

Hollydale News

Hollydale Newsletter 2nd February 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a busy few weeks at Hollydale. This week we will be celebrating Maths Week. During the week the children will be taking part in lots of fun and practical activities that will provide them with new and exciting experiences as well as support them in developing key skills and mathematical thinking.

This year our Maths Week's focus will be '**Shape and Space**'. All classes will work towards creating 2D shapes pictures and large 3D structures representing imaginary landscapes and figures. Please help us by collecting recycle materials such as boxes, cardboard tubes etc.

Other activities planned for the week will include:

- Y4, Y5 and Y6 pupils to plan and carry out maths activities with younger pupils in Y1, Y2 and Y3.
- Shape and space puzzles and games.
- Times tables Challenge competition.



We will conclude our week with a **Number Day Celebration**, where children will be able to show their creative skills at home and 'Dress up for digits'. On **Friday 6th February** pupils and staff can wear an item of clothing with a number on it, a sports shirt or cap, even an onesie and **bring in a donation of £1. Money collected will go to NSPCC (National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children)**.

Finally, on **Monday 9th February** we will showcase all the work that the children have produced during Maths Week. **Time:** 15.30 – 16.00. **Place:** Chestnut classroom. **Please come and join us!**

Online Safety Tip of the Week - Online Gaming

This week's tip is about online gaming – children LOVE spending time on devices playing games. They are a really fun way to spend time and connect with friends and family. But which games are most suitable for different age groups? What risks might children be exposed to? How can we best support our children to get the most out of online gaming while staying safe? Internet Matters has some excellent resources to support parents around these and many other common questions:

<https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/onlinegaming-advice/>

Best wishes,

Leadership Team

Thought of the Week

"Respect is a two-way street, if you want to get it, you've got to give it."
(R.G.Risch)

Important dates for your diary

Monday 2 nd – Friday 6 th February	Maths Week
Tuesday 3 rd	Times table challenge
Friday 6 th	Number Day – bring in a donation of £1.00 for NSPCC
Friday 6 th	Science Workshop for KS1 and KS2 parents and carers at 9.20am
Monday 9 th – Friday 13 th	Children's Mental Health Week
Monday 9 th	Maths Week Exhibition
Tuesday 10 th	Safer Internet Day
Thursday 12 th	Poetry recital assembly at 9.10am
Friday 13 th	Y3 Oak Class Assembly

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	92%	2
Elm	86%	3
Cedar	91%	2
Oak	94%	3
Birch	86%	2
Hazel	88%	1
Willow	90%	1

Class Catch Up!

In Maths, Cherry Class (YR) have been learning to find, represent and sort numbers using practical resources, such as tens frames and sorting hoops.



We have been learning about Toys in the Past in Year 1/2 Elm Class. Today, we used wooden cutlery to make our own toys just like in the Victorian era.



Layla, Abdulqadir, Margaret, Jah'Khai, Skyla, Zoey

As part of our learning in Y2 Cedar Class about Samuel Pepys and the Great Fire of London, we explored how people in the 17th century kept information secret. We used Shelton's Code to write our own coded messages!



As part of their RE, ART and Topic curriculum, the children in Oak Class (Year 3) were able to visit St Paul's Cathedral. They were able explore the rich history of the cathedral and investigate its architecture. They particularly enjoyed learning about some of the different mosaics within St Paul's Cathedral and then creating their own mosaics.



In Year 4 Birch Class we have been creating artwork based on flight. We used different techniques to show movement.



Year 5 Hazel Class have been enjoying playing trumpet, both in Music and in preparation for their class assembly!



