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# Hollydale News

Hollydale Newsletter: 8<sup>th</sup> May 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

During Art and Food Technology Week, pupils engaged in creative learning linked to their history or geography topic for the half term. Their artwork was inspired by artists such as Tina LeCour (YR), Giuseppe Arcimboldo (Y1–2), Paul Gauguin (Y2), Adam Henein (Y3), Leif Erikson (Y4), Anaxandra (Y5), and Olga Lehmann (Y5–6).



Thanks to our Friends of Hollydale, who donated a brand-new oven, each class was able to make delicious pizzas, bread, and cookies as planned.

Monday 11th marks the start of the KS2 SATs. Year 6 pupils have worked hard to prepare for their end-of-primary-school exams, showing great resilience and determination. We wish them the very best of luck. Parents/carers can support by ensuring that their children get an early night and eat a nutritious breakfast. All pupils must arrive at school on time.

As most of you may already know, this is the last week at Hollydale for Coach Fab. After four years working at our school, he is moving on to an exciting new opportunity and challenge. On behalf of our Hollydale community, we would like to thank Coach Fab for all his hard work and dedication, and we wish him all the very best for the future.

Best Wishes,  
Leadership Team



## Important dates for your diary

|                               |                              |
|-------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> May   | KS2 (Y6) SATs week to begin  |
| Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> May   | Elm class assembly           |
| Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> May   | Mental Health Awareness Week |
| Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> May  | Times tables challenge       |
| Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> May | Poetry recital               |
| Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May   | Last day of half term        |

Half Term - Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May to Friday

## REMINDERS

Please, ensure that you collect your child on time at the end of the school day, at 3:30pm. If you are running late or if you have arranged for someone else to collect your child, please inform the office.

## 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<br>Number of Lates |
|-------------|--------------|--------------------------------|
| Cherry YR   | 96.7%        | 4                              |
| Elm Y1-2    | 96.6%        | 1                              |
| Cedar Y2    | 97.7%        | 5                              |
| Oak Y3      | 97.9%        | 3                              |
| Birch Y4    | 92%          | 5                              |
| Hazel Y5    | 93.8%        | 5                              |
| Willow Y5-6 | 94.7%        | 3                              |

“Not all storms come to disrupt your life; some come to clear your path.”

Paulo Coelho



# Class Catch Up!

## Year R Cherry Class

For Art/DT Week, Cherry Class (YR) enjoyed making rainbow salad and creating farm animals using junk modelling materials.



## Year 1-2 Elm Class

For Art Week, Elm Class took inspiration from Guiseppe Arcimboldo by creating human portraits entirely from fruits and vegetables. Y1/2 also rolled, cut and spread ingredients to make their own pizzas.



## Year 2 Cedar Class

Year 2 spent the afternoon creating their own cheese pizzas in pairs, they were delicious!



### Year 3 Oak Class

As part of ART Week 2026, Oak Class used units of measurements to make cookies. They had to pay careful attention when reading the recipe and the scales(g). They also created artwork that was inspired by a famous Egyptian artist.



### Year 4 Birch Class

Birch class had fun designing and making Viking shields. They also made delicious Swedish Chokladbollar.



### Year 5 Hazel Class

Year 5 have enjoyed Art and DT week by baking bread rolls. They enjoyed measuring ingredients, mixing and kneading, proving bread then allowing them to bake.



Year 5 have also been creating artwork inspired by Anaxandra's work. She was an artist who was active in 228 BC



(during the time of the ancient Greeks).

### Year 5-6 Willow Class

Year 5/6 created their own World War II artwork inspired by the artist Olga Lehmann for Art week. We used charcoal and oil pastels for these pieces of artwork.



## Thursday Reward Assembly Chart

W/C: 04.05.2026

Excellence Reward week for: PE

| Class              | Name of Child | Reason for reward   | Name of child | Reason for reward  |
|--------------------|---------------|---|---------------|--|
| <b>Cherry YR</b>   | Rumi          | For good determination and in PE, always trying his best and improving each week.           | Cora          | For fantastic enthusiasm to PE, showing confidence and teamwork.                               |
| <b>Elm Y1</b>      | Diamond       | For showing great effort and enthusiasm in athletics- with great control and balance        | Zaniyah       | For showing fantastic enthusiasm in PE, showing confidence throughout and being part of a team |
| <b>Cedar Y2</b>    | Ashraf        | For showing excellent balance and ball control.   | Scarlett      | For being a great team player and always giving 100% during P.E.                               |
| <b>Oak Y3</b>      | Nikodem       | For being able to work within a team to throw and catch.                                    | Riaz          | For excellent control when throwing and catching.  |
| <b>Birch Y4</b>    | Hasnain       | Excellent participation in our football tournament.   | Ash           | Excellent participation in our football tournament.  |
| <b>Hazel Y5</b>    | Jack          | For competing in an intra school football tournament, showing resilience and sportsmanship. | Arianna       | For confidently demonstrating the correct way to hold and throw a shotput.                     |
| <b>Willow Y5-6</b> | Chrystian     | For being a committed participant who gives 100% in every athletics session.                | Fahiz         | For demonstrating great enthusiasm and effort in all athletics activities.                     |

