H Richards, E Weller and M Wahid

Year 2: S Shetty, A Tolfrey and E Baigh

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

Love of Reading – *The Big Book of How*, by Sally Symes and Saranne Taylor

