# HOLYPORT NEWS

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## NEWSLETTER 9 - 4 JUNE 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a real pleasure to welcome everyone back to school following the half term break. I hope that families were able to enjoy some rest, helped with the amazing weather we experienced, and that the children have returned refreshed and ready for the busy weeks ahead.

It has been wonderful to see the children settling back into routines so positively and engaging so well with their lessons. There has already been a great sense of focus across the school, which bodes well for the rest of the term.

This half term is always an important one. With the summer term underway, there are many exciting opportunities ahead, including trips, special events, and opportunities for the children to celebrate their achievements. For our older pupils, it is also a time to continue building confidence and independence as they prepare for their next steps. As part of our transition programme, every year we invite in Wayne Dixon from Christian Connections in School. He leads a wonderful programme for Year 6 called, 'It's Your Move' during which they are given practical tools, real-world advice and emotional reassurance which will help them step forward with confidence and this took place recently and we hope the Year 6 children found it useful.

Thank you for all your support in helping us mark Walk to School Week as part of our Healthy Lifestyles and thank you to Mr Deverall and Mrs Rendle in the office for arranging the Skateability, Scootability and Bikeability Workshops!

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to speak to a member of staff. We value strong partnerships with our families and appreciate the role you play in supporting your child's education.

We are looking forward to a busy and successful half term ahead and will be sharing more updates, celebrations, and important information with you in the coming weeks.
Thank you once again for your continued support.

Kind regards,
**Amanda Featherstone**
**Headteacher**

**Our Christian Value this term is.... Respect**

UNICEF Rights of the Child Article 29

Your education should help you use and develop your talents and abilities. It should also help you learn to live peacefully, protect the environment and respect other people.

## Want to know school dates on the go?

Did you know you can sync our school calendar to your phone's calendar?
On your phone or device, simply go to our calendar page on our school website and click "Subscribe to this calendar"

Click here to go to our calendar




# EXPANSION OF FREE SCHOOL MEALS

The Government has confirmed that from September 2026, all children in households receiving Universal Credit will be entitled to Free School Meals, regardless of household income.
In order to qualify for this, you must register using the link below (also available on the school **website**) before **31st August 2026**.

**Online Application for Free School Meals**

For further information about Free School Meals, please visit the Government website:

**Free school meals: guidance for local authorities, local-authority-maintained schools, academies and free schools**

| Term 6 | |
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| 8/6 | Year 1 Phonics Testing Week |
| 9/6 - 5.15pm | Year 6 Liddington Compulsory Parent Meeting |
| 9/6 | Y4/5 Baseball Festival |
| 11/6 | Y5/6 Girls Cricket - Pinkneys Green Cricket Club |
| 12/6 | HSA Summer Disco |
| 16/6 | KS2: JMF Music Festival |
| 16/6 - 9.00am | EYFS Big Toddle |
| 17/6 | Year 6 RBWM Drowning Prevention |
| 18/6 | Yr 6 Trip to Mandir |
| 19/6 | HSA Father's Day Shopping Event |
| 23/6 | Y6 Boys Cricket, Pinkneys Green Cricket Club |
| 24-26/6 | Year 6 Residential Trip to PGL Liddington |
| 30/6 | Class Swap Morning and Year 6 Transition Day |
| 1/7 - 8.50am | Year 4 Show Assembly - Parents Welcome |
| 2/7 | School Photographs |
| 3/7 | INSET DAY - School Closed to Children |
| 4/7 11am-3pm | HSA Summer Fair |
| 7/7 | HSA Little Recyclers Collection |
| 8/7 - 8.50am | Year 5 Show Assembly - Parents Welcome |
| 14/7 | Year 6 Braywick Nature Reserve |
| 14/7 - 2.30pm | Rock Steady Concert |
| 15/7 - 8.50am | Year 2 Show Assembly - Parents Welcome |
| 16/7 - 5.30pm | Year 6 Production |
| 22/7 | Last Day of Term - 2.00pm |

