

# HOLLY GROVE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



13TH JANUARY 2025



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2025

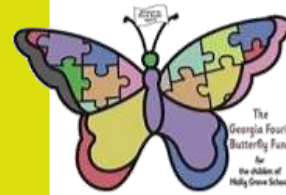
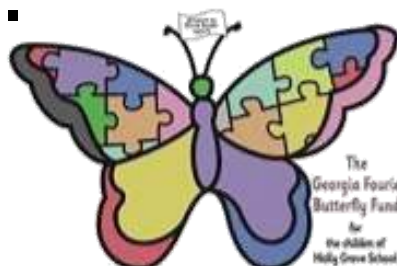
Welcome back!  
Happy New Year everyone!  
We hope you all enjoyed the Christmas break and are ready to dive into 2025.

## REMINDER

### HELPING HAND GRANT

Helping Hand Grant applications forms have been sent out. Please can we ask that you include as much detail as possible on the forms. This will help us to process your application quickly.

All application forms need to be completed and sent back to school by 31st January 2025.



### 100 CLUB



JANUARY 2025

Well done to our January 100 club winners. Cheques are in the post.

Number 27 - Sharon Amos £50

Number 52 - Megan Fallaize £25



WINNER





# Chill and Chat



We are holding our next Chill and Chat group on Tuesday 28th January 2025 from 1-3pm.

This is an informal group for our parent's/carer's and you are welcome to attend, have a brew and a chat.

Mispah, from the Community Genetics Team at Home Start, will be attending this session. This team aim to raise genetic knowledge in the community on inherited disorders and are able to visit families in their own homes to provide information/support and access to the Genetic Counselling Service. Please see the link below to Home Start to see services and support they can offer. You will also have the opportunity to speak to Shagufta about any concerns or support you require.

Please feel free to bring in any snacks to share.



[ABOUT US - HOME-START EAST LANCASHIRE](#)



**Huge congratulations to our amazing Headteacher, Karen Alty, who has been recognised on the New Year's Honours List!**

We are incredibly proud of Karen, who goes above and beyond every day for our pupils. Her dedication to education is truly inspiring, and Holly Grove is so lucky to have her at the helm.

Karen has been awarded the Order of the British Empire (OBE) for her exceptional services to education.

This recognition is so well deserved, and we couldn't be prouder!

**WOW!**

Well Done Karen!

**You are Amazing!**



**Well done**

**Congratulations to Katei Walker, one of our lower school teachers for passing her ECT period. Well Done Katie, we are all very proud of you!**

**A fantastic achievement!**



# **ATTENDANCE HEROES**

## **AUTUMN 2 TERM**

**WINNER- JENNY'S CLASS 94.9 %**

**MOST IMPROVED- AISLING'S CLASS 92 %**

**KATIE'S CLASS- 87.3 %**

**SAMANTHA'S CLASS -74.8 %**

**REBECCA'S CLASS - 87.2 %**

**JOSH'S CLASS - 80.1 %**

**COURTNEY'S CLASS -94.7 %**

**LAURA'S CLASS - 91 %**

**JULIE'S CLASS - 94.3 %**

**ADAM'S CLASS -93.1 %**

**ALEX'S CLASS -82.9 %**

**MICHAEL'S CLASS -94.8 %**



# Staff Development



Wednesday 3pm-4:30pm

Wednesday 15th January -  
Infection control training

Wednesday 22nd January -  
Planning and Assessment

Wednesday 29th January -  
Online Safety updates

Wednesday 5th February  
Evidence Me updates



Thursday 23rd January      Blackpool Residential meeting

Tuesday 28th January      Chill and Chat

3 - 7th February      Children's Mental Health Week

Friday 7th February      NSPCC Number Day

Tuesday 11th February      Safer Internet Day

Friday 14th February      School closes for half term

You can access all our policies and our privacy notices on the school website.



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## HOLLY GROVE HEROES



Aisling's Class - Freddie and Zach

Katie's Class - Louie

Samantha's Class - Avery

Rebecca's Class - Stefania

Laura's Class - Oliver

Adam's Class - Minnie

Julie's Class - Essa

Michael's Class - Minahil

Courtney's Class - Phinn

Josh's Class - Evie

Alex's Class - Jamie

Jenny's Class - Joshua



# HAPPY BIRTHDAY



### STAFF



Michael  
Julie.A

### CHILDREN



Archie  
Tommy



**RIDGEWOOD  
COMMUNITY HIGH  
SCHOOL**

## OPEN EVENING!

WEDNESDAY 29TH JANUARY  
4.30 - 6.30 PM

### WHY CHOOSE RIDGEWOOD?

Our modern campus, with its distinctive infrastructure, includes specialist rooms for multi-sensory activities, music, drama and Art. We offer a caring and safe environment for children and young adults with diverse special educational needs and disabilities.

