HOLYPORT NEWS

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NEWSLETTER 4 - 18 DECEMBER 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are certainly embracing the festive season at Holyport and this started with a wonderful performance by our EYFS in their Nativity last week. A lovely, fun and active performance.... and as always led by the children's characters and enthusiasm. Thank you to everyone who helped with costumes, encouragement to perform at such an early point in the year and the staff for their efforts and dedication.

Thank you also to all our children and to their parents for coming out on a dark winter's evening to contribute so beautifully to our Christmas Service. A huge well done to the choir for their beautiful singing and Mrs Madden for her meticulous organisation and support for the service.

We had a lovely festive Christmas lunch on Wednesday, following the HSA Christmas Shopping event - thank you very much to our Kitchen Team and all our adult helpers from the school, governors and the HSA for making the lunch a thoroughly enjoyable occasion!

And of course there was THE PANTO which was amazing fun. So, as we are right at the end of term now, all that is left is to wish you all a very Happy Christmas, enjoy the festivities and we look forward to seeing you back safe and sound in the New Year!

Happy Christmas!

Amanda 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



END OF TERM FINISHING TIMES

The last day of the autumn term is Friday 19th December and we will have our usual end of term early close in the afternoon.

Please arrange to collect your child from school at 2.00pm.

We look forward to welcoming the children back to school after the Christmas break on Tuesday 6th January (please note that Monday 5th January is an Inset day and school is not open for children).

LUNCH ACCOUNT REMINDER

Following the Christmas lunch yesterday, please check your child's lunch account and clear any outstanding balances as soon as possible.

Thank you for your support!

19/12 2.00pm	Last Day of Term HSA Chocolate Tombola
Term 3	
5/1/26	Inset Day – School Closed to Children
6/1/26	Children Return to School
6/1/26	Years 4 & 5 Swimming Lessons Start (11 weeks)
9/1/26	Year 5 Fire Safety Visit
11/1/26	HSA Lions Swimathon
30/1/26	HSA HSA Toy Tombola/Non-uniform Day
30/1/26	Year 5 Cake Sale
10/2/26	Year 6 Trip to Gripped –Letter to follow
11/2/26 8.50am	Year 6 Show Assembly – Parents Welcome
12/2/26	Year 2 & 5 Dance Festival
13/2/26	Safer Internet Workshops – HSA Funded
13/2/26 3.15pm	Last Day of Term
Term 4	
23/2/26	Children Return to School
24/2/26	HSA Little Recyclers Collection
27/2/26	Year 3 Cake Sale
5/3/26	World Book Day
11/3/26 8.50am	Year 3 Festival Assembly – Parents Welcome
13/3/26	HSA Mother's Day Shopping

SCHOOL NEWS

Chocolate Line Results!

What a fantastic display of chocolate we had!

Thank you to everyone who brought in a chocolate line donation for the HSA's Chocolate Tombola taking place tomorrow at 2pm.

The winning class was Year 5 with a whopping 52m! WOW!

Class	Length - Metres!
Einstein	52m!
Wiltshire	15.8m
Attenborough	13.98m
Simmonds	11.89m
EYFS	11.05m
Harrison	10.49m
Potter	7.65m

Year 1 Christingle Assembly



On Wednesday morning, Year 1 gathered for a magical Christingle service. The children sang beautifully, each making a confident contribution that lit up the room, just like their Christingles!
It was wonderful to see so many families joining in the festive spirit.
Thank you for making it such a special occasion!

OUR CHRISTIAN VALUE THIS TERM IS...



SCHOOL NEWS

Poppy Appeal



We are delighted to share that our school community has once again shown incredible generosity in support of the annual Poppy Appeal.

Thanks to the kindness of pupils, families, and staff, we raised **£324.75** for the Royal British Legion.

Thank you to everyone who donated.

EYFS Nativity

Our Reception children treated us to a truly heart-warming Nativity performance last week, filling the hall with festive sparkle!

From shining stars and joyful angels to confident narrators and enthusiastic animals, every child took to the stage with excitement. Their singing was full of energy, their acting was wonderful, and the whole performance captured the spirit of Christmas beautifully.

We are incredibly proud of how hard the children have worked over the past few weeks - learning lines, practising songs, and remembering where to stand!

A huge 'thank you' also goes to the Reception team for their creativity and dedication, and to families for helping with costumes and supporting the children along the way.

It was a truly magical moment to see our youngest pupils share their first school Nativity, and we hope it brought as much joy to families as it did to us.



SCHOOL NEWS

STARS OF THE WEEK

Reception
Rory

Year 1
Hidayah
Wilf
Arielle

Year 2
Ariya Co
Ariya D
Deniz

Year 3
Hugo Mc
Charlie
Bertie

Year 4
Elsie
Rohan
Amalie-Rose

Year 5
Ellie
Harrison
Savi

Year 6
Gia
Amy
Jasmine

PE Star
Joshua O

Special Mention
Luca H - Y3
Inara - Rec
Isabelle - Rec
Rory - Y4

Special Mention
Arthur - Rec
Harry - Rec
Elvis - Rec
Elodie - Rec
Lola - Rec

Special Mention
Olivia - Rec
Clara - Rec
Arya - Rec
Amelia T - Rec
Ivy-May - Y4



IN THE SPOTLIGHT...

At the weekend Phoebe and Tanatswa from Year 4 were part of the Links Gymnastics Christmas show. The girls have been learning their routines for a few months and then put on a show at the Marist school in Ascot, where there were hundreds of people watching them. They did so well and were awarded a medal for their efforts, showing team work, dedication and bravery for them to take part in this. Well done girls!

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

HELP US MAKE A SPLASH AGAIN...

We're delighted that Holyport pupils will once again be taking part in the Maidenhead Lions Swimarathon on Sunday 11 January – our second year running in this fantastic community event.

This year, more than 30 pupils from Years 2 to 5 will compete in four teams, swimming in relay and aiming to complete as many lengths as possible in 50 minutes. It's a brilliant challenge that showcases not only their swimming skills, but also their teamwork, determination and enthusiasm.

Our swimmers are:

Team 1: Charlie, Amalie, Tilly, Scott, Deniz, Annabelle, Theo

Team 2: Hugo A, Freya, Oliver, Clara, Victoria, Mai, Jacob, Robyn

Team 3: Finlay, Rufus, Joshua, Erin, Natalia, Caiden, Connie, Izzy, Siya

Team 4: Isla, Jessie, Alba, Frankie, Amelia, Harrison, Guarav, Korey, Yahya

All money raised will be split 50:50 between Holyport School Association, helping to enrich our children's school lives at Holyport, and Maidenhead Lions, who support those in need across our local community.

Last year's swimarathon was one of our most successful fundraising events, with the children having a fantastic time while showing incredible commitment and team spirit. We hope to make an even bigger splash this year!

Please support our swimmers by sponsoring them at

www.justgiving.com/page/holyport-primary-school



and, if you can, come along at 4pm on the day to cheer them on from the poolside.

Let's get behind our swimmers and make this another memorable event for our school and community!

Your HSA Team