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Hollydale News

Hollydale Newsletter 12th September 2025

Dear Parents and Carers.

Welcome back and a warm welcome to our YR Cherry class Reception starters! It has been a fantastic fortnight and great to meet all the new starters and welcome everyone back. I do hope you all had a lovely break; the children have enjoyed sharing some of their exciting adventures with us all. I have heard about visits to theme parks and rollercoasters, beaches, holidays abroad, park trips and days out in London. There is a lot happening this term so please make sure you read the class newsletters that were shared last week and note key dates included in the parent calendar.

Welcome to New Staff

There are a few new faces this year so please make them feel welcome when you see them. Ms Yasmin, Ms Thompson, Ms Ijoyah and Ms Zachary have joined the staff team. I am sure you will make them feel part of the Hollydale community.









Meet the Teacher

You will have the opportunity to meet your child's class teacher and find out what will be happening this term for your child's class. Once presentations have been delivered, you can find the PowerPoints by visiting our website.

Wednesday 17th September - Elm and Cedar Class - 3:40pm

Wednesday 17th September - Oak Class - 3:55pm

Tuesday 16th September - Birch Class - 3:40pm

Wednesday 17th September - Hazel and Willow Class at 4:10pm

Tuesday 22nd September - EYFS Cherry Class - 3:40pm

Homework

We view homework as an integral part of the school experience. Active and successful pupil participation in homework supports our belief in how children learn best. Homework benefits pupils not only by promoting academic success, but also by providing valuable opportunities for parents and carers to become involved in their child's learning. Through regular homework, children develop responsibility, perseverance, self-discipline and time management. Most importantly, pupils build independence by completing school-related tasks with minimal direct help. Homework for KS1 and KS2 will continue to be completed in homework books. Homework will be given every 3 weeks after the spelling tests have been completed.

Uniform

Please remember to dress your child in full school uniform daily. Children are expected to wear dark grey bottoms (skirt, shorts or trousers) a white or red polo shirt or shirt and tie, a school jumper or cardigan.

Whilst the weather is still warm, summer school uniform can be worn.

PE Days

PE kits are part of our uniform, children are expected to wear black shorts or tracksuit bottoms, a plain white t-shirt and black trainers. PE kits should be labelled with your child's name and class.

Best wishes, Ms Reid - Headteacher

Email: admin@hollydaleprimary.co.uk

Thought of the Week

"The best thing in life are not things they are your friends." (Anonymous)

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Important dates for your diary

Monday 12 th	Enrichment Clubs begin			
Friday 19 th	Jeans for Genes. All staff and			
	pupils to wear jeans and			
	school jumpers for a £1.00			
	donation for charity			
Friday 19 th	Reading Together begins for			
	EYFS and KS1 9.00			
Friday 19 th	Open day for prospective			
	parents 9.30			
Friday 26th	Macmillan Coffee Morning			
	for all parents and carers at			
	9.00am in the bottom hall			



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	80%	2	
Elm	87%	3	
Cedar	93%	2	
Oak	99%	2	
Birch	92%	2	
Hazel	95%	3	
Willow	92%	2	

Class Catch Up!

to school, exploring their new classroom, making friends, and learning new ney have made a fantastic start to Reception.





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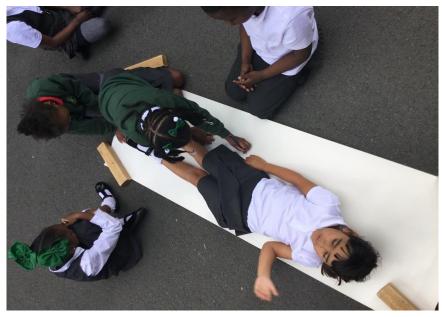






Elm Class Y1 began learning about the Human Body, using labels to identify body parts. They enjoyed drawing around each other and labelling key features such as their head, shoulders, toes and wrists.