# STARS OF THE WEEK

Reception
Ayansh
Lola

Year 1
Millie

Year 2
Arthur

Year 3
Jacob

Year 4
Thomas

Year 5
Gaurav

Year 6
Jayden

# WELL DONE TO OUR HALF TERMLY ACHIEVERS

## SUMMER TERM 1

EYFS
THEO

YEAR 1
LUNA

YEAR 2
ARIYA CL

YEAR 3
MABEL

YEAR 4
ELSIE

YEAR 5
YAHYA

YEAR 6
WILLOW

# IN THE SPOTLIGHT...

Issy and Thomas, in Year 6 completed a challenge during May Half term for their birthdays, post SATS celebration and ahead of them starting their Secondary school journey in September... They walked up and down Pen Y Fan in the Breacon Beacons in Wales. They walked 6.6kms in 2.17 hours and due to the weather, were up and down by 11am. A very well deserved swim afterwards in the Crickhowell river! It was hot and really hard work – mentally and physically - however they stuck to the challenge as both wanted to do it ... It was a super proud moment for all of us in quite a few ways!
Well done to you both!



# SPORTING EVENTS!

## It was a very busy half term, with lots of sporting events taking place across the school.



On the 7th May, children from Years 4 to 6 were selected to participate in a bowls event at Desborough Bowls Club. This is a new initiative to get more younger people into bowls. The event was lots of fun and the children really enjoyed themselves. As part of this event, Holyport are now one of the Bowls Project Schools, meaning we received a free kit bundle and will be receiving free external coaching to further develop our bowls skills in school.

**FREE Bowls Buddies session on SATURDAY 6th JUNE 10.00am – 12 Noon on SAT 6th June at Desborough Bowling Club, Green Lane, Maidenhead, SL6 1XZ**

Bowls Buddies introduces Bowls to younger children through this innovative fun programme, adapted to introduce the principles of bowls with soft, smaller bowls, that can be played indoors, and give children lots of success early on. Placed in a carousel of fun, simple target challenges, this activity is fun for all the family and all abilities, and very addictive as you strive to beat your personal best!

It has also been proven to effectively engage children in sport who are not currently engaged with the more traditional sports, such as football, netball etc. This fits nicely with our aim as a School Sport Partnership to get more children, more active, more of the time, so trying something new is a great way to start! Bowls can be quite a calming activity, making it appealing for some pupils who face a variety of challenges through the school day. Bowls Buddies allows the introduction of more physical activity elements into Bowls delivery too in a fun, welcoming environment.

Maidenhead Bowling Club are opening up their international standard indoor rink to local children with the aim of launching a new junior section where the sessions will be FREE to attend.

Come along and try something new and explore one of Maidenhead's gems! This is Crown Green Bowls, but not as you know it!!!

TO SIGN UP FOR YOUR FREE PLACE(S)

To sign up to attend this FREE taster Session please complete on line Google Form

**https://forms.gle/Xd3BH1rrKx1MVPJ66**

For more information please contact Desborough Bowling Club on 01628 629403 or Kaye Storrow at kaye@desboroughbc.com



# HEALTHY LIFESTYLES WEEK

We had a very successful healthy lifestyle week. The highlights of this week were KS1 and Reception unit took part in scootability, with KS2 thoroughly enjoying their skateboarding lessons. The children learnt valuable lessons on being safe, as well as learn exciting new tricks!