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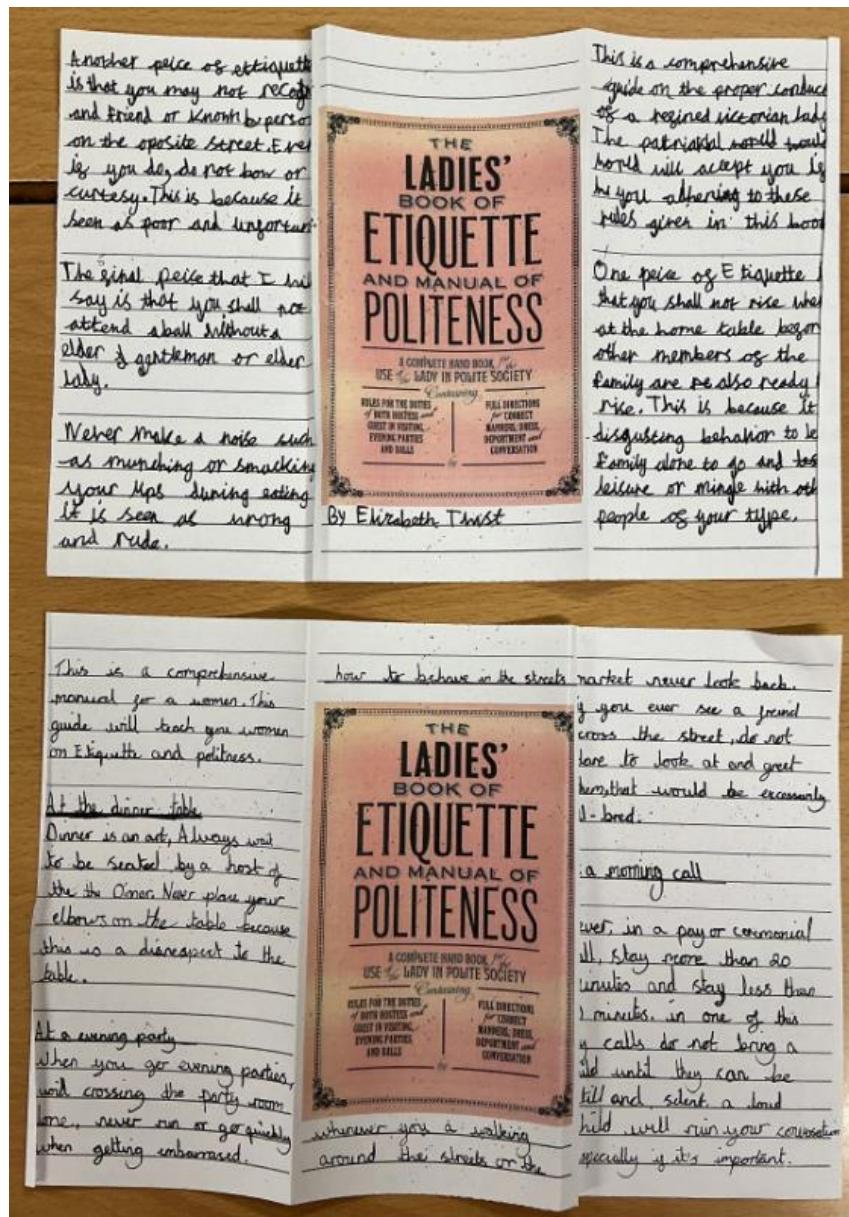
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In topic, Year 5/6 pupils carefully created their own etiquette manuals, exploring the expectations placed on women in the past.

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Thursday Reward Assembly Chart

W/C: 26.01.26

Excellence Reward week for: Computing

Class	Name of Child	Reason for reward	Name of child	Reason for reward
Cherry YR	Inioluwa	For learning how to take pictures on the ipad.	Laurence	For learning how to take pictures on the ipad.
Elm Y1-2	Margaret	You showed your creativity by making some super artwork in computing.	Zaliyah	You used your artistic skill to create great digital artwork in computing.
Cedar Y2	Idris	For creating some wonderful symmetrical shapes consolidating our maths learning	Ashraf	For apply his knowledge of 2 shapes to create symmetrical pictures
Oak Y3	Summer	For being able to use search engines effectively to research information about the Anglo Saxons.	Riaz	For being able to, talk at length, about how to use the internet effectively & safely .
Birch Y4	Skyla	Demonstrating excellent programming skills.	Hasnain	Demonstrating excellent programming skills.
Hazel Y5	Marina	For using Computing in Topic to research the features of an area.	Yaminah	Exploring virtual galleries to inspire her own designs on Sketch Up.
Willow Y5-6	Neriah	For creating a brilliant magazine cover on publisher.	Chrystian	For creating an excellent magazine cover on publisher.

Fizz Free February 2026



Drinking fewer fizzy drinks can significantly cut down your sugar intake. This is a great way to improve your health.

You can save up to £700 a year if you stop drinking 1 500ml bottle of branded soft drink a day for a year (based on figures from a leading supermarket as of January 2025).

We challenge you to reduce or give up fizzy drinks for the whole of February. This can help you on your way to drinking less sugary drinks the rest of the year.

<https://www.southwark.gov.uk/community-updates/2025/fizz-free-february>