

Hillside Herald - 13th February 2026

THIS WEEK AT HILLSIDE



Head of School Update

It was lovely to see so many of you at our EYFS Valentine's workshop - Love was certainly in the air!

We finished another busy half-term with World of Work Week for our Year 6s. The whole school got involved on Friday with a 'Dress as your Future Career' day. We have a lot of Career aspirations at Hillside! From Vets, teachers, beauty therapists and explorers even Pokemon Trainers! It was great to see so many get involved!

Over half-term we will be getting our Solar Panels fitted - this is the next in a long line of improvements to our school!

Our Extra curricular clubs for spring 2 have been emailed out - please fill in the booking form to join a club - everyone who asks for a place will get one.

Wishing all of our families a lovely restful half term break. We will see you all on the 23rd February. Our new morning start means school doors will be open from 8.45am

Golden Ticket winners



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



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EXTRA-CURRICULAR CLUBS - SPRING 2 -2026



CLUB	DAY / TIME	FOR	WITH
Dance	Monday 3.25-4.00	KS2	Mrs Smith
Art	Thursday 3.25-4.00	KS1	Miss Boyle
Chess Club	Thursday 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 23RD FEBRUARY 2026**

Please see link in email sent to book a place

Upcoming Dates

Parents' evening -
25th/26th March 2026 -
details to follow



Mugs and Matters

Next Mugs and Matters
12th March

Come and meet our new
Attendance Manager
Beccie!



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Join us at Co-op Academy Hillside for an informal drop-in. No formal agenda, no appointments needed—just a hot drink and a chance to talk about anything on your mind regarding school life. Whether you have a great idea, a small question, or need any advice or support, you are very welcome!

World Book Day - Thursday 5th March 2026



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.

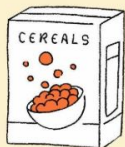
Helping others

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

WELCOME TO THE



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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!

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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
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.