HOLYPORT NEWS

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NEWSLETTER 3 - 27 NOVEMBER 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

I just thought I would share with you a few updates.

It's been another busy week in school. EYFS have continued taking part in the Christmas Nativity preparations this week by practising their roles and actions and accompanying songs! They are a super team! We of course will look forward to their performance.

The weather certainly has turned this week. As a reminder, there are still children arriving at school without a coat. Please do send your children to school with a coat so that we can ensure they can enjoy their playtimes.

Well done everybody who took part in the Y3/4 & Y5/6 Sportshall Athletics Competitions last week at Braywick Leisure Centre. It was a big event with just over 500 children in 28 teams from 13 schools put through their paces in fast paced, high energy competitions. The Years 3&4 team came 1st and qualified to go on to represent Ascot & Maidenhead SSP at the Berkshire School Games Finals on Friday 6th March. Our Years 5&6 team came 2nd. They all came back very proud of their medals!

We've had some wonderful days taking place over the last few weeks, from Year 5's Space Day to Year 1's Superhero day! Please do read about these activities in today's newsletter.

Coming up are a few special Christmas events and we will be sending out our Christmas Countdown letter! One of these is the Christmas Service. I want to thank Mrs Madden in advance, for her amazing co-ordination of this and the staff who support this taking place at the Church after school. Please help us by having a great turnout for this. The children sing their hearts out at school and sound brilliant... it would be lovely to have that same experience in the Church on the night!

Mrs. Featherstone
Headteacher

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

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

A huge thank you to all parents and carers who supported our book fair last week.

We raised over £200, which will go directly towards expanding our classroom and library book collections. This means even more exciting reading opportunities for all our pupils throughout the year.

It was fantastic to see children so engaged, chatting about their favourite characters, discovering new authors, and proudly carrying home their chosen books. Your support helps to nurture a genuine love of reading across our school.

Thank you once again for helping make the Book Fair such a positive and enjoyable event!

OUR CHRISTIAN VALUE THIS TERM IS...



DIARY DATES

28/11	HSA Year 2 Cake Sale
28/11	HSA Chocolate Line - Donations for Xmas Fair
2/12 4.30pm	Year 5 Residential Parent Information Mtg
3/12 8.50am	Year 2 Festival Assembly - Parents Welcome
4/12	Year 4 Mayan Workshop
5/12	HSA School Discos
9/12	Year 6 Geography Village Walk
10/12	Year 6 Christmas Unwrapped Visit to St Mary's Church
10/12 4.30pm	Christmas Church Service
11/12 9.00-9.45am	EYFS Nativity Performance
15/12	Year 6 Design & Technology Day
16/12	Christmas Panto
17/12 8.50am	Year 1 Christingle Assembly - Parents Welcome
17/12	HSA Christmas Shopping Event
17/12	School Christmas Lunch & Christmas Jumper Day
19/12 2.00pm	Last Day of Term HSA Chocolate Tombola
Term 3	
5/1/2026	Inset Day - School Closed to Children
6/1/2026	Children Return to School

SCHOOL NEWS

YEAR 1 SUPER HERO DAY



At the end of last term, our Year 1 class transformed into a world of capes, masks, and superpowers as we celebrated Superhero Day!

The event was designed to inspire creativity and remind students that real heroes are defined by kindness, courage, and helping others. Activities included designing their own superhero shields, creating dramatic skylines and their own superheroes!

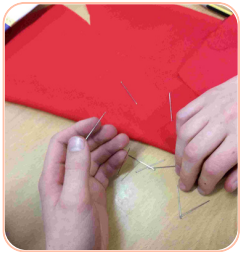
YEAR 6 WWII DAY
REPORTED BY SIENNA

WWII day was an enjoyable experience where we learnt about our history and got to dress up as our savours. All day we were doing lots so fun activities with a gentleman called James. Our teachers made this day really exiting by adding some educational work, but mostly making this day memorable. In conclusion, this day was a very good day!











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BETH TWEDDLE ASSEMBLY
REPORTED BY FLORENCE IN YEAR 6



Beth is an Olympic gymnast who very kindly decided to visit our school and give us an Olympic presentation. This assembly ws very impressive and the school was in awe!

Beth Tweddle was a very inspirational person who made people feel like their dreams can come true!

Beth has a flabbergasting career, including Olympic gymnast, to pro ice-skater to now a gymnastics coach. To finish off this piece this assembly made everyone say 'WOW'!

