SCHOOL NEWS ...this week at HOLYPORT



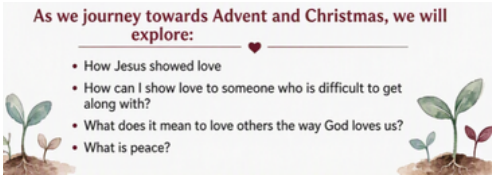
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Our vision is :
'Love Learning and Love Life ... in all its fullness". (John 10:10)
We live our vision through understanding how to grow in good soil (Parable of the Sower) & following our school values:
Term 1: Friendship
Term 2: Love & Peace
Term 3: Trust
Term 4: Responsibility
Term 5: Respect
Term 6: Creativity





"I have decided to stick with love." – Martin Luther King Jr.



Upcoming Events

- **Book Fair Opens Today**
  11th November
- **Year 2 Living Rainforest Trip**
  12th November
- **Children In Need Wear Spotty Clothes Day**
  13th November
- **School Photographs**
  17th November
- **Christmas Card Design for Josh Reynolds with Maidenhead Advertiser**
  30th November at 9.30am

Message from the Head

With Diwali celebrations and Bonfire Night festivities taking place over the past few days, the skies have been beautifully lit around Maidenhead and I hope you enjoyed these and stayed warm! Happy Diwali to all our families who are celebrating this.

If your child would like to buy a poppy or other items to raise funds for the Royal British Legion, Year 6 Worship Leaders and House Captains will be going around the classrooms this week.

We held our Remembrance Collective Worship yesterday which was confidently led by our Year 3 - 6 Worship Team. Along with sharing about the meaning of Remembrance, they involved the children in reflecting on themselves as peacemakers, learning about the Cenotaph memorial in London and how communities and churches mark Remembrance. It was very moving and respectful.

We will begin our first Book Share morning, with Year 5 and 6 classes on Thursday 8.30am - 8.45am. An email with details of these has been sent out. It's a time for your child to share their work and what they have learned and enjoyed. We hope as many of you as possible are able to come along.

Thank you to Father Ainsley, who led a collective worship on All Saint's Day last week.

Finally, as the weather becomes wetter, we are no longer able to use the field during the school day - however the MUD Zone will remain open and access to the CREATIVE Zone as well! Children will continue to enjoy a range of engaging activities at breaktimes and lunchtimes, so please, please ensure they bring a suitable **name-labelled coat** to school each day so they can stay warm and dry outside!

Best wishes,
Mrs Featherstone

Stars of the Week

EYFS	-	**Year 4**	Jacob
Year 1	Ayansh	**Year 5**	Finlay
Year 2	-	**Year 6**	Luca
Year 3	-		

I spy, children busy at work!

I dropped in and saw ...

EARLY Years...

were enjoying their PE with Mr Deverall by using a range of skills such as throwing with activities such as curling, bowling and target board games.

Year 2...

were showing great concentration, as they used different methods such as bar models and part part whole diagrams, to find out the answer to some missing number challenges.

YEAR 4...

were busy learning their 3,6,9 times tables, by spotting patterns.

YEAR 6...

were definitely testing their resilience learning, working heads! They were practicing their 'rounding' of numbers and it was great to see some children peer tutoring!

YEAR 1...

were working in pairs, challenging each other to write a number sentence, from their partners drawing of a number of objects and subtracting.

YEAR 3...

are reading 'The BFG' and were using some of the amazing word choices and grouping them into 3 categories (throwing, drinking and running).

YEAR 5...

showed great determination in the Maths lesson, learning cube numbers and how to calculate these.
Some children had memorised square numbers, to help them.



Christmas Card Competition

We've been invited to take part in a Christmas card competition launched by Josh Reynolds, MP for Maidenhead — and we'd love for our talented young artists to get involved!

Josh is looking for a budding artist to design his official Christmas card for 2026. One that captures the true spirit of Christmas in Maidenhead. The winning design will be printed and sent out to people across Maidenhead, as well as to politicians, royalty, and leaders around the world! The winner will also win a family ticket to Legoland!

Remember:

- Designs need to be bold, bright and eye-catching!
- Use paint, felt tips or crayons (please avoid coloured pencils as they don't reproduce well in print).
- Flat, two-dimensional designs work best – please don't use glitter, cotton wool, or other materials that stick out.

The deadline for the competition is **30th of November 2026**. Entries need to feature your full name, age and the School/Organisation of the entrant, as well as the parent's name, phone number and address.

Please send entries to Maidenhead Advertiser, 48 Bell Street, Maidenhead, Berkshire, SL61HX.

Good luck to everyone taking part. We look forward to seeing your wonderful festive creations!

Dates for your Diary

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Term 2	
12/11	Year 2 Living Rainforest Trip
12/11 8.30am	Years 5&6 Book Share - Parents Welcome
13/11	BBC Children in Need - Spotty Clothes Day
16/11	Anti-Bullying Week & Odd Socks Day
17/11	School Photographs
18/11 8.45-10.15	Parent Partnership Meetings
19/11 - 8.30am	Years 3&4 Book Share - Parents Welcome
19/11	Anti-Bullying Workshop
20/11	HSA Break the Rulz Day
24/11 9.30am	Open Morning for Sept 2027 Intake
25/11 - 8.30am	Years 1&2 Book Share - Parents Welcome
27/11	HSA Year 2 Cake Sale
1/12 8.45-10.15	Parent Partnership Mtgs
1/12	Year 6 Height & Weight Check
2/12 8.50am	Year 1 Christingle Assembly - Parents Welcome
3/12	Year 1 Trip to Reading Museum
3/12 8.30am	EYFS Book Share - Parents Welcome
4/12	HSA Disco