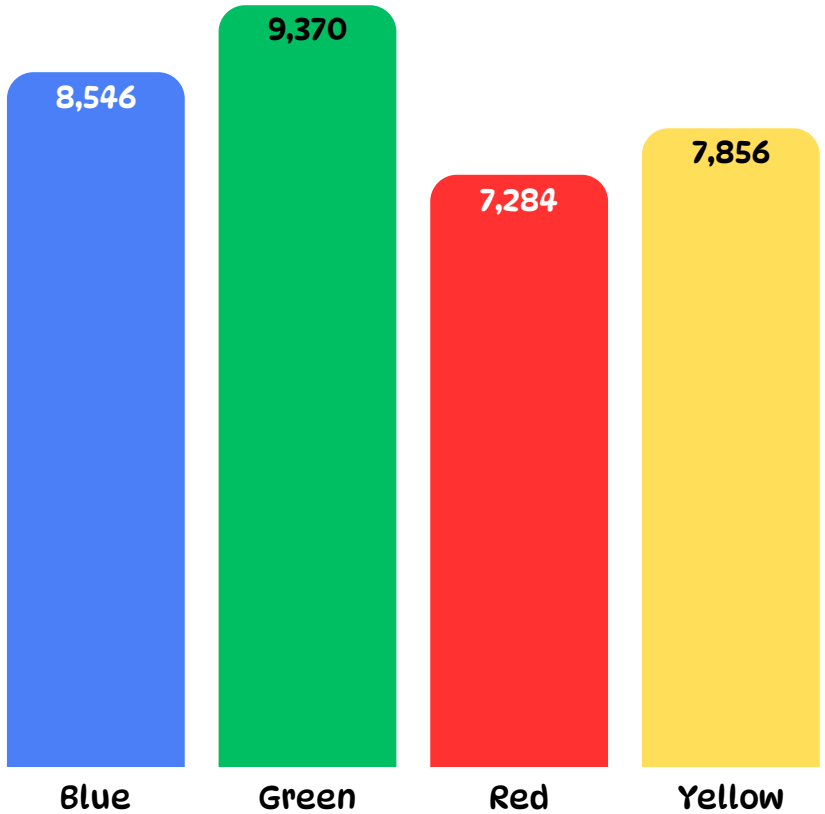
# SPORTS DAYS

Our Sports Days were a lively and successful events, celebrating teamwork, determination, and school spirit.

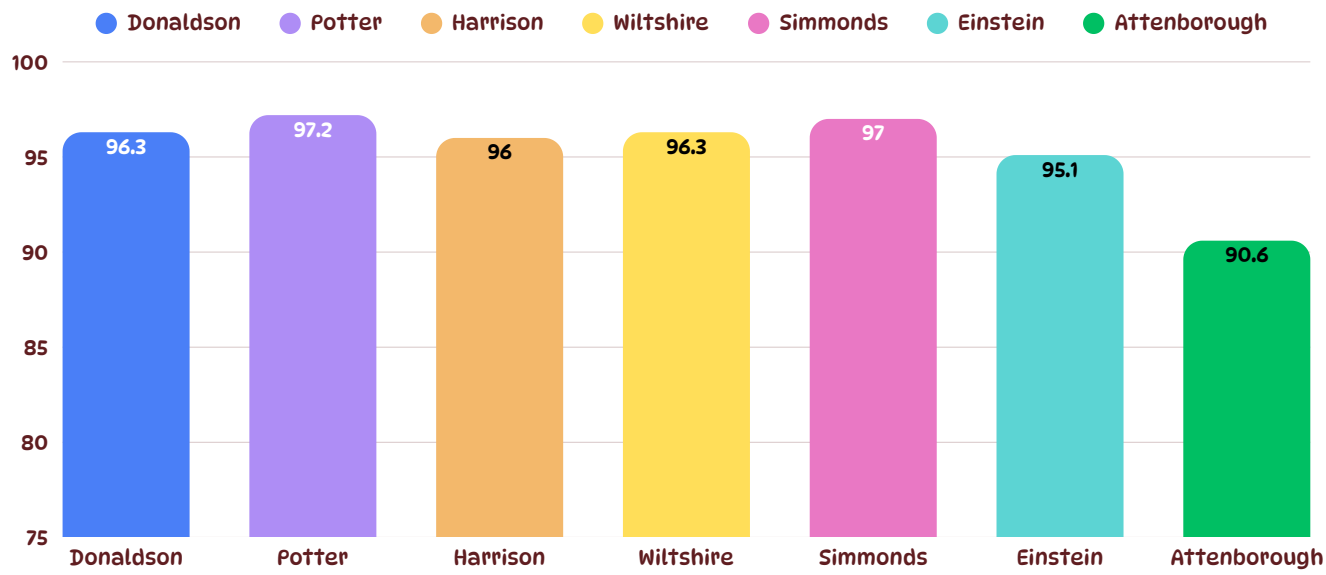
This year saw the introduction of the bowls event and archery event, which was equipment that are amazing HSA managed to source for us! These two events were thoroughly enjoyed by the children and we have also received some nice feedback from parents. It was great to see the children throwing and jumping so well!
The track events were competed with enthusiasm and a lot of effort, and it was great to see how the children reacted to winning and losing those events.