ZACTIV ASSEMBLY
REPORTED BY LILA IN YEAR 3

We were lucky enough to be visited by 'Steel' from Gladiators on Monday. He delivered a fantastic interactive assembly promoting healthy eating, balanced diets, hydration, and a positive mindset. Zack was such an inspiration and role model to the children.

Here are a few words from Lila in Year 3 about the assembly:

"I liked the handstand walk that Zack did at the end of the assembly on Monday. I learnt that if we don't drink enough water we could get a headache or alot of other things could happen".



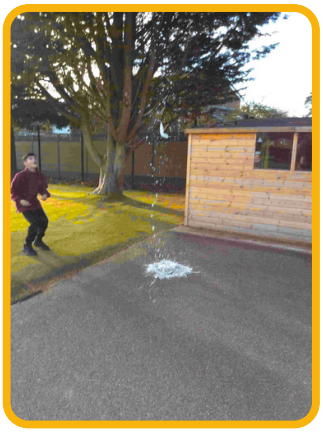


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YEAR 5 SPACE DAY



Last week Year 5 took part in Space Day. The day was filled with space-related activities including rocket launches, model building, and astronaut training exercises. The children had a fun day and learned loads about the importance of trust and team work.



REMEMBRANCE ASSEMBLY

Last week, our school gathered for our annual Remembrance Assembly to honour those who have served and sacrificed in conflicts around the world. Our Year 5 class shared thoughtful poems and readings and particular thanks to Aidan, Connie, Ethan, Guarav, Issy, Korey, Maddy, Noah and Siya.
The event highlighted the importance of remembering the past and thinking about how we can work towards a more peaceful future. We are proud of the maturity shown by all students throughout the assembly.





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THE HIVE

Just thought we would share with you, that on the last day of the half term, the Hive was extra special - with a few extra activities such as shell painting and plasticine modelling (kindly donated by a parent) as well as the usual range of fun opportunities. Here is some of their creativity on show! The hive definitely lives up to its name!
Everyone is usually as busy as bees!

IN THE SPOTLIGHT....



Congratulations to Teddy in Year 3 for recently being made Captain of his team, The Maidenhead Warriors for a match and was also named player of the match.

Well done Teddy!

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STARS OF THE WEEK

Reception
Oscar H
Ronnie

Year 1
Constantine
Tadi
Keyara

Year 2
Maya
Callum
Annabelle

Year 3
Hugo M
Ivy
Luca
Morena
Ajay

Year 4
Carys
Zakeriah
Phoebe

Year 5
Oliver
Ethan

Year 6
Willow
Parveen
Lucas D

PE Star
Joshua O

Special Mention
Archer
Piers
Prabh
Sienna-Rose

Special Mention
Teddy W
Lucas D
Amalie-Rose

Special Mention
Robyn
Georgia H
Victoria

WELL DONE TO OUR HALF TERMLY ACHIEVERS
AUTUMN TERM 1

EYFS
ELODIE

YEAR 1
HANANTHIKA

YEAR 2
THEO

YEAR 3
FELIX

YEAR 4
ARIANA

YEAR 5
ALBA

YEAR 5
ALBA

PE
PARVEEN &
GRACE

HEALTHY SCHOOL

Cold & Flu Season Tips

As the weather has now turned colder, we'd like to remind parents and carers to ensure children come to school with a warm coat, along with any other suitable winter clothing such as hats and gloves. Please ensure all items of clothing are named!

Outdoor play remains an important part of our school day, and having the right clothing helps keep everyone comfortable and healthy.

Please also keep the following tips in mind:

