HOLYPORT NEWS

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Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been lovely to see everyone looking refreshed from the break over the Easter holiday.

This half term promises to be a busy and exciting one, with lots of learning opportunities (with trips to Ufton Court, Kew Gardens, Oakwood Activity Centre), special events, and the chance for children to continue building on the fantastic progress they've made so far this year. As always, our staff are looking forward to supporting and encouraging every child as they grow in confidence, independence, and curiosity.

We also have Bikeability, The Big Toddle, Healthy Lifestyles Week, including our much anticipated sports days and the Year 6 National Test Week... phew!

The HSA are also holding the cake sales, a bottle collection for the school fair, a BBQ and movie night along with the summer disco and Father's day shopping, to name a few!

As the mornings become lighter and the days warmer, we kindly ask for your continued support in ensuring children arrive at school on time. A prompt start helps children settle into their learning, feel calm and confident, and enjoy a positive beginning to each school day.

This term we will also be focusing on our school values, particularly kindness, respect, and responsibility. These are values we see our children demonstrating every day, both in their learning and in how they care for one another, and we are grateful for the way our families reinforce these messages at home.

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



Sports Days!

We would like to give you lots of advance warning for this year's sports days which will take place on the following dates:

EYFS Big Toddle - TBA

KS1 Sports Day- Wednesday 20 May
Years 1 & 2 - 9.30am-11.30am

KS2 Sports Day- Thursday 21 May
Years 3 & 4 - 9.30am-11.30am
Years 5 & 6 - 1pm-3pm

Our children are always amazing on Sports Days, and we welcome you to come and support them!

More details will follow about parental attendance via ParentPay in due course.

SUMMER UNIFORM

As the weather becomes warmer, children may now wear their summer uniform. Please ensure all clothing follows the school uniform policy.
On sunny days, we recommend sun hats, applied sun cream, and a named water bottle.
For safety, closed-toe shoes should continue to be worn.

Term 5	
24/4/26	HSA Year 1 Cake Sale
28/4	Year 5 Trip to Ufton Court
30/4 - 8.50am	Year 5 Festival Assembly Vaisakhi
1/5	HSA Bottle Collection with Non-uniform Day
4/5	Bank Holiday
5-7/5	Year 5 Bikeability
5/5	Year 3 Trip to Kew Gardens
6/5	Year 4 Trip to Oakwood Activity Centre
6/5	Year 1 & 2 Trip to Synagogue
11-14/5	Year 6 SATS
15/5	HSA BBQ and Movie Night
18-22/5	Healthy Lifestyles Week
19/5	Year 6 It's Your Move Assembly
20/5	Sports Day - Years 1 & 2 - 9.30-11.30am
21/5	Sports Days Years 3 & 4 - 9.30am-11.30am Years 5 & 6 - 1pm-3pm
22/5	Last Day of Term - 3.15pm
22/5	HSA Reception Class Cake Sale
Term 6	
1/6	Inset Day - School Closed to Children
2/6	Back to School
12/6	HSA Summer Disco - details to follow
16/6	KS2: JMF Music Festival
18/6	Yr 6 Trip to Mandir

STARS OF THE WEEK

Reception
To be announced next week

Year 1
To be announced next week

Year 2
Ruari

Year 3
To be announced next week

Year 4
Rufus

Year 5
To be announced next week

Year 6
To be announced next week

WELL DONE TO OUR HALF TERMLY ACHIEVERS
SPRING TERM 2

EYFS
ARTHUR

YEAR 1
ATHENA

YEAR 2
STORM

YEAR 3
ARCHER

YEAR 4
ERIN

YEAR 5
AIDAN

YEAR 6
THOMAS S

IN THE SPOTLIGHT...



Well done to Tommy for recently completing a boxing assessment and was very proud to be awarded a Bronze level certificate.

The assessment focused on developing key skills such as discipline, coordination, fitness, and focus, and Tommy demonstrated great determination and commitment throughout the process.

Well done on this excellent achievement - we look forward to seeing your skills continue to grow!

Well done to Bertie for creating a fantastic Anglo-Saxon shield at home with his dad. The shield was beautifully designed and showed great attention to historical detail, creativity, and effort.
This wonderful piece of home learning clearly took a lot of time and teamwork, and it was lovely to see such enthusiasm for our history topic. The pride and care put into the project really shone through.
Well done for such an amazing creation, and thank you to his dad for supporting and encouraging this brilliant teamwork at home!



LENT APPEAL - A BIG THANK YOU!



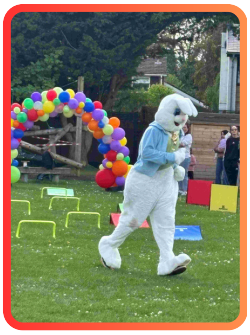


During Lent, our school community came together to reflect, give, and support others through a range of thoughtful Lent Appeal activities. The children showed great enthusiasm and compassion as they learned about the importance of helping those in need and putting our values into action.

Activities ranged from making cards for local care homes, to designing and distributing thank you posters for NHS staff and local hospices such as Alexander Devine and Thames Hospice. Our Year 3 children spent 20 minutes collecting litter around the school site they managed to collect two black bags worth of litter in that time! We had a wonderful selection of books donated from Year 4 and our Year 5's had a wonderful 'dance into school' morning. The Year 6's brought in lots of food which was dropped off at Jubilee Community Church to be shared with Maidenhead FoodShare.

We would like to thank our pupils, families, and staff for their continued support and kindness. Your contributions, both big and small, made a meaningful difference and helped reinforce the important message of caring for others.

HSA COLOUR RUN!






Last Friday, our school was awash with colour, laughter, and excitement as pupils took part in this year's much-anticipated School Colour Run.

From the moment the starting whistle blew, the playground was transformed into a vibrant spectacle, with students and staff alike covered head to toe in clouds of brightly coloured powder.

The event brought together children from across the school, all running, walking, and cheering each other on with huge smiles and boundless energy. Along the course, volunteers enthusiastically showered participants with colour at each station, creating a joyful atmosphere and plenty of photo-worthy moments.

Most importantly, the Colour Run was a fantastic celebration of community spirit. Pupils showed great enthusiasm, resilience, and teamwork, while families and staff supported from the sidelines.

Thanks to everyone's generosity, the event also raised valuable funds that will go towards supporting school resources and activities. Together with our raffle, we've raised an incredible £1.3k from our Easter activities - that's £800 more than last year and a whole lot more fun!!

A huge thank you to everyone for making the day such a success – and well done to all our amazing pupils for getting involved.

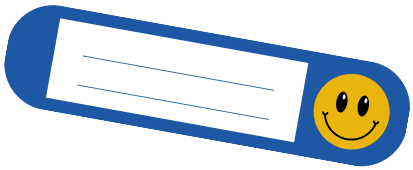
It truly was a colourful day to remember!






REMINDERS

NAMING SCHOOL UNIFORM



As we enter the summer term, children like to remove their coats, jumpers and cardigans, but sometimes still need them (due to the mixed weather we experience), so please find some time to check that names are still visible in school uniform and on other items your child brings into school.

We share in your frustration if we cannot reunite mislaid clothing! If you buy clothing at a H.S.A Pre-Loved Uniform Sale could you make sure that names of previous owners are replaced with your child's name!

Thank you ever so much!



A SAFE AND HAPPY START TO THE SCHOOL DAY

For those families who drive to school, we kindly ask that you take extra care when driving and parking. Please drive safely and show courtesy to both our school families and our neighbouring residents.

To help keep everyone safe, parents and carers are not permitted to bring vehicles into the staff car park at any time.

If you are travelling to school by bike or scooter, please enter through the main gate and leave the bikes or scooter in the bike shed - please do not take to the classrooms.

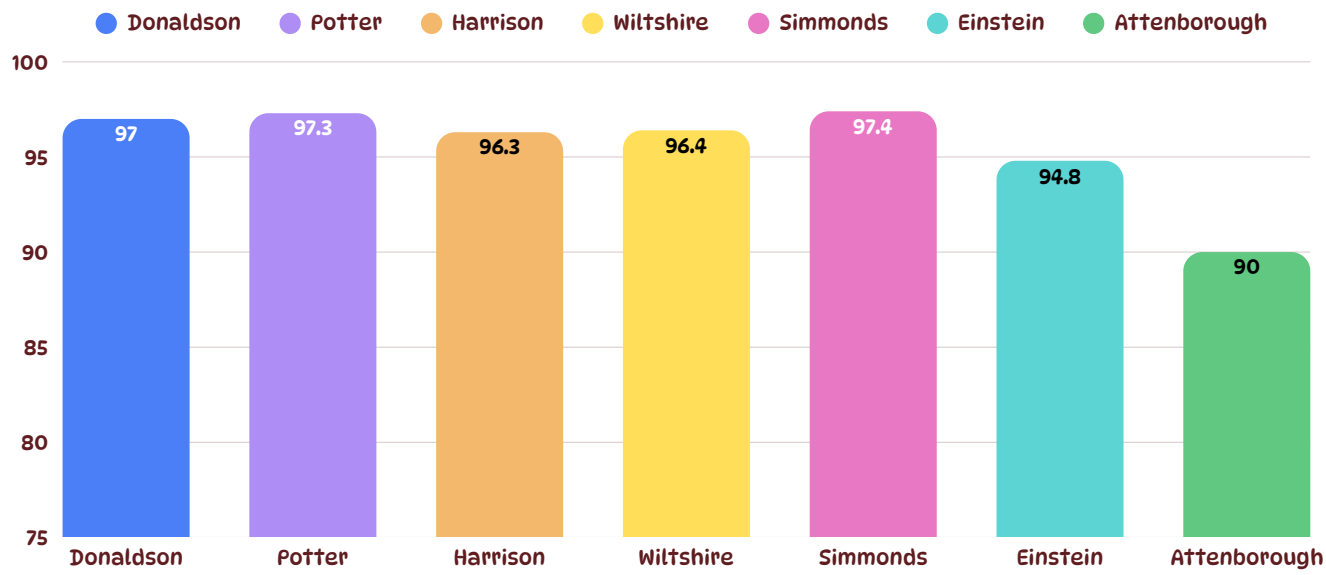
The school gates open at 8.30am, when families are welcome onto the school site. The school day officially begins at 8.40am.

Arriving on time is very important as it helps children settle calmly, see their friends, and start the day feeling confident and ready to learn. When children arrive late, they can feel unsettled and may miss important instructions or learning activities that take place at the start of the day.

If you arrive after this time, please come to the school office where a member of staff will be happy to sign your child in.

Thank you for your cooperation and support in helping our school days start smoothly and safely for everyone.

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.

LOCAL EVENTS



The Croft Clinic

Coffee Morning Event

Making Sense of Neurodiversity

Friday 5 June 2026 | 11:30am – 1:00pm

Wellness Suite, The Odney Club
Odney Lane, Maidenhead, Berkshire, SL6 9SR

Guest Speaker: Masie Cass
Founder of Diversity Does
ADHD Speaker & Neurodiversity Consultant

Join us for a relaxed and welcoming morning of **coffee, connection,** and **conversation.**

This insightful session will explore ADHD and autism through a compassionate, real-life lens—helping you better understand experiences beyond labels and build greater clarity & confidence.

Open to individuals, families, and those in local schools, whether already part of our clinic community or joining us for the first time.

SEN EVENTS


GEMS
Autism & ADHD Support Service
East Berkshire
Upcoming Events
Please visit our website to book your space - www.Gems4Health.com
MAY
05
7 PM TO 9 PM
3 Part Autism Course
MAY
13
10 AM TO 12 NOON
Empowering Calm
MAY
18
7 PM TO 9 PM
Understanding Emotional Regulation
JUNE
03
10 AM TO 12 NOON
PDA - Demand Avoidance
JUNE
09
7 PM TO 9 PM
Sleep - Autism and ADHD
JUNE
10
10 AM TO 12 NOON
Managing Anxiety
JUNE
10
7 PM TO 9 PM
3 Part ADHD Course
JULY
01
10 AM TO 12 NOON
Barriers to School, Can't go, Not won't go!
TBC
00
7 PM - 9 PM
AuDHD & Interoception workshop coming soon
Parenting Special Children
NHS Frimley
the autism group