



Welcome back to the Summer Term and Willow Class' final term at Hollydale! If you have any questions throughout the term please do not hesitate to email me (ghopkins5.210@lgflmail.org) or ring the office and we can arrange a time to discuss any questions or concerns you may have. Alternatively, I can be contacted directly via Class Dojo.

Thank you for your continued support
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Summer 2 2026 - This half term Year 5/6 will be learning about the following topics:

English	This half term, we will base our English learning on Romeo and Juliet by William Shakespeare (retold, in an abridged version, by Helen Street). We will be incorporating lots of opportunities for speaking and listening and drama throughout the half term. We will also be producing a variety of text types including diary entries, extended narratives and playscripts. We will then complete a unit based around Some Places More Than Others by Renee Watson . We will produce a variety of text types, including recipes and poems, before writing our own autobiographies.
Reading Records	Reading every day is vitally important for year 6 children. We will continue with physical reading records. The expectation is to bring these into school daily and write at least 4 entries a week about what they are reading. Children will have the opportunity to choose books from the school library each week. All children will be required to take their library book or classroom book home each night to read, and log comments into their reading records. Please read and discuss your child's book with them and ensure that it is returned each day in a school bag. The library reading books will be changed weekly as and when appropriate for each child. Reading rewards will be given to children for fantastic, in-depth comments
Spelling, punctuation and grammar	We are working very hard in school to strengthen basic skills, but we need your help to boost spellings. We have created a spelling challenge to make this fun and engaging and we are offering a whole host of rewards to motivate and encourage the children to get on board! All that we ask, is that you help your children learn to spell the words on their challenge card. Every time they have secured a section (bronze, silver or gold), staff will check that they have indeed secured the bronze, silver or gold block and the children will receive a certificate and they can begin learning the next set of spellings. We are hopeful that this will be more meaningful than testing spellings weekly and by basing it on high frequency words and words commonly used in their writing, it will be more purposeful as it is being embedded not only in Literacy but across the whole curriculum.
Maths	In Maths during Summer term we will continue to consolidate the Key Stage 2 curriculum. We will begin by revising Statistics, designing surveys and constructing our own pie charts to share our results. We will then link our maths to our topic of World War Two, focussing specifically on code-breaking and rationing. Throughout the term we will also develop our skills and discuss how we can use mathematical language to reason and explain our answers. The children will also need to continue to practise their times tables. Their logins for Times Tables Rockstars can be found in their reading records. Finally, the children will continue to practise their arithmetic skills throughout the half term, during our maths fluency and arithmetic sessions. Please encourage the daily use of these at home. https://trockstars.com/ https://mathsframe.co.uk/
Science	Our Science topic this half term is Evolution and Inheritance . We will be learning about the lives of significant scientists Charles Darwin and John Edmonstone and explaining Darwin's Theory of Evolution in detail. We will also be exploring the concepts of adaptation and inheritance and explaining how these contributed to Darwin's theory. Finally, we will be working scientifically by investigating how different adaptations prove more effective in the wild.
History	Our topic for the Summer Term will be World War Two. We will be focussing on life in Britain during World War Two, as well as its causes internationally. We will also complete a local geography study, learning about how World War Two affected London.
fRArt	Our DT learning this half term will link to our topic of WW2. We will design and make our own waistcoats. We will then move onto 3D sculptures: Making memories! Documenting their memories of their time at primary school, the children will select their favourite art and design skills and techniques to design and create a 3D artwork to represent these memories.
P.E.	PE day for Willow class is Thursday . The children will also have an additional swimming session every Tuesday in the afternoon. Please ensure that your child/children have the following kit for PE: black tracksuit bottoms or shorts, a white t-shirt or top and black trainers or plimsolls and that they attend school wearing their PE kit (and their Hollydale jumper) every Thursday . Swimming will resume for Year 5/6 on Tuesdays this term. Please ensure your child brings their swimming kit to school on this day as the sessions are compulsory.
Music	Children will take part in weekly Brass lessons on Thursday . Please encourage your child to rehearse regularly and bring their instrument into school. If your child takes home their instrument, please ensure it is bought back in every Thursday morning.
R.E.	This term in RE our question is 'What similarities and differences to religions and world views share?' We will study a range of different religions and world views and compare them.

