

# HOLLY GROVE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



17TH MARCH 2025



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We hope you had a great weekend!

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We really welcome any positive comments or suggestions you may have about Holly Grove School. Please click the link to share your views with us. Please note this is for comments and suggestions only and although checked regularly will not be checked daily. Any queries, concerns or complaints should be submitted in the normal way by contacting your child's class teacher, a member of SLT or by following the Procedure for Handling Complaints Policy which can be found on our school website or by requesting a copy from the school office.

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COMIC RELIEF

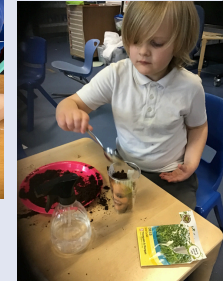
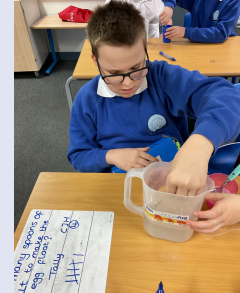
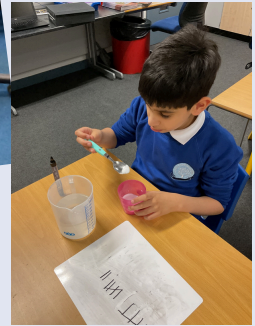
RED NOSE DAY



Friday 21st March is Comic Relief's Red Nose Day and pupils are welcome and encouraged to wear the colour red/non-uniform in exchange for a suggested donation of £1

All proceeds will go towards supporting the Comic Relief charity and the wonderful work they do.

# SCIENCE WEEK



## Zoo Lab







Holly Grove is participating in the 'Bag 2 School' initiative! Each pupil will receive a bag to fill with any of the following items they no longer need: clothes, shoes, handbags, hats, bags, scarves, bras, jewellery, socks, and belts. Please remember, items like duvets, blankets, pillows, cushions, ripped or soiled clothes, batteries, school uniforms, and furniture cannot be accepted.



The bags collected will be sent to various locations, including Africa and Ukraine, while others will be recycled or repurposed. Bag 2 School is a fun, free and easy way for us to raise funds, the more bags we send, the more money Holly Grove receives.



You can use your own bag or one of the provided bags, which have been sent home.

Please do not bring any bags to school until the collection date on **Tuesday 25th March** as we won't have space to store them.

If you're having a clear-out, we encourage you to bag up those items and contribute!

**THANK YOU!**



"What an incredible performance of The Wizard of Oz by M&M Productions at school yesterday! The children and staff thoroughly enjoyed it from start to finish—such a magical experience! Huge thanks to M&M Productions for an unforgettable show.

We would also like to say a huge Thank you to Happy Days Children's Charity for funding the performance .





# WELL-BEING



Thank you for all those who attended last week's cooking workshop. We had lots of fun being in teams and creating two different dishes 'Chicken Fajita Pasta' and 'Orzo with Fennel and Chorizo.' A huge thank you to Josh who ran the session. Josh judged which was the best meal at the end - both teams scored 10/10! Everybody enjoyed getting involved and taking some home in a takeaway box!



**This week**

This week is our Spring wreath session with Aisling. This will start at 1pm.



# Stay and Play



Here is a list of each class' stay and play sessions for the Spring Term. You are very welcome to attend the session of the class your child belongs to.



Aisling's Class	2.4.25 at 1.30pm
Katie's Class	11.2.25 at 9.30am
Samantha's Class	27.3.25 at 1.30pm
Josh's Class	1.4.25 at 1.30pm
Rebecca's Class	31.3.25 at 2pm
Laura's Class	31.3.25 at 2pm
Courtney's Class	2.4.25 at 1.30pm
Adam's Class	25.3.25 at 1pm
Julie's Class	25.3.25 at 1pm
Jenny's Class	3.4.25 at 10.30am
Alex's Class	27.3.25 at 11.15am
Michael's Class	1.4.25 at 1.30pm




# SIGNS OF THE WEEK




We are putting 2 different Makaton signs every week onto the newsletter. These are our school signs of the week and your child will be practising them in class.

These will give you the opportunity to practise different signs with your child at home.




