

Pound Hill Infant Academy - Term 3 – Week 3
Friday 23rd January 2026



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

Key Term Dates

Monday 2 nd February	Parent Consultation Meetings online booking system goes live from 6pm. Via parents evening icon on RMP. (options for face-to-face or online video call).
Monday 9 th February 2026	Year 1 Little Big Sing at the academy.
Wednesday 11 th February 2026	Year 1 Bake Sale main playground
Wednesday 15 th April 2026	2025/2026 Class photos
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 (see separate information on Weduc)
1 st March 2026	PHIA becomes officially part of Reach 2 Academy Trust
Week beginning 2 nd March 2026.	World Book Week (see information on Weduc) Dress-up day - Wednesday 4 th March 2026. Author visit – Thursday 5 th March 2026.
Parents' Evening	- Tuesday 3 rd March 2026 - Thursday 5 th March 2026 (Booking from 6pm Monday 2 nd February – Options for face to face or online video call)

We are still working hard for PHIA to transition to Reach 2 Academy Trust on 1st March 2026.

Further updates will continue to be sent in the coming weeks.



Headteacher's Message – Attendance

The academy has seen an increase in late attendance since the start of Term 3. Whilst we appreciate that some routes to the academy have been impacted by road works, it is important that pupils attend school on time to maximise their learning in the school day. 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.



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).

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

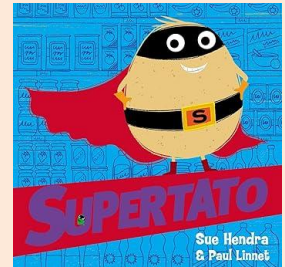
End of the day:
 Collection: 1510-1520
 (Gates open at 1500)

Mr T Jordan
 Headteacher

Love of Reading –



We are very excited to welcome the **renowned author Sue Hendra** to the Academy on **Thursday 5th March**. Sue will be sharing her wonderful books with the children. There will be an opportunity to **purchase books online in advance**, which Sue Hendra will then **sign during her visit**. There will be an opportunity to buy from a selection of her books at a reduced cost, all pre-ordered books will be signed by the author Sue Hendra.



Further details about book pre-ordering will be shared shortly via RMP Notices.

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](#)



The academy and Sussex Police have received an increase in communication regarding anti-social driving behaviour. 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 and community.



Mr Jordan

(Headteacher)

Congratulations to all our pupils for a fantastic week.

The weekly Celebration winners were:

Care Respect Independence Perseverance Success

Reception: O West, E Lakhani and C Acquaye

Year 1: V Tudorie, E Benchenni and O Lunn

Year 2: H Kamesh, L Cross and O Diep

