HOLYPORT NEWS

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

NEWSLETTER 5 - 25 FEBRUARY 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we start our new term, it has been a pleasure to see our children settling so confidently into their routines and approaching their learning with such enthusiasm. The positive atmosphere around the school is truly a credit to our pupils, staff and families.

In school we continue to live out our school values and our weekly collective worship assemblies will be focusing on the value of Responsibility this term. As well as focusing on our school values we are also continuing to look out for children using their Learning Working Heads - these children are celebrated each week and are awarded the school's unique stickers to congratulate them on their efforts.

A big thank you to families for prioritising good attendance. Consistent attendance genuinely makes a significant difference to a child's confidence, wellbeing and progress. If your child is unable to attend school, please continue to notify the office as early as possible.

We have had several exciting events in the past few weeks including the Year 6 trip to Gripped, our Years 2 and 5 Dance Festival, an Internet Safety Workshop (organised by the HSA - thank you!) and yesterday we saw the lovely Basil and Crew Farm animals in our EYFS classes. These are all part of our enrichment offer which we value highly at Holyport.

Kind regards,
Amanda Featherstone
Headteacher

Our Christian Value this term is.... Responsibility

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



Holyport CE Primary School takes safeguarding very seriously. If you ever have a concern, please do not hesitate to report it to one of our designated staff:

Mrs Featherstone
(Head &DSL)
Mrs Healy
(SENCO/PP pupils & DDSL)
Mr Putman
(Assistant Head & DDSL)
Miss Prothero
(Assistant Head & DDSL)

48 Hour Rule for Sickness/Diarrhea

If your child has had sickness or diarrhea, they should not return to school until 48 hours after the last bout of illness.
If you need to report your child unwell from school, you have the option to leave a message on the school answer system or email into parents@holyportprimaryschool.co.uk rather than needing to speak to a member of the office team. Please remember to leave your child's name, class and the reason for absence and please also remember to update us on a daily basis, unless there is sickness or diarrhea, and your child will need to be absent from school for 48 hours and this will be noted on the register.
Thank you!

Term 4	
27/2/26	Year 3 Cake Sale
3/3 - 5.00pm	Year 5 Oakwood Compulsory Parent Info Meeting
4/3/26	Philip Kavvadias – Author visit Yr 3 – 6
5/3/26	World Book Day
5/3/26	Drama4all workshops – Years R, 1 and 2
6/3/26	Y3/4 Athletics County Finals – Newbury
6/3/26	Author Visit – Iszi Lawrence (KS2)
11/3/26	Author Visit – Julia Blackburn (KS1 & LKS2)
11/3 - 8.50am	Year 3 Festival Assembly – Parents Welcome
13/3/26	HSA Mother's Day Shopping
16–17/3	Year 5 Oakwood Residential Trip
18/3 - 10–11am	Easter Service at St Michael's Church
20/3	Year 6 Easter Cracked
24/3	Parent Consultation Meetings
25/3 - 8.50am	Year 1 Show Assembly – Parents Welcome
26/3	Parent Consultation Meetings
27/3	Last Day of Term – 2.00pm – HSA Easter Egg Hunt
Term 5	
13/4/26	Inset Day – School Closed to Children
14/4/26	Back to School
14/4/26	NCMP Reception Height/Weight
15/4 - 8.50am	Year 5 Festival Assembly – Parents Welcome
23/4 - 8.50am	EYFS Show Assembly – Parents Welcome
24/4/26	HSA Year 1 Cake Sale

STARS OF THE WEEK

Reception
Olivia HC
Isla
Inara

Year 1
Skye
Isla
Marianne
Axel
Davina

Year 2
Janvhi
Storm
Hallie-Rose
Devansh
Maisie

Year 3
Bertie
Archer
Affan
Charlie
Nellie
Felix

Year 4
Ivy-May
Emma-Florence
Leon
Thea
Rishik

Year 5
Calum
Jenson
Connie
Isla
Piers

Year 6
Sienna
Buddy
Alarna
Thomas P
Hibba

WELL DONE TO OUR HALF TERMLY ACHIEVERS AUTUMN TERM 2 & SPRING TERM 1

EYFS
MIA
REGGIE

YEAR 1
BEN
SKYE

YEAR 2
MAISIE
ANNABELLE

YEAR 3
OLIVER
FREDDIE

YEAR 4
PHOEBE
ROHAN

YEAR 5
HARMONIE
KOREY

YEAR 6
JESSICA
SOPHIE

YEAR 6 TAKE ON AN ACTION-PACKED DAY AT GRIPPED!

Year 6 enjoyed an action-packed day at Gripped, taking on slides, archery and net challenges. Pupils pushed themselves, encouraged each other, and showed fantastic teamwork throughout.

"When we saw the slides some of us were scared and some were excited but we faced our fears and we all loved it!" – Ava

"Gripped was exciting and enjoyable and everyone would recommend to come again and revisit" – Lucas and Thomas O

"In this field trip we enjoyed not just running around, but experiencing more sports" – Willow and Gia

Everyone returned tired, but full of smiles - a brilliant day of adventure and confidence-building for our Year 6s!






YEAR 5 FIRE SAFETY VISIT

Year 5 were extremely lucky to have the Royal Berkshire Fire and Rescue Service visit the school recently (including the Fire Engine!) Two firefighters discussed fire safety with the children which included how to spot potential dangers, how to respond in an emergency and also how to contact emergency services in the correct way. After this, the children had the opportunity to go outside the classroom and use the hose on a target. The children in Year 5 were also able to take home a booklet which provided further opportunities for the children to think about Fire Safety.



DANCE FESTIVAL

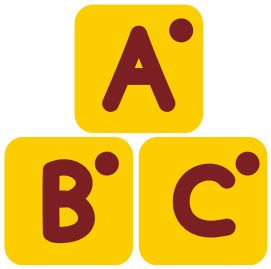
I had the pleasure of attending the Dance Festival. Year 2 and 5 performed brilliantly, showing confidence, enthusiasm and fantastic teamwork. Year 2 impressed with their energetic routine and big smiles, while Year 5 wowed everyone with their polished choreography and strong stage presence. The dramatic pitch black start and emerging dots of light was emotional and it was wonderful to see how proudly they represented our school.

The costumes, music and carefully practiced moves all came together to create a truly special performance. Most importantly, the children clearly enjoyed every moment on stage.

A huge well done to all the dancers and a big thank you to the staff who supported them. Performing at Braywick Leisure Centre made the experience even more exciting, and it is certainly a day our Year 2 and Year 5 pupils will remember for a long time!

Miss Prothero

PRE-RECEPTION CLASS SEPTEMBER 2026



We currently have spaces in our Pre-Reception class at Holyport Primary School for September 2026.

Pre-Reception is a really valuable stage of your child's education, when children first start 'formal' schooling and learn to socialise with others. At our school, pupils are normally admitted to the Pre-Reception Class at the beginning of the school year (1 September – 31 August) in which they reach their fourth birthday. Parents whose children were born between 1 September 2022 and 31 August 2023 may apply for them to be admitted to the Pre-Reception Class in September 2026.

Our offer for this stage is play-based and full of experiential learning. Attending Pre-Reception is sometimes the first time that children are independent from their parents/carers and we understand that families want to get the best start for their children.

We offer part-time (8.30-11.30am), Monday to Friday places. If you would like to visit and have a tour with Mrs Featherstone, please call the school office on 01628 627743 to make an appointment.

SCHOOL NEWS

NEW MENU SPRING SUMMER 2026

Please see below the new menu for Spring Summer, starting after half term. This is also available on our website.



	WEEK ONE	WEEK TWO	WEEK THREE
MONDAY	Margherita Pizza with Jacket Wedges (V) or Rainbow Pizza with Jacket Wedges (V) Jacket Potato with a Choice of Filling (V/Ve Options) Veg of the Day Chocolate & Vanilla Swirl Cookie (Ve)	Margherita Pizza with Jacket Wedges (V) or Rainbow Pizza with Jacket Wedges (V) Jacket Potato with a Choice of Filling (V/Ve Options) Veg of the Day Vanilla Snap (Ve)	Margherita Pizza with Jacket Wedges (V) or Rainbow Pizza with Jacket Wedges (V) Jacket Potato with a Choice of Filling (V/Ve Options) Veg of the Day Lemon Biscuit (Ve)
TUESDAY	Golden Coconut Chicken Curry with Rice or Classic Mac & Cheese (V) Homemade Hero Pasta (Ve) Veg of the Day Cinnamon Apple Cake (V)	Spring Turkey Bow Tie Pasta or Garden Bolognese Bow Tie Pasta (Ve) Homemade Hero Pasta (Ve) Veg of the Day Flapjack (Ve)	Sausage with Mash & Gravy or Garden Sausage with Mash & Gravy (Ve) Homemade Hero Pasta (Ve) Veg of the Day Choco Krispie Bite (Ve)
WEDNESDAY	Roast of the Day with Roasties & Gravy or Sage & Onion Whirl with Roasties & Gravy (Ve) Jacket Potato with a Choice of Filling (V/Ve Options) Veg of the Day Fruity Jelly (Ve)	Roast of the Day with Roasties & Gravy or Butternut Squash Hot Pot with Roasties (Ve) Jacket Potato with a Choice of Filling (V/Ve Options) Veg of the Day Fruity Jelly (Ve)	Roast of the Day with Roasties & Gravy or Cheesy Broccoli Bake with Roasties (V) Jacket Potato with a Choice of Filling (V/Ve Options) Veg of the Day Fruity Jelly (Ve)
THURSDAY	Homestyle Sausage Roll with Mash & Gravy or Plantastic Balls with Mash & Gravy (Ve) Homemade Hero Pasta (Ve) Veg of the Day Banana-Topped Strawberry Mousse (V)	Chicken Stir-Fry Rice or Rainbow Noodle Bowl (Ve) Homemade Hero Pasta (Ve) Veg of the Day Banana-Topped Strawberry Mousse (V)	Penne with Beef Bolognese or Sunshine Sweet Potato Curry with Rice (Ve) Homemade Hero Pasta (Ve) Veg of the Day Banana-Topped Strawberry Mousse (V)
FRIDAY	Fish Fingers or Salmon Fish Fingers with Chips or Crispy Garden Fingers with Chips (Ve) Jacket Potato with a Choice of Filling (V/Ve Options) Veg of the Day Chocolate Brownie (Ve)	Fish Fingers or Salmon Fish Fingers with Chips or Cheesy Bean Whirls with Chips (V) Jacket Potato with a Choice of Filling (V/Ve Options) Veg of the Day Chocolate Brownie (Ve)	Fish Fingers or Salmon Fish Fingers with Chips or Crispy Garden Fingers with Chips (Ve) Jacket Potato with a Choice of Filling (V/Ve Options) Veg of the Day Chocolate Brownie (Ve)
	23/2/26, 16/3/26, 6/4/26, 27/4/26, 18/5/26, 8/6/26, 29/6/26	2/3/26, 23/3/26, 13/4/26, 4/5/26, 25/5/26, 15/6/26, 6/7/26	9/3/26, 30/3/26, 20/4/26, 11/5/26, 1/6/26, 22/6/26, 13/7/26

V - Vegetarian Ve - Vegan

Freshly baked bread, salad, fresh fruit, jelly (Ve), yoghurts (V) and fresh drinking water are also all available daily.

HSA NEWS

A huge congratulations to our fantastic swimmers from Years 2, 3, 4 and 5 who took part in the Maidenhead Lions Swimathon. They swam their hearts out, smashing the lengths and together raised an incredible £1849.38 (including Gift Aid). We share that amount with the Lions, which means that Holyport receives £924.69 - even more than last year!

Your HSA Team

SCHOOL UNIFORM

We're pleased to be reinforcing our uniform expectations in line with our new behaviour policy, helping us create a calm, welcoming and consistent start to each school day.

By setting clear and supportive routines, we aim to help every child feel comfortable, confident and ready to learn, while also strengthening the shared sense of pride that brings our school community together.

We would also like to remind parents that we are a Smartphone Free School and pupils at Holyport CE Primary School should not bring in mobile devices, including phones, fit bits/smart watches, personal devices such as tablets, games consoles – for use in the classroom or around the school at any time.
This is in line with our Mobile Phone Policy - please click here to view
Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.



IN THE SPOTLIGHT...



Cross Fit Kids Athlete of the Week - Franklin earned the trophy for his outstanding work on the rower and his excellent focus throughout the session.

He demonstrated really strong rowing skills, executing all the drills to a very high standard. Franklin was especially focused on the three key points of performance we discussed, applying them consistently and with great attention to detail.

Amazing effort, focus, and attitude from Franklin - well done!

MAIDENHEAD BIG READ





We are thrilled to share with you below our latest newsletter showing our 2026 Maidenhead's Big Read Weekend programme (& poster), and also shown on the newsletter link below:

Maidenhead Big Read Newsletter

This year, our event will run on Saturday 7th and Sunday 8th March. We have something for children from ages 3 to 13! This will be held at the Maidenhead Library, and we will also have the Once Upon a Bus storytelling on wheels in Town again, aligned with our theme this year of "Get Moving"!

We will have authors, illustrators and storytellers, as well as craft, competitions and treasure hunt activities with prizes to give away!

All sessions are completely free of charge. Our aim, as always, is to encourage more reading by children for pleasure!

RBWM NOTICES

IMPORTANT NOTICE

www.rbwm.gov.uk
Royal Borough of Windsor & Maidenhead

My Travel Choices

School Drop-Off and Pick-Up Safety

The Royal Borough of Windsor & Maidenhead Council have had an increased number of complaints regarding traffic issues around the school pick up and drop off across our Borough schools.

Officers from our Transport and Road Safety teams have been out assessing and observing the issues and have reported two common factors at all our school sites;

1. poor driver behaviour
2. lack of pedestrian road safety skills.

During their visits to schools they have witnessed drivers stopping on the School Keep Clear Markings, letting children get out of the car onto the middle of the carriageway, parking on the pavement and blocking the footway for pedestrians, parking on double yellow lines, parking on white zigzags at a pedestrian crossing, rushing children across roads, crossing roads without paying attention, looking at their phone and not guiding their children.

All residents deserve a safe environment to pick up and drop off their child at school. If everyone takes personal responsibility for their behaviour around the school gates, a safe and secure environment is created.

How to create a safe environment for pick up and drop off at school

Road traffic laws are not optional they are legal requirements to keep all road users safe.

Drivers



1. **School Keep Clear markings** – DO NOT STOP on the yellow zig zags, not even for one second. The markings are placed outside school entrances to keep a clear space for pedestrians to cross the road without obstruction.



2. **Letting children out of the car** – Do not let children out of the car onto the carriageway. This is extremely dangerous. Always ensure children alight onto the pavement and in a suitable space that does not block pavements, driveways or contravene the road traffic laws.

RBWM NOTICES



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3. **Pavement parking** – Driving along pavements and obstructing the pavement is against the road traffic law. Parking on the pavement obstructs the only safe space that pedestrians can walk. Park with all 4 wheels on the road. If there is insufficient space on the road to park then you must move until you find an appropriate space.



4. **White zig zags** – It is against the road traffic law to stop on the white zig zag markings even for a second. Stopping here carries an immediate 3 points on your licence and a £100 fine. These markings are found at controlled crossing places to ensure clear unobstructed view of the crossing for the safety of pedestrians.



5. **Dangerous manoeuvres** – carrying out three point turns and reversing into spaces where children are trying to cross the road puts everyone in danger and creates frustrations for other road users.



6. **Double yellow lines** – double yellow lines are put along the carriageway to stop vehicles obstructing the road. Parking on the double yellow lines obstructs the flow of traffic and causes frustrations for other road users.

Pedestrians

1. **Road Safety Skills** – Using the basic Green Cross Code every time you cross the road and showing your child how to look for a safe place to cross the road and then crossing with good observations will keep you and your child safe. Being distracted by mobile phones or choosing unsafe places to cross the road puts yourself and your child in danger. It also teaches your child unsafe practices.

2. **Crossing places** – Finding the safest place to cross a road. Teaching your child where and how to cross the road is essential for their safety. Use crossing facilities where possible; zebra crossing, refuge islands, traffic light controlled crossings. Where no crossing point is available find a spot where you have an unobstructed view along the road and stay patient until there is a clear gap in the traffic before stepping onto the road. The School Keep Clear markings are in place to provide a clear space to cross into school.





By complying to the road traffic laws and the highway code, a safer, calmer environment is created for everyone.

SEN NOTICES

Special Educational Needs & Disability (SEND)
Information, Advice and Support Service
for children, young people and parents

Wednesday 25th March

Alternative Provision, Section 19, Education Welfare Service & ERSA

Coffee from 9.30am, info session 10-11am
Riverside Family Hub,(Family Room)
West Dean, Maidenhead SL6 7JB



Join the IAS team, Education Welfare Service & Social Emotional Mental Heath team to discuss Alternative Provision, Section 19 of the SEN Code of Practice, the Emotionally Related School Avoidance Code of Practice and the support the EWO service can provide.

Book your free place via QR code or www.ias-rbwm.info/events

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SEN SUPPORT & ORDINARILY AVAILABLE PROVISION (OAP) IN SCHOOL

We'll talk about what you can except from schools in terms of SEN Support and OAP- session led by Anne Bishop, Area SENCo & IAS



WEDNESDAY 25TH FEBRUARY
10-11.30AM

@ Riverside Children's Centre, West Dean, Maidenhead SL6 7JB

Book your FREE ticket via QR Code or www.ias-rbwm.gov.uk

Special Educational Needs & Disability (SEND)
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Thursday 12th March

Online Session 1230-1345

ONLINE SESSION: EDUCATION HEALTH CARE (EHC) NEEDS ASSESSMENTS EXPLAINED



An explanation of the process of applying for an Education Health Care Needs Assessment (EHCNA) and what happens if the Local Authority agree to issue an Education Health Care Plan (EHCP)

Book a free place via www.ias-rbwm.info or via QR code