There were many standout performances, but what really shone was the encouragement and enthusiasm shown by everyone. Congratulations to the 'Greens', and well done to all!

A big thank you to everyone who helped out - we're already looking forward to next year!



# ATTENDANCE MATTERS!




## The Importance of Good Attendance

At Holyport, we place great importance on good school attendance. Being in school every day helps children make steady progress, build confidence, and stay connected with their friends and teachers.

We understand that children can become unwell from time to time, and in those cases they should of course stay at home. However, even one or two days of absence each term can quickly add up and may affect learning.

## How Parents Can Help Improve Attendance

Here are a few simple ways families can support strong attendance:

- Establish a good morning routine: Preparing bags and uniforms the night before helps mornings run more smoothly.
- Aim for early bedtimes: Well-rested children find it easier to get up and be ready for school.
- Arrive on time: Being punctual helps children feel settled and ready to learn from the start of the day.

Please be aware that the school or local authority can fine parents for the unauthorised absence of their child from school, where the child is of compulsory school age. The decision on whether or not to issue a penalty notice may take into account:

- The number of unauthorised absences occurring within a rolling academic year
- One-off instances of irregular attendance, such as holidays taken in term time without permission

We understand that there can be tricky times and we offer our full support with any attendance issue... keeping us in the loop is the key. If there are problems, we will do everything that we can to make attending school as simple as possible whilst ensuring your child is happy and reaches their full potential. If there are ever any problems, please talk with Mrs Featherstone at the earliest opportunity and we will do everything that we can to help and support.


HOLYPORT
VILLAGE FAIR
SATURDAY
6th June
FUNFAIR
RIDES
FOOD&
DRINK
TRADITIONAL
GAMES & STALLS
LIVE
MUSIC
TIME: 12-8pm
WHERE: Holyport Green
Holyport, SL6 2JL
Holyport Community Trust Charity No. 1179097


Next Thing
SUMMER
2026
AWESOME
SCIENCE
SHOWS
The
WOW
CAMP
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ROBOTS
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STROUD FARM ROAD, MAIDENHEAD, SL6 2LP
AGES 5-11, 9 AM - 4 PM
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SUMMER CAMPS 2026
DISCOVER NEW ACTIVITIES THIS SUMMER!
The timetables below are for this Summer – we refresh activities every holiday so there's always something new to experience!
OUR ACTIVITY COLOUR SYSTEM
FIRE = YELLOW
SPARK = PURPLE
POWER = RED
CLASSIC = BLUE
EVERY HOLIDAY NEW COLOUR, NEW ACTIVITIES!
WEEK 1
FIRE SET
TALKING ROBOTS
Inflatable
LittleBits INVENTIONS
ALL NEW VR
MINECRAFT REDSTONE
MAKEY MAKEY INVENTIONS
AUGMENTED REALITY
GAME CREATOR STUDIO
3D PENS STRUCTURES
PIXEL PARTY
TAKE HOME INVENTIONS
Electric
Conductive
Motorised
Solar
Mechanics
WEEK 2
FIRE SET
ROBOTS
LASER TAG
SCIENCE SHOW
WIZARD STOP MOTION
FILMING
MUSICAL TECH
MICRO BOTS
SCIENCE EXPERIMENTS
ROBLOX WORKSHOP
EDITING
TAKE HOME INVENTIONS
Electric
Water
Motorised
Solar
Electric
The days that these activities will be taking place differ site to site, please check website for your camp's schedule
WHAT TO BRING
Lunch & Snacks
Water Bottle
Medication If Required
Weather Appropriate Clothing
SAFE & SECURE
EXPERT INSTRUCTORS
OFSTED REGISTERED & TRUSTED
AGES 5-11
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