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Hollydale News

Hollydale Newsletter 2nd October 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a busy few weeks with lots of exciting learning opportunities for our children. A huge thank you to all of our parents, carers and families for your support with our recent fundraising events. We raised **£165 for Macmillan Cancer Support** through our Coffee Morning and Cake Sale, and a further **£125 for Jeans for Genes Day**. That means we raised **£290 altogether** for these two important causes. Thank you to everyone who donated, baked, bought cakes, took part and helped make these events such a success. We really appreciate the continued generosity and support of our school community.

Harvest Food Collection



A huge well done to all of our children for their wonderful performances in our Harvest Poetry Recital Assembly. Every class did a fantastic job, and it was lovely to see so many parents and carers joining us to celebrate the children's hard work. As part of our Harvest celebrations, we are collecting donations for the Salvation Army. We would be very grateful for any contributions, including tinned food, toiletries, baby products and other useful non-perishable items. Please send any donations into school. Thank you, as always, for your continued generosity and support.

Online Safety Tip of the Week

It is important that we keep up with technology especially to help keep our children safe. Research shows that involving parents and carers in a child's digital journey increases the impact of online safety education, helps children thrive online, alleviates parental concerns. Did you know 76% of children have shared an inappropriate image online and 30% of 5–7-year-olds have a social media account?

<https://natterhub.com/online-safety-parent-workshop>

Best wishes,
Leadership Team

Thought of the Week

"Coming together is a beginning, keeping together is a process, working together is success." (Henry Ford)



Important dates for your diary

Monday 12 th October	KS1 Multi Skills
Tuesday 13 th and Wednesday 14 th	Parent consultation meetings 3.45 – 6.00pm

Friends of Hollydale Primary School

AUTUMN WEEK ACTIVITIES

TUESDAY 20TH OCTOBER
Air Dry Clay

WEDNESDAY 21ST OCTOBER
Canvas Printing

THURSDAY 22ND OCTOBER
Slime Making

15:30 – 16:30

£2.50 PER CHILD | **SIBLINGS: £2 EACH**

SPACES ARE LIMITED – FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED.

If you would like your child to attend please email your child's name and class to:
friendsofhollydale@gmail.com
and we will confirm your place.

STAY CONNECTED STAY INFORMED
Join the Friends of Hollydale Primary School Parents' WhatsApp Group to stay up to date with all our events and activities!
SCAN TO JOIN OUR GROUP

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	90%	3
Elm	96%	3
Cedar	96%	2
Oak	91%	2
Birch	98%	1
Hazel	90%	1
Willow	95%	2

Class Catch Up!

EYFS Cherry Class have been busy celebrating autumn with some wonderful creative activities! They made colourful leaf crowns, painted adorable hedgehogs, and enjoyed cutting and sticking to create their own pumpkins.



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Elm Class (Year 1) created their own 3D fruit and vegetables to celebrate and appreciate the Harvest Festival.



In Oak Class (Year 2/3) we have been learning about where foods come from and the importance of harvest. We enjoyed using paints to create harvest artwork.



Stunning artwork created by Year 3 Cedar Class, inspired by their poem, Harvest Moon.
Ambrose, Storme, Idris



Year 4 created artwork of birch trees in Autumn to celebrate Harvest in Art this week.



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In Y5/6 Hazel class, we have been creating art inspired by our poem 'Under the Harvest Moon' by Carl Sandburg.

David, Thiago and Ash



Y6 Willow Class - We created harvest artwork inspired by the artists Loretta Grayson.

Adisha, Marina, Elizabeth K, Aisha and Ashlyn



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Thursday Reward Assembly Chart
W/C: 28.09.26
Excellence Reward week for: Poetry

Class	Name of Child	Reason for reward	Name of child	Reason for reward
Cherry YR	Ewan	For working hard to learn and recite their autumn poem for their first poetry assembly!	Rumi	For working hard to learn and recite their autumn poem for their first poetry assembly!
Elm Y1	Emma	For working incredibly hard to recite an unknown poem by heart with expression.	Pris	For working incredibly hard to recite an unknown poem by heart with expression.
Oak Y2-3	Neveah	For working hard to help us write a class poem.	Diamond	For working hard to learn our class poem and perform it using the correct intonation.
Cedar Y3	Eric	For learning our poem about the harvest moon with enthusiasm.	Ashraf	For reciting our class poem Harvest Moon using great expression!
Birch Y4	Leamen	For working incredibly hard to recite an unknown poem by heart with expression.	Ricarri	For working incredibly hard to recite an unknown poem by heart with expression.
Hazel Y5-6	Kymani	For writing a lovely poem about 'Freedom Bird' and showing enthusiasm for completing his work.	Kayden	For writing an amazing poem about Cossal Park.
Willow 6	Adisha	You can recite the poem accurately and are beginning to use expression to engage your audience.	Mohamad	You have learnt the poem off by heart and performed it with confidence and expression.

