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Hollydale News

Hollydale Newsletter 21st July 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of another school year, I would like to take this opportunity to reflect on what has been an incredible year at Hollydale; achieving a good Ofsted inspection and much more! It has truly been a joy to see our pupils happy, thriving, and engaged in their learning. From maintaining high standards in teaching and learning to building strong relationships with parents and stakeholders, we have had so many moments to be proud of.

Our fantastic educational visits this year have enriched the curriculum and created memorable learning experiences for all pupils. A particular highlight has been seeing our children learn how to swim and take part in the school swimming gala – a wonderful milestone in their development.

Staff retention has remained strong, and I am proud that so many dedicated teachers have chosen to stay and continue working with our children. Their commitment to helping pupils be the very best they can be is what makes Hollydale so special.

As we say goodbye to our wonderful Year 6 pupils, we do so with confidence, knowing that they are well-prepared for the next chapter in their education. We wish them all the very best in their new schools and are proud to have given them the solid foundations they need to succeed.

This year also marks a personal milestone, as my youngest child Hannah graduates from university as did Jules and Rebecca. I share this with you as a reminder that, although the journey can be a challenging one, hard work, consistency, and resilience do pay off. The core values we uphold at Hollydale – **Respect, Relationships, Responsibility, and Resilience** – have not only supported our pupils but have also guided my own family through life's ups and downs.

We are also bidding farewell to some valued members of staff. We thank Ms Labna and wish her every success as she begins her PhD studies. We also send our best wishes to Ms Berna and Ms Jhanea as they embark on exciting new ventures. They have all made a positive impact on our school community, and they will be greatly missed. As we say goodbye to some, we also look ahead with excitement. In the new term, we will be welcoming new support staff who will further strengthen our team and help us continue delivering high-quality education and care to all our pupils.

Looking ahead, I will be working three days a week from September and remain committed to continuing the hard work that ensures Hollydale remains the best it can be for every child. A good school is built on strong partnerships with parents, and I would like to extend my sincere thanks to our PTA for their tireless work and commitment throughout the year. Your support makes a real difference. Thank you also for your kind messages and generous gifts. Your thoughtfulness and warm words about the leadership of the school mean so much to me. It is moments like these that remain with me for a lifetime and remind me why I continue to strive to be the best that I can be. Your support and encouragement are deeply appreciated.

Wishing all our families a wonderful, restful summer.

Please encourage your children to read a little each day – this simple habit will make a huge difference as they prepare for the new autumn term.

Best wishes,

Ms Reid - Headteacher

Thought of the Week

"Alone we can do so little; Together we can do so much".
(Helen Keller)



Important dates for your diary

Monday 21st July	Transition Day for all pupils. Children to spend their day with their new teachers and in their new classrooms.
Tuesday 22nd July	Last day of term. School finishes at 1.00pm. There is no AFTER SCHOOL CLUB.

Monday 1st September and Tuesday 2nd September 2025 – INSET Day.

School resumes on Wednesday 3rd September 2025 at 8.55am sharp. After School Club and Breakfast Club resume on this day as well.

Enrichment Clubs resume on Monday 15th September 2025.

Meet Our Governors

Name: Anita Sarkodie

Role on the Governing Body: Parent Governor

Link Role(s): TBC

How long have you been a governor at Hollydale?
Since February 2025.

Why did you become a governor? As the saying goes 'Many hands make light work' I joined the GB to help steer the school strategically to achieve a nurturing educational experience for the pupils.

What do you enjoy most about your role? providing scrutiny and challenge, but also trusted support where it's needed.

What do you value most about Hollydale School? capable, positive head teacher and approachable staff.

A fun fact or something you enjoy outside of school governance: Being a Sunday school teacher.

Attendance and Punctuality



How quickly another week has flown by!
This year we are aiming for an attendance **target of 97%.**

Please note the following:

100% Attendance - 0 Days Missed - **Excellent**
95% Attendance - 9 Days of Absence, 1 Week and 4 Days of Learning Missed - **Satisfactory**
90% Attendance - 19 Days of Absence, 3 Weeks and 4 Days of Learning Missed - **Poor**
85% Attendance - 28 Days of Absence, 5 Weeks and 3 Days of Learning Missed - **Very Poor**
80% Attendance - 38 Days of Absence, 7 Weeks and 3 Days of Learning Missed - **Unacceptable**

Class	Attendance	Punctuality - Number of Lates
Cherry	96%	2
Elm	96%	3
Cedar	98%	2
Oak	98%	2
Birch	94%	2
Hazel	97%	3
Willow	90%	2



Anita Sarkodie





Instagram

Remember we are on Instagram! Please follow us to see what goes on each week. We love sharing our experiences with you! Classes upload images weekly to showcase our brilliant learning journey.



Thank You, Coach Fab!