**Rabbit**




**Rabbit**

Waggle fingers slightly



**Chicken**







# STAFF DEVELOPMENT



Wednesdays  
3pm-4:30pm



WEDNESDAY 5TH MARCH

PECS Training

WEDNESDAY 12TH MARCH

Workshops

WEDNESDAY 19TH MARCH

Evidence Me Updates

WEDNESDAY 26TH MARCH

Class Team Meetings

Dates for your diary



WEDNESDAY 19TH MARCH Parent Well-being Workshop

FRIDAY 21ST MARCH - Comic Relief

TUESDAY 25TH MARCH Chill and Chat

FRIDAY 4TH APRIL - School closes for Easter holidays

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## HOLLY GROVE HEROES



Aisling's Class Mahima

Katie's Class - Louie and Emilia

Samantha's Class- Martha

Rebecca's Class- Ariz

Josh's Class Harry and Tommy

Courtney's Class Harry

Laura's Class - Hana

Julie's Class - Stanley

Adam's Class - Archie

Alex's Class - Shayaan

Jenny's Class-Joshua

Michael's Class -Ted

**SUPER!**

HAPPY

BIRTHDAY

Staff

Children

No Birthdays

Samuel  
Ashley





# EASTER HOLIDAY CLUB

APRIL 14TH &  
15TH  
10:00 AM -  
2PM

£10 per day







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Dates for your diary

We have scheduled in the following dates for our monthly parent SEN support group:

12th March

23rd April

21st May

18th June

16th July

No sessions in August

10th September

8th October

5th November

10th December

Stay in the loop & get additional support via our dedicated Facebook group:

<https://www.facebook.com/share/g/1CXib417dL/?mibextid=wwXlfr>

**SEN PARENT SUPPORT NETWORK**

Looking for a friendly and fun way to connect with other SEN families?

Join our monthly parent support network coffee morning for an informal drop in and chat with like minded people.

Parenting is better with a bit of laughter and great company!

**What's included:**

- FREE tea and coffee
- FREE toast, crumpets & biscuits
- Share stories
- Swap tips in a relaxed, supportive atmosphere
- Signposting & support

**Monthly on a Wednesday**  
**9:15AM - 10:30AM**

**FREE**

**SEN ACTIVITIES**  
INCLUSIVE SESSIONS FOR ALL AGES

# SEN ACTIVITIES

*Inclusive sessions for all ages*



## DANCE



Our adapted SEN dance classes are the perfect way for your child to express themselves, make friends and have fun. We use a range of sensory props to enhance the class.

£2

WEDNESDAY 4.30PM - 5.15PM

## FITNESS



A fun and friendly class perfect for adults with disabilities or additional needs who want to exercise at their own pace. Sessions will be adapted to suit individual needs and support provided. We do a variety of different exercises each week.

£2

FRIDAY 11.00AM - 12.00PM

## ARTS & CRAFTS



An adult wellbeing arts and crafts workshop run by My Colourful Memories CIC. Each week, we provide a different craft or art activity, allowing everyone to have fun and share conversations.

£3

FRIDAY 12.30PM - 2.00PM

## STAY & PLAY



This is our SEN specific session. This session is open to anyone but adapted to suit those with additional needs. Enjoy exploring different activities as a family. Refreshments included. Parents/carers are welcome to stay and play. We do also offer a drop off and collect with this session.

£2

SATURDAY 9.30AM - 12.00PM

## COFFEE MORNING



Looking for a friendly and fun way to connect with other SEN families? Join our parent support network monthly Coffee Morning. Enjoy a FREE cuppa, share stories, and swap tips in a relaxed, supportive atmosphere.

Parenting is better with a bit of laughter and great company!

FREE

WEDNESDAY 15TH JANUARY 9.00AM - 10.30AM

## NUTRITION



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

FREE

WEDNESDAY 22ND JANUARY 10.30AM - 11.30AM

## SOUND BATH



FOR ADULTS

This unique and holistic wellness practice uses soothing vibrations from Tibetan bowls, crystal singing bowls and chimes to address physical, emotional and spiritual imbalances by relaxing the mind and body. This immersive sensory experiences can help to reduce stress, anxiety and promote better sleep. This session is aimed at adults with SEN/disabilities. Workshop delivered by qualified sound healer Mandy Burney-Cumming