Our curriculum is broad and ambitious, with high expectations for our pupils: not only to meet their academic goals but encouraging them to meet their potential in all aspects of their lives. We have tailor-made lessons that consider our pupil's interests, making sure our pupils feel safe, secure and a valued part of our school community



### Ofsted Rating : Good

"Pupils benefit from the strong and positive relationships that they have with staff in school. They know that they can trust the adults around them to keep them safe...Pupils show respect to others. They accept each other's unique differences." Ofsted report 2023

Secondary School: 11-19 year olds  
Special Needs Education

**COME ALONG AND  
JOIN US!**

#### Contact Information

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# SEN NUTRITION WORKSHOP



**BASICALLY**  
*Cheer*

## SEN ACTIVITIES

INCLUSIVE SESSIONS FOR  
ALL AGES

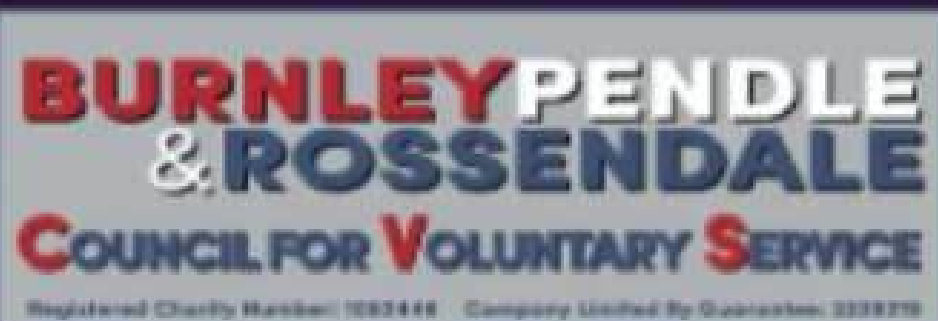
This informative workshop is predominantly aimed at adults with additional needs/disabilities and their carers or parents of children with additional needs/disabilities who would like to enhance their knowledge about nutrition.

Workshop delivered by qualified nutritionist Julie Barrow.

Booking is essential - limited spaces available.

**Wednesday 22nd January**  
**10:30AM - 11:30AM**

FREE



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# Happier January 2025



MONDAY

TUESDAY

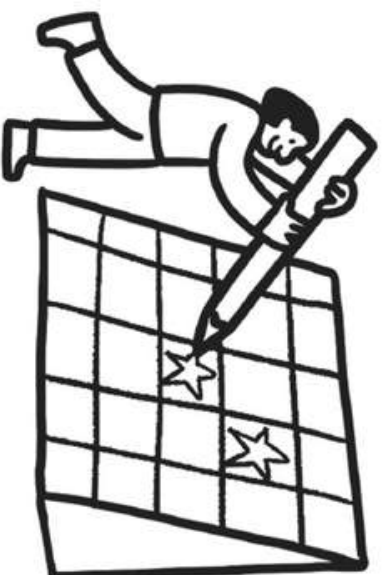
WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

SUNDAY



1 Find three things to look forward to this year

2 Make time today to do something kind for yourself

3 Do a kind act for someone else to help brighten their day

4 Write a list of things you feel grateful for and why

5 Look for the good in others and notice their strengths

6 Take five minutes to sit still and just breathe

7 Learn something new and share it with others

8 Say positive things to the people you meet today

9 Get moving. Do something active (ideally outdoors)

10 Thank someone you're grateful to and tell them why

11 Switch off all your tech at least an hour before bedtime

12 Connect with someone near you - share a smile or chat

13 Take a different route today and see what you notice

14 Eat healthy food which really nourishes you today

15 Get outside and notice five things that are beautiful

16 Contribute positively to your local community

17 Be gentle with yourself when you make mistakes

18 Get back in contact with an old friend

19 Focus on what's good, even if today feels tough

20 Go to bed in good time and allow yourself to recharge

21 Try out something new to get out of your comfort zone

22 Plan something fun and invite others to join you

23 Put away digital devices and focus on being in the moment

24 Take a small step towards an important goal

25 Decide to lift people up rather than put them down

26 Choose one of your strengths and find a way to use it today

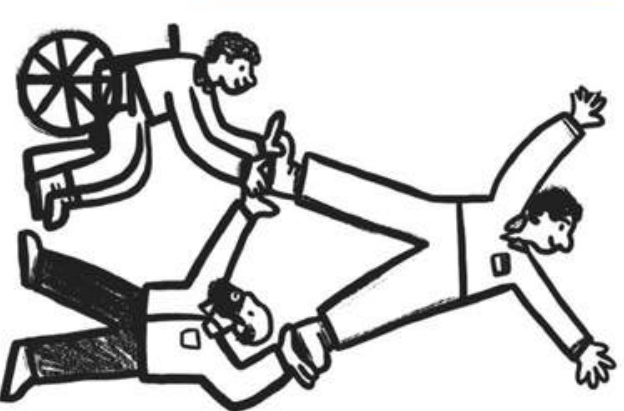
27 Challenge your negative thoughts and look for the upside

28 Ask other people about things they've enjoyed recently

29 Say hello to a neighbour and get to know them better

30 See how many people you can smile at today

31 Write down your hopes or plans for the future



ACTION FOR HAPPINESS

Happier · Kinder · Together