A huge thank you to Coach Fab for organising this year's fantastic Sports Day! The event was filled with energy, teamwork, and lots of fun. Your hard work and enthusiasm made the day a great success, and we're so grateful for the memorable experience you created for all our pupils.

Well done to everyone who took part and thank you again, Coach Fab!

Thank You to Our Amazing PTA!

A huge thank you to our incredible PTA for organising a fantastic **Summer Fair**! It was a brilliant day full of fun, community spirit, and great memories. Thanks to your generosity, we raised an amazing **£2,076.84**!

We're also hoping to **match fund** this amount, which could double the impact for our school. Many employers offer **match funding** as part of their corporate giving programmes. It's an easy and effective way to boost the total raised. If your employer offers this, please do get in touch with the school or PTA. Every pound makes a difference!

Thank you once again to everyone who supported the fair. We couldn't have done it without you!

Thank You to Our Governors

We would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to our dedicated school governors for their ongoing support, time, and commitment throughout the year.

Behind the scenes, they play a vital role in helping to shape the strategic direction of our school, ensuring we provide the very best education and opportunities for our pupils.

We're incredibly grateful for all they do to support our school community.

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Message from the Chair of the PTA



Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of another academic year, I want to take a moment to say a heartfelt thank you on behalf of the entire PTA.

This year has been filled with growth, achievement, and wonderful memories — and none of it would have been possible without your continued support, encouragement, and involvement. Whether you volunteered your time, contributed to fundraising events, or simply cheered us on, you made a difference.

Together, we've raised vital funds, strengthened our school community, and helped create enriching experiences for our children. From joyful fairs to creative projects, your contributions have truly mattered.

As Chair of the PTA, I'm incredibly proud of what we've achieved — not just the money we've raised, but the community spirit we've built. It's been inspiring to see parents, carers, staff, and pupils working side by side for the good of our school.

A special thank you to Ms Reid, the school's leadership team and all staff for their constant support, open collaboration, and dedication to our children's education and wellbeing.

> Their partnership has been key to everything we've accomplished together this year.

Sadly, we are also saying goodbye to Helen and Miriam, two wonderful members of our PTA family. Their dedication, energy, and kindness have left a lasting impact, and they will be truly missed.

We wish them all the very best in their next chapter and thank them deeply for everything they've contributed.

Wishing you all a restful and joyful summer break. Here's to another amazing year ahead!

Warmest regards,
Simone Brown
Chair of the PTA



Class Allocation 2025 - 26



Year R Cherry Class	Ms Williams
Year 1-2 Elm Class	Ms Harvey
Year 2 Cedar Class	Ms Sultana
Year 3 Oak class	Ms Opaleye
Year 4 Birch class	Ms McGowan
Year 5 Hazel Class	Ms Howard
Year 5-6 Willow Class	Ms Hopkins



Class Catch Up!

Cherry Class (YR/1) had a great time at Sports Day, showing fantastic energy and teamwork throughout.



Year 1 Elm Class have a brilliant time in this year's Sports Day.





Much fun was had by Y3 Oak Class in this year's Sports Day 2025.



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Birch Class (Yr 4) enjoyed partaking in their annual Sports Day. They had the opportunity to participate in numerous team games and showed fantastic resilience.



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Year 4-5 have had a wonderful time this week, participating in Sports Day and visiting Greenwich Park for our end of year trip!



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Y6 Willow Class enjoyed their very last Sports Day at Hollydale!



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Sports Day Highlights



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Nunhead Library Garden Open Day

All Ages welcome!

Refreshments!



Share your ideas!

Help us transform
your Community
Library Garden!

Free Nature Activities
- take home a plant!

Saturday 26th July

10am- 4pm

Contact us:

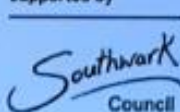
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Help Us Reimagine the Nunhead Library Garden!

Our library garden is ready for a transformation, and we need your help!

Throughout July we will be running a **community consultation** to find out how you'd like to use and enjoy this outdoor space. Whether you're a keen gardener, a parent with young kids or just someone who enjoys relaxing in green spaces - we'd love to hear from you.



Scan here to
share your ideas

...or share your ideas
on our display board
in the Library foyer
throughout July

For more information get in
touch with Ellie on:
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Summer Reading Challenge



Keep your child reading and having fun this summer — for free at your local library! The nationwide reading challenge is for children aged 4–11, helping them stay motivated to read during the holidays. Children set their own goals and can read anything they enjoy - books, audiobooks, or eBooks! **Let's make reading part of your summer adventure!**

Why join?

- Builds confidence and reading skills
- Keeps minds active over the summer
- Free access to books, events, and fun family activities

How to take part:

- Sign up and set a reading goal at your local library
- Pick your books and collect rewards and stickers!

Online:

- Visit summerreadingchallenge.org.uk
- Sign up, set a goal, and earn digital badges