FREE

WEDNESDAY 12TH FEBRUARY 10.30AM - 12.00PM

## SOUND BATH



FOR CHILDREN

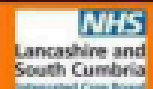
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FREE

WEDNESDAY 29TH JANUARY 5.30PM - 6.30PM



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# LIMITLESS CLARETS

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**FOOTBALL, CLIMBING  
& MUCH MORE!**

**BURNLEY**  
FC IN THE COMMUNITY

**FREE SESSIONS**

SCAN ME FOR  
MORE INFO



# Mindful March 2025

SATURDAY

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

1 Set an intention to live with awareness and kindness

2 Notice three things you find beautiful in the outside world

3 Start today by appreciating your body and that you're alive

4 Notice how you speak to yourself and choose to use kind words

5 Bring to mind people you care about and send love to them

6 If you find yourself rushing, make an effort to slow down

7 Take three calm breaths at regular intervals during your day

8 Eat mindfully. Appreciate the taste, texture and smell of your food

9 Take a full breath in and out before you reply to others

10 Get outside and notice how the weather feels on your face

11 Stay fully present while drinking your cup of tea or coffee

12 Listen deeply to someone and really hear what they are saying

13 Pause to watch the sky or clouds for a few minutes today

14 Find ways to enjoy any chores or tasks that you do

15 Stop. Breathe. Notice. Repeat regularly

16 Get really absorbed with an interesting or creative activity

17 Look around and spot three things you find unusual or pleasant

18 Have a 'no plans' day and notice how that feels

19 Cultivate a feeling of loving-kindness towards others today

20 Focus on what makes you and others happy today

21 Listen to a piece of music without doing anything else

22 Notice something that is going well, even if today feels difficult

23 Tune into your feelings, without judging or trying to change them

24 Appreciate your hands and all the things they enable you to do

25 Focus your attention on the good things you take for granted

26 Choose to spend less time looking at screens today

27 Appreciate nature around you, wherever you are

28 Notice when you're tired and take a break as soon as possible

29 Choose a different route today and see what you notice

30 Mentally scan your body and notice what it is feeling

31 Discover the joy in the simple things of life



ACTION FOR HAPPINESS

Happier · Kinder · Together





## **PUPIL HOLIDAY DATES – 2024 / 2025**

### **Autumn Term 2024**

Re-open		Wednesday 4 September 2024
Half Term	5 days	Monday 21 October Friday 25 October (inclusive)
Re-open		Monday 28 October

**Christmas** - Closure after school on Friday 20 December 2024

### **Spring Term 2025**

Re-open		Monday 6 January 2025
Half Term	5 days	Monday 17 February to Monday 24 February (inclusive)
Re-open		Tuesday 25 February

**Easter** - Closure after school on Friday 4 April 2025

### **Summer Term 2025**

Re-open		Tuesday 22 April 2025
May Day	1 day	Monday 5 May
Half Term	5 days	Monday 26 May to Friday 30 May (inclusive)
Re-open		Monday 2 June

**Summer** - Closure after school on Friday 18 July 2025



## **Pupil Holiday Dates – 2025/2026**

### **Autumn Term 2025**

<b>Re-open</b>		<b>Wednesday 3 September 2025</b>
<b>Half Term</b>	<b>5 days</b>	<b>Monday 27 October Friday 31 October (inclusive)</b>
<b>Re-open</b>		<b>Monday 3 November</b>

**Christmas - Closure after school on Friday 19 December 2025**

### **Spring Term 2026**

<b>Re-open</b>		<b>Monday 5th January 2026</b>
<b>Half Term</b>	<b>5 days</b>	<b>Monday 16 February to Friday 20 February (inclusive)</b>
<b>Re-open</b>		<b>Tuesday 24 February</b>

**Easter - Closure after school on Friday 27 March 2026**

### **Summer Term 2026**

<b>Re-open</b>		<b>Monday 13 April 2026</b>
<b>May Day</b>	<b>1 day</b>	<b>Monday 4 May</b>
<b>Half Term</b>	<b>5 days</b>	<b>Monday 25 May to Friday 29 May (inclusive)</b>
<b>Re-open</b>		<b>Tuesday 2 June</b>

**Summer - Closure after school on Friday 17 July 2026**