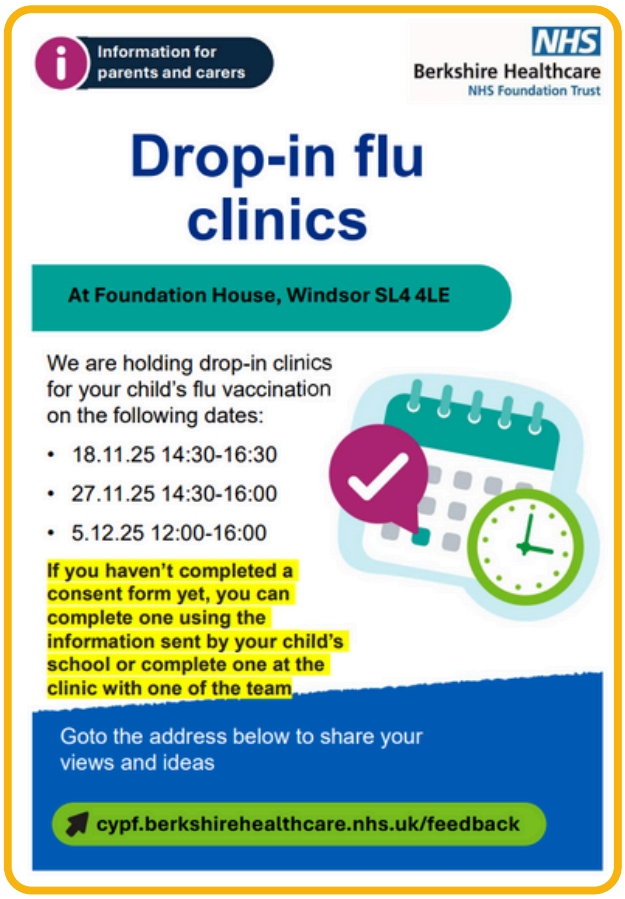
• Encourage regular handwashing
Clean hands are one of the best ways to prevent the spread of germs.

• Remind children to cover coughs and sneezes, using tissues or the elbow helps reduce transmission.

• Keep children home if they are unwell. We like to encourage good attendance at school, but if your child has been sick or had diarrhoea, please remember to keep your child at home for 48 hours following the last bout of illness. Also if your child is feeling too ill to participate in school activities, please allow them time to recover at home.

• Label water bottles — Avoiding accidental sharing helps reduce germ spread.

Thank you!



HEADLICE!

It's that time of year again when hats, hoods, and cosy corners mean head lice can feel a little too at home! To help keep everyone itch-free, we kindly ask parents and carers to check their child's hair regularly. A quick comb-through behind the ears and at the back of the neck each week can make a big difference. If you do spot any unwelcome visitors, please begin treatment promptly so we can stop them from spreading.

Thank you for your support!

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

Please see below the link to buy your Christmas discount, parent party and Christmas shopping tickets...

Holyport HSA Event Shop



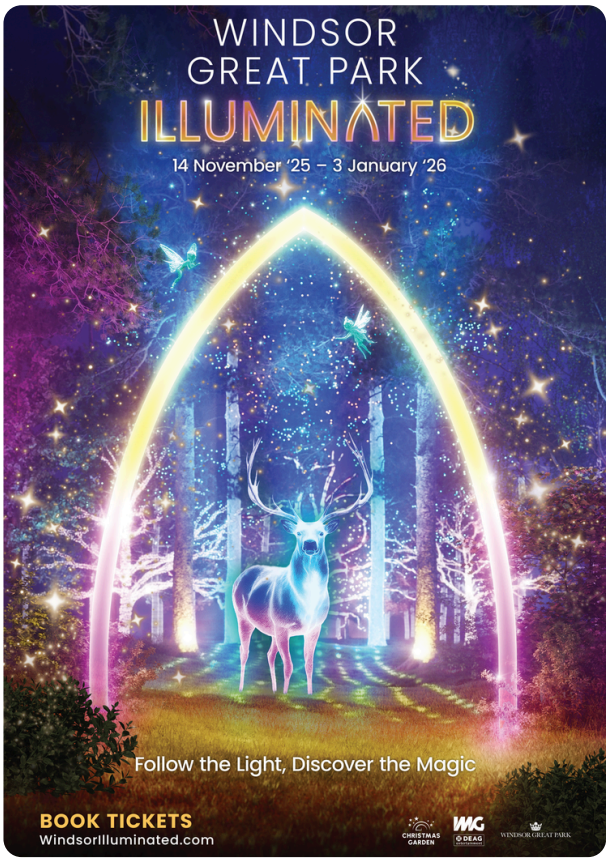
Big Chocolate Tombola

A quick reminder that this Friday is our big chocolate line competition!

We're asking each child to bring in the longest chocolate bar they can - and the class that creates the longest chocolate line wins! Please ensure your chocolate does not contain nuts.

All the chocolate donated will be used at the 'Big Chocolate raffle' on the last day of term! It's a fun, easy way to support the school, and the children absolutely love seeing how long their class's line gets.

Thank you so much for getting involved and helping make our Christmas events a success.



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.

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