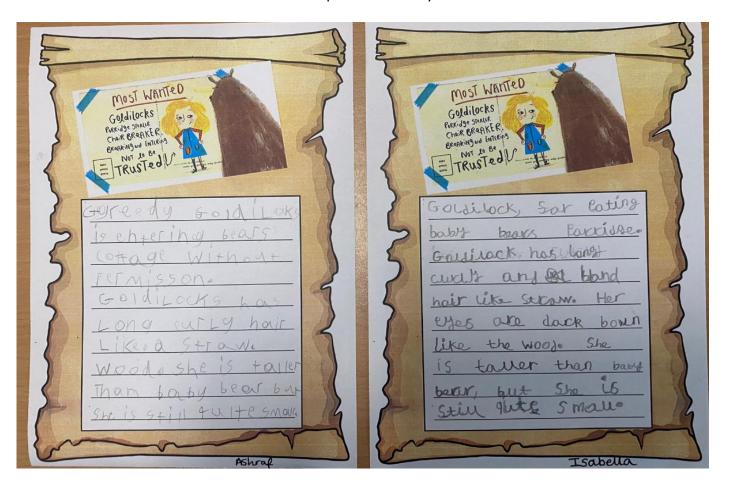




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Cedar Class Y2 have been reading 'Goldilocks' by Lauren Child and created brilliant wanted posters using descriptive vocabulary.



In Oak Class (Yr 3) we have been learning how to use a range of equipment to partition numbers. We really enjoyed learning how to represent the same number in different ways.



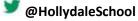
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Birch Class Y4 discussed the phrase 'free as a bird' and thought about what it means. We then looked at the concept of freedom in different religions and world views, before discussing what Freedom means to us. We wrote about it in our Freedom Birds.



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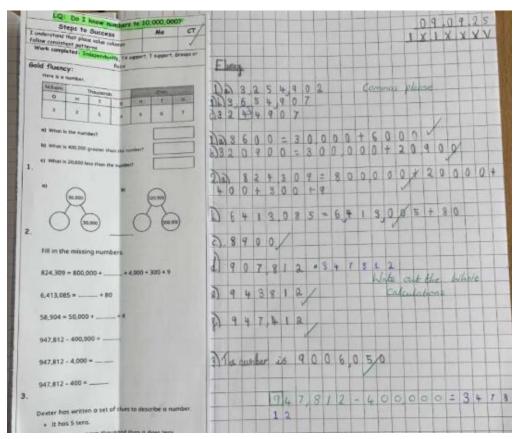
Hazel Class Year 5 woke up their Maths brains by creating their own board games, trying to include multiplication and division facts, adding and subtracting decimals, and converting between units.

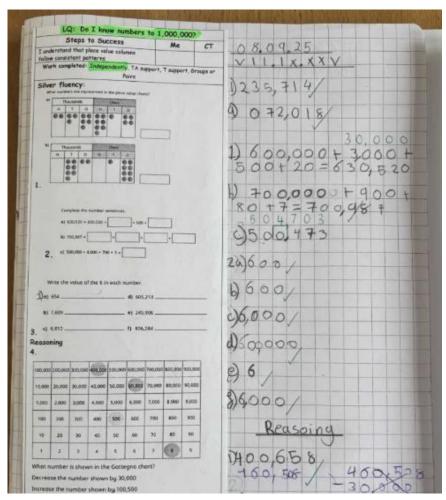


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Willow Class Year 5 and 6 have been exploring place value with large numbers. Year 5 focused on numbers up to 1,000,000, while Year 6 extended this to 10,000,000.

Zikra and Abigail





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Thursday Reward Assembly Chart

W/C: 09.09.25

Excellence Reward week for: Maths

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Class	Name of	Reason for	Name	Reason for			
	Child	reward	of child	reward			
Cherry YR	Callyn	For settling into Cherry Class and showing a brilliant maths attitude.	Josephine	For joining in with counting songs and enjoying number games.			
Elm Y1-2	Diamond	For being able to count to 100 and accurately identify two-digit numbers to 100.	Zaniyah	For being able to apply her number bonds to 10 and begin up to 20.			
Cedar Y2	Ilham	For being able to count in 2s and using this to help her with her 2 times tables	Thierry	For being able to count in 2s and 10s and solving multiplication sums			
Oak Y3	Aria	For being able to add missing numbers onto number lines (to 100).	Ricarri	For being able to use a variety of mathematical equipment to represent 2-digit numbers.			
Birch Y4	Cameron	For demonstrating excellent understanding of Place Value when partitioning numbers to 1000.	Angel	For demonstrating excellent understanding of Place Value when partitioning numbers to 1000.			
Hazel 5	Lennox	Showing Year 5 standard presentation in his first week. Lennox clearly has excellent high expectations of himself.	Ashlyn	Using her knowledge of place value to confidently problem solve.			
Willow Y5-6	Oscar	Really impressed by his positive attitude towards maths this week. He has made a great start and is developing his place value knowledge.	Naeema	Has shown great enthusiasm for Maths this week. She is eager and has shown a good understanding of place value knowledge.			

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