

*Hillside Herald - 19th December 2025*

## THIS WEEK AT HILLSIDE

As another wonderful, busy term at Hillside comes to a close, we are delighted to reflect on everything we've achieved together. Since September, our Hillside family has grown by 28 new pupils, and it has been a joy to welcome each of them.

Our new playground development has already been a huge hit, and we are excited for the further investments still to come. We are also pleased to share that attendance figures continue to improve, which is directly contributing to the fantastic progress we see in the classroom.

Thank you for trusting us with your child's education; they truly amaze us every day. We wish all our families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We look forward to seeing you all again in January!

### School Updates

#### Uniform Reminder

Please ensure that pupils are coming to school in the correct uniform. This includes PE kit.

Consent forms for the new playground equipment has been sent out via text message

Thank you to all our families for supporting our Christmas Fair. It was a huge success!





# *Star of the Term Autumn 2025*



Well done to our wonderful winners of Star of the Term!

These children are a shining example of our 4 Co-op Values. They try hard every single day to do what matters most, they show they care about their teachers and friends by being kind and respectful. They help their friends when they are stuck to help them succeed, and most of all, they keep being their amazing selves, always!

# Our Vision and Values

*An inclusive school community where all children feel valued and encouraged to be respectful, resilient and able to realise their full potential.*

Do what matters most

## Vision and values

I care about the school and what we stand for. I show the values inside and outside of the academy.

## Future focussed

I think about the future. I want to do well, and I want others to do well.

## School improvement

I make sure that we all get better together. I know that my behaviour and actions have an impact on others.

Be yourself, always

## Improving myself

I focus on getting better. I improve how much I can learn.

## My words

I talk openly and honestly and know how my words help or hurt others.

## Inclusive

I can be friends with anyone and treat everyone with respect.

Show you care

## Co-operation

I work co-operatively with others. I share my ideas and listen to others.

## Driving innovation

I am confident using technology in a safe and sensible way.

## Speaking up

I know my words can help others to be better. I speak up when I see bullying or poor behaviour.

Succeed together

## Being a good friend and learner

I develop good friendships and work with my teachers, in order to understand and support others.

## Championing Co-op

I represent my academy through my behaviour and my actions.

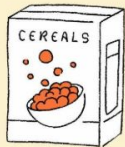
## Helping others

I support the learning of others to promote a positive learning environment.

WELCOME TO THE



Co-op Academy  
Hillside



COMMUNITY  
PANTRY

AND UNIFORM SWAP

Open Monday,  
Wednesday and  
Friday  
8.50-9.10am



Please bring your  
own bags

ALL WELCOME!

Our school family is growing! If you know anyone who would be interested in coming to join us please pass on our details!

Co-op Academy Hillside



Join us!

Places  
available

CHOOSE US  
AS YOUR  
LOCAL CAUSE

Co-op Members can help us receive a share of £5m from the Local Community Fund.

Choose us on the Co-op App or at [coop.co.uk/membership](https://coop.co.uk/membership)



OWNED BY YOU.  
RIGHT BY YOU.

# ATTENDANCE HEROES

Improving attendance is everyone's business. The barriers to accessing education are wide and complex, both within and beyond the school gates, and are often specific to individual pupils and families. At Co-op Academy Hillside, we will do all we can to support your family and ensure our academy is safe, calm and a supportive environment for your child. Let's celebrate everyone's success together.

## PENALTY NOTICE FINES FOR SCHOOL ATTENDANCE IS CHANGING

### 1

#### FIRST OFFENCE

The first time a Penalty Notice is issued for Term Time Leave or irregular Attendance the amount will be:

£160 per parent, per child if paid within 28 days  
Reduced to £80 per parent, per child if paid within 21 days.

### 2

#### SECOND OFFENCE (WITHIN 3 YEARS)

The second time a Penalty Notice is issued for Term Time Leave or irregular Attendance the amount will be:

£160 per parent, per child to be paid within 28 days. No reduced rate will be offered.

The following changes will come into force for

Penalty Notice Fines

issued after 19th

August 2024.

### 3

#### THIRD OFFENCE AND ANY FURTHER OFFENCES (WITHIN 3 YEARS)

The third time an offence is committed for Term Time Leave or irregular Attendance a Penalty Notice will not be issued, and the case will be presented straight to the Magistrates' Court. Magistrates' fines can be up to £2500 per parent, per child. Cases found guilty in Magistrates' Court can show on a Parents future DBS certificate, due to failure to safeguard a child's education.

#### 10 SESSIONS (5 DAYS) OF UNAUTHORISED ABSENCE IN A 10-WEEK PERIOD

Penalty Notice Fines will be considered when there has been 10 sessions of unauthorised absence in a 10-week period.

Congratulations  
to  
Year 6  
for the highest  
attendance this  
week!



## How can I improve my children's attendance?

Follow NHS advice for any mild illnesses.

Promote good hand hygiene with your children.

Liaise with the Early Help team who will support you as a family.

Speak to your child's teacher as a collaborative approach is essential.

# Hillside Herald Newsboard



If your child is absent from school, you must inform the school office by 9am of the reason for absence.

Please ensure that the school office has the correct email contacts as email is the school's main form of communication.

Staff car park is NOT to be used to drop children off at Breakfast Club. This is a health and safety hazard.

To keep updated on all things Hillside, please follow our [facebook page](#)

Please ensure that your child has the correct uniform - we have plenty of clean spare uniform available in our Community pantry for no cost.

Thursday's Karate Please can children in years 2-6 bring a pair of shorts to school with them on a Thursday for our karate sessions.