HOLYPORT NEWS

Love Learning, Love Life...in all its fullness John 10:10

NEWSLETTER 2 - 23 OCTOBER 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

A few thank you's as we near the end of the term.
Firstly, thank you to the HSA committee and the group of parents who supported the HSA open evening and AGM. It was an informative and positive meeting, with the HSA committee sharing the areas of fundraising and support given to the school over last year. They also started to look ahead how they could support the school with some future exciting projects that can benefit the children and their learning. Watch this space!!

Thank you Year 4 and 6 for leading our festival worships, where we learnt about Harvest and Diwali, the Hindu Festival of Lights, through a song and a short sketch about Rama and Sita. Coinciding with Diwali is Bandi Chhor Divas, when Sikh's celebrate The "Day of Liberation".
If your family celebrated these festivals through family gatherings and fireworks - we would like to know, please share some photos or accounts of what you did. We would like to create a display of these within the school and 'grow; this into a wall of celebration and diversity over the year. Any contributions are gratefully received! Please email parents@holyportprimaryschool.co.uk with these.

You may have noticed that finally the scaffolding came down! The work on the roof is complete.... for now! We were fortunate in the works all went well and provided the school hall with new windwows and shortly we are having new blinds fitted to complete this. More work is needed in other areas of the roof, but this is a little way off and we are still watertight!!

Thank you for such an amazing turnout at parents evenings last week, we hope you found them a vaulable time spent discussing your child's porgress.

So as we head into half term holiday, I hope you have a good break and we look forward to seeing you again on Tuesday 4th November.
Mrs. Featherstone
Headteacher

INSET Day

We have an INSET (teacher training) day on Monday 3rd November so the children return on Tuesday 4th November.

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



STAFF NEWS

Mr Cook and Mrs Brown are leaving us this term.We wish them both the very best for the future.
Mrs Brown is retiring and has given many dedicated years of service to our school and children. We are grateful for everything she has done.

FRIENDSHIP VALUE

Over the course of last term, we have been exploring the theme of 'Friendship' through our collective worships. We have learned about friendship through bible stories, fables and tales. The theme of kindness and making choices about how to help friends has also running through this.

Friendship Prayer

Dear God,
We thank you for those people who are kind to us.
We thank you for our friends at school who show us kindness.
Help us to always use kind words, be your kind hands and feet in this world.
Amen

DIARY DATES

23/10 3.30-6.10pm	Parent Consultation Meetings
24/10	HSA Cake Sale - Year 6
24/10	Last Day of Term - 3.15pm
3/11	Inset Day - School Closed to Children
4/11	Children Return to School
4/11	HSA Little Recyclers Collection
4/11	Beth Tweddle Whole School Assembly
6/11	Open Morning for Prospective Reception 2026 Children
12/11 7.30-9.00pm	Smartphone Free Childhood Talk @ School
12-14/11	Book Fair
17/11	Zactive Workshop
18/11	School Photographs - Individual/Siblings/Portrait
28/11	HSA Year 2 Cake Sale
3/12 8.50am	Year 2 Festival Assembly - Parents Welcome
5/12	HSA School Disco - Info to Follow!
10/12 4.30pm	Christmas Church Service

SCHOOL NEWS

IN THE SPOTLIGHT...



Well done to Ivy in Year 3 for recently receiving her blue belt at kickboxing - well done Ivy!



Fantastic Rugby Debut for Joshua and Rufus in Year 4

Joshua and Rufus have kicked off their rugby season in style, making an impressive start in their very first contact matches. The boys visited recently Twickenham Stadium, playing their first ever contact rugby games. Rising to the occasion, their team secured victories in both matches!!
Not stopping there, Joshua and Rufus were back in action the following day at a rugby festival in Windsor. Their team showed incredible teamwork and determination, winning all six of their matches.
A huge well done to both boys and the rest of the team for a brilliant start to the season!

SECONDARY SCHOOL PLACES SEPTEMBER 2025

Please remember that Year 6 parents should apply for their child's secondary school place by 31 October 2025.

Please visit the link below to make your application: **RBWM Admissions**

SCHOOL NEWS

ROAD SAFETY TRAINING



Last week we were visited by the Road Safety Officer from Windsor and Maidenhead to lead a session with Years 3, 4 & 6. This was an information-packed session with plenty of participation. This is part of our school sessions as part of the Borough's Road Safety Education Programme which has included sessions with Years 3, 4 and 6.

HARVEST FESTIVAL COLLECTION



We would like to thank everyone who contributed to this year's Harvest Collection. Your generosity and kindness have made a real difference in our local community, and we are incredibly proud of the support shown by our Holyport School families. Thanks to your donations, we were able to provide a substantial collection of food and essential items to Foodshare in Maidenhead, who were very grateful for the support. These contributions will go a long way in helping families in need during the autumn season.

