

Hillside Herald - 16th January 2026

THIS WEEK AT HILLSIDE

Over the past couple of week's we have welcomed various guests to Hillside, including the Co-op Academies Trust CEO and Heads from other North West schools. Everyone who has visited has commented on what a lovely, welcoming school we are and how our pupils are a credit. This is obviously something that we know very well, our pupils make us proud every single day, however it always makes us smile when we hear visitors comment on it!

Last week, our Year 3 class were very excited to start Ukulele lessons. We have a music tutor who comes in every week. We look forward to seeing their musical talents develop!



This term's Curriculum Newsletters have been emailed out today. We hope you find them useful.

School Updates
Uniform Reminder

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

**FUTURE DATES FOR DIARY - World Book Day - Thursday 5th March
2026**

Golden Ticket winners



Well done to our wonderful winners of this week's Golden Ticket.



Co-op Academy
Fife

EXTRA-CURRICULAR CLUBS - SPRING 1 -2026



CLUB	DAY / TIME	FOR	WITH
Dance	Monday 3.25-4.00	KS1	Mrs Smith
Glockenspiel	Thursday lunchtime	KS2	Mrs Culshaw
SATs Club	Tuesday 3.25-4.00	Year 6	Mrs Lewis
Ukulele	Wednesday 12.40-1.05	KS2	External tutor
Gymnastics	Friday 3.45-4.30 and 4.45-5.30pm	All ages	Paid sessions vis Kelly Baker

**ALL CLUBS ARE FREE - PERMISSION LETTERS TO FOLLOW
CLUBS START WEEK BEGINNING 12TH JANUARY 2026**

Please see link in email sent to book a place

Dear Hillside Families and Staff,

We wanted to take a moment to say a huge and heartfelt thank you to everyone at Hillside.

As most of you know, Billy was diagnosed with brain cancer when he was just seven months old. He is now almost ten years in remission, but he still faces many ongoing challenges and regular hospital appointments. Throughout it all, Billy has remained the fun, kind and loveable little boy we all know—and that is thanks in no small part to the incredible people around him.

Hillside has completely embraced Billy for exactly who he is, and for that we will be forever grateful. The kindness shown by staff, parents and children alike has allowed Billy not just to attend school, but to truly belong and shine. Alongside Hillside, Alder Hey Children's Hospital has played a huge role in shaping the happy, determined boy Billy is today and in giving him the chance of a bright and beautiful future.

As this is Billy's final year at Hillside, and because these two places have helped him blossom in so many ways, we felt it would be really special to tie them together in a small act of giving back.

Billy's uncle, Jake, is running 496km throughout January to raise money for Alder Hey Children's Hospital, and to support his incredible effort we will be holding Billy's Big Bake Bonanza at school on Friday 30th January 2026. All funds raised will go directly to Alder Hey, helping other children and families who are facing journeys similar to Billy's.



From the bottom of our hearts, thank you for supporting Billy, for allowing him to be exactly who he is, and for helping him shine every single day. We are so proud to be part of such a caring and inclusive school community.

With love and gratitude,
Billy's family

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.

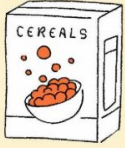
Helping others

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



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

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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.

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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.

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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 3 and 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.

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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.