P.S.H.E. & Citizenship	This term our focus will be on setting targets for ourselves. The children will take part in weekly circle times where they will be able to discuss any thoughts and feelings they have about their transition into secondary school.
Computing	Our topic this half term is 'We are publishers.' We will be creating a Leavers' Yearbook. Pupils will learn to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● manage or contribute to large collaborative projects, facilitated using online tools ● write and review content ● source digital media while demonstrating safe, respectful and responsible use ● design and produce a high-quality print document.
Homework	Homework will be set on a Friday and should be returned by Tuesday of the following week. Children will be set weekly Maths, English and Science homework. This will be sent home in a homework folder in paper format. They should continue to learn their times tables, which will be tested on a regular basis, and they should continue to practice these using Times Table Rock Stars, for which they have their own logins. Additional maths homework will be assigned on the Sumdog website, for which each child also has their own username and password. Children also need to practice and learn the spellings that they are set.
Sports Day	Sports Day & Whole School Picnic Invitation on Friday 3rd July We're excited to announce that our Sports Day will take place in the morning, followed by a whole school picnic and games in the afternoon. We warmly invite all parents and carers to join us for a day of fun, support, and community spirit. Food, drink, snack, and fruit donations are warmly welcomed to help make the day extra special. Your presence will make the event even more special for the children. We look forward to seeing you there!
Year 6 End of Year Production	You are warmly invited to attend our Year 6 Production of The Wizard of Oz! on Wednesday 1 st July at 6pm. Please note that this date is provisional and may be subject to change. We will confirm the final details as soon as possible. The performance will last roughly an hour. All children will need to arrive at school at 5:30pm in order to get ready and into their costumes. Parents/Carers will be able to arrive from 5:45pm in order to take your seats ready for the show! As this is an evening performance, all children will need to be collected by an adult at the end of the performance. Please support your child with learning their lines and providing their costumes. More details will be shared closer to the time.
Graduation Year 6	You are warmly invited to attend a special Graduation Ceremony to celebrate your child/children's time at Hollydale. This year's Year 6 Graduation Ceremony will take place on Friday 10th July 2025 from 2pm until 4pm . At this special event, the children will share memories, perform songs and receive their end of year and Graduation certificates. The Graduation Ceremony will be immediately followed by an Afternoon Tea. We would be very grateful if everyone could provide a dish for the buffet, whether this be a home-cooked dish or alternative 'party' food, which can then be shared. Please see the following suggestions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Crisps, cookies or small cakes - Sandwiches - Sausage/vegan or vegetarian rolls - Juice - Chicken, samosas, spring rolls etc If your dish is home-cooked, please ensure it is brought in in a clearly labelled container. Please also remember we are a nut-free school, so all food must be entirely free of nuts and nut traces. We look forward to seeing you there!
Key dates	Monday 1st June 2026 – Children return to school Monday 8th June 2026 – Science Week begins! Friday 12th June 2026 – Dress as a Scientist Day! Friday 19th June 2026 – Fathers' Day Sale/Event Monday 22nd June 2026 – Assessment Week begins (Y5s) Friday 26th June 2026 – Friends of Hollydale AGM Friday 26th June 2026 – Spanish Day Thursday 2nd July 2026 – Poetry Recital Assembly Friday 3rd July 2026 – Sports Day! Saturday 4th July 2026 – Summer Fair Thursday 9th July 2026 - Pupil's reports will be sent home Thursday 9th July 2026 – Summer Music Concert Friday 10th July 2026 – Graduation for Y6 children 2pm-4pm Wednesday 15th July 2026 – Pupils' exercise books will be sent home Thursday 16th July 2026 – Transition Day – children will spend time with their new teachers in their new classroom Friday 17th July 2026 – Last Day finish at 1pm. Children can wear their own clothes.

Term will finish on Friday 17th July at 1pm. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact us. Thank you for your continued support and co-operation.

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