It was wonderful to see our students engaged in the spirit of giving, learning the importance of compassion and community. Our Year 4 Harvest Assembly was a joyful celebration of these values, and we are so thankful for your role in making it possible.

FSM APPLICATIONS

Have your family circumstances changed? If so your child/children may be eligible for Free School Meals.

Please go to: https://apply.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/rbwm

SCHOOL NEWS

STARS OF THE WEEK

Year 1
Clover
Ben M
Iman

Year 2
Charlie
Amelia
Tilly

Year 3
Robyn
Sienna-Rose
Mia

Year 4
Erin
Tanatswa
Callum & Elijah

Year 5
Isabelle
Luca
Jessie

Year 6
Grace
Theo S
Georgie

Special Mention
Oliver F - Y3
Amalie-Rose
Ajay
Rufus
Wiltshire Class

PE
Hugo A
Zac G

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Please take note of the following rules around taking unauthorised term time leave/holidays.

From September, the school will monitor if children fall into the 10 in 10 absences in addition to the 5 consecutive days category. We will also be sending out a termly letter with details of your own child's attendance and hope to be able to praise your child for their good attendance!

5 CONSECUTIVE DAYS OF TERM TIME LEAVE

Penalty notices will be issued for term time leave of 5 or more consecutive days.

10 SESSIONS OF UNAUTHORISED ABSENCE IN A 10 WEEK PERIOD

PNFs will be considered when there has been 10 sessions (a session is a morning or afternoon mark) of unauthorised absence in a 10 week period.

PER PARENT, PER CHILD

PNF's will now be issued to **each parent**, for **each child** that was absent. Eg - 3 siblings absent for term time leave, would result in each parent receiving 3 separate fines.

1ST PENALTY NOTICE

The first time a PNF is issued for term time leave, or irregular attendance the amount will be:

£160 per parent, per child paid within 28 days.

This is reduced to £80 per parent, per child if paid within 21 days.

2ND PENALTY NOTICE WITHIN 3 YEARS

The second time a PNF is issued for term time leave, or irregular attendance the amount will be:

£160 per parent, per child paid within 28 days.

3RD PENALTY NOTICE AND ANY OTHER WITHIN 3 YEARS

The case will be presented straight away to the Magistrate's Court and fines can be up to £2500 per parent, per child. Cases found guilty in Court can show on the parent's future DBS certificate due to 'failure to safeguard a child's education'.

HSA EVENTS



Can you help make our HSA Christmas raffle & auction more magical?



Preparations are well underway for our much-loved HSA Christmas raffle and silent auction — and this year promises to be one of our best yet!
We're incredibly grateful to Windsor Great Park Illuminated and Maidenhead Magpies, who've already generously donated some fantastic prizes. But we need your help to make it truly spectacular.
Do you own, work for or have a connection to a local business willing to donate a prize? We're looking for items or experiences to include in our raffle and silent auction. Whether it's a gift voucher, a hamper, a service, or a unique experience, your donation — big or small — will help us raise much needed funds to enrich our children's lives at Holyport.
If you, or someone you know, might be able to donate, please get in touch with Kristina Anderson on 07971794357 or email the HSA team at holyporthsa@gmail.com
Thanks in advance for your support – we couldn't do it without you!



Sign up for the Maidenhead Lions Swimarathon



Following the fantastic success of last year, we're excited to announce that our school will once again take part in the Maidenhead Lions Swimarathon

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📅 Date: Sunday, 11 January 2026 (exact time TBC)

📍 Location: Braywick Leisure Centre, Braywick Rd, Maidenhead SL6 1BN

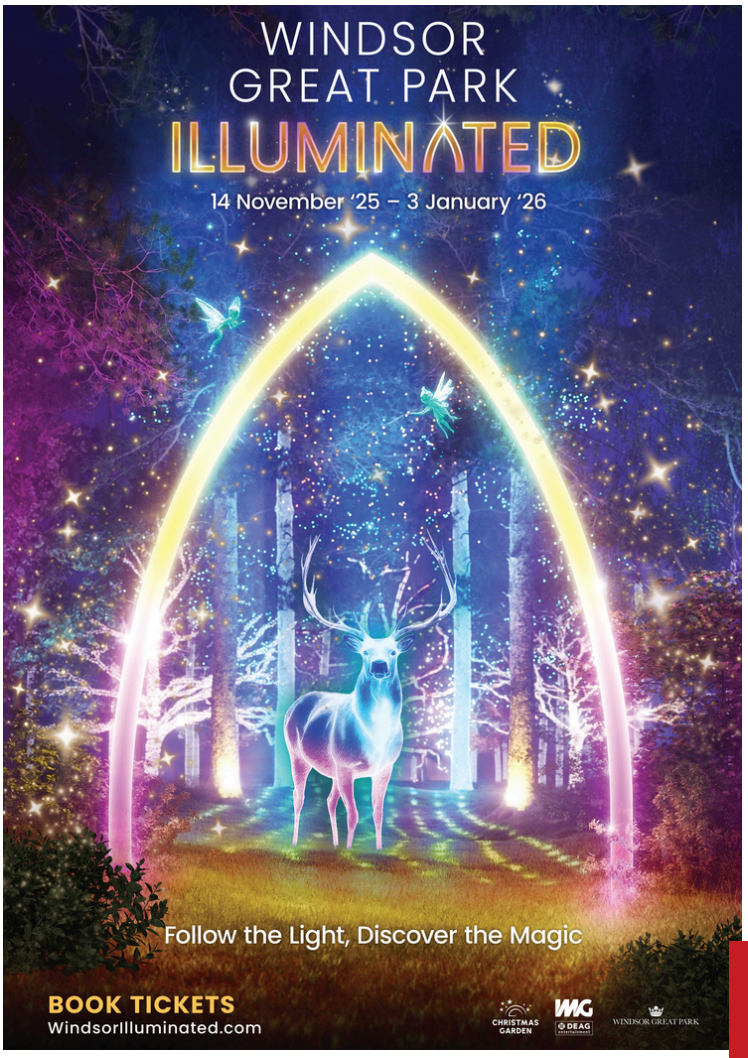
This is a fun, inclusive event open to children of all ages and swimming abilities – and this year, we're inviting pupils from Years 1 to 6 to get involved.

There's absolutely no pressure – it's not about winning, it's about taking part, working as a team and raising money. Parents and carers are welcome to get in the pool to support our youngest swimmers, too.

We're aiming to enter six teams of up to eight swimmers each. Each team will also have a non-swimming captain (a parent or child). Each team will swim for 50 minutes in total, with swimmers taking turns to complete single lengths in a relay.

If your child would like to take part, please let your HSA class rep know, including your child's full name, by **Tuesday 4 November**. Once teams are confirmed, the HSA will share a JustGiving link so you can start fundraising with your family and friends. Last year, this was one of our most successful HSA events – the children had a brilliant time and together we raised £1,847 in total, split between the school and our local community.
Let's make an even bigger splash this year!

HSA EVENTS



A Magical Family Adventure at Windsor Great Park Illuminated!

From 14 November 2025 – 3 January 2026, Windsor Great Park will sparkle with a brand-new illuminated trail, filled with dazzling new displays and returning favourites like the iconic Field of Light and Fairies.

It's the perfect festive outing for families and friends – wander through glowing woodland, watch colourful fountains dance, and stop to toast marshmallows or enjoy hot chocolate under the stars. Best of all, the trail is dog-friendly every evening, so even four-legged family members can join in the fun.

New this year is a Low Sensory Session on Tuesday 25 November, offering a calmer way to enjoy the magic.

Tickets sell quickly, so book early to make magical memories your family will treasure.

www.windsorilluminated.com

Maidenhead Magpies
October Half Term Camp!

Our holiday camps offer a fun, flexible childcare solution, offering children aged 4-11 safe, fun and active school holidays!

Camps can be booked for single days and full week. Each camp day runs between 10am and 3pm, with early drop off available from 9am for an additional charge.

All activities will be delivered by qualified football and multi-sports coaches. Our objective is to enable the children to learn a new skill or enhance their current skills whilst putting these skills into practice during fun games, competitions and matches.

Click **here** to book!



HSA EVENTS


THE LITTLE RECYCLERS
SCHOOL FUNDRAISING
More clothes - more funds for your organisation.
1 kg = £0.45
YOUR COLLECTION IS ARRANGED ON:
4 NOVEMBER
TUESDAY
FILL ANY BAGS WITH CLOTHING AND BRING THEM TO SCHOOL/ORGANISATION WE WILL COLLECT AND WEIGH THEM
WE ACCEPT
Good quality clean clothing (adult's, children's, baby)
Shoes (paired)
Bags
Hats & scarves
Belts
Fashion accessories
Swimwear, lingerie
Jewellery
Perfumes
WE DON'T ACCEPT
Uniforms
Dirty, wet, ripped, damaged clothing
Traditional clothing
Duvets & pillows
Single shoes
Toys, stationery
Bric-a-brac & electrical items
Books, CDs, DVDs
Workwear
Carpets, rugs, mats, curtains
Hygiene items, diapers
Linen & towels
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