

Newsletter 23 – Friday 17th April 2026

Welcome back to the Summer term! The year really seems to be flying by doesn't it? I hope you all had a lovely Easter and were able to enjoy some family time. We have had a lovely first week back and the children have settled in beautifully. Welcome to our four new gorgeous little Nursery Cygnets and your families – we look forward to seeing you flourish during your time at Holly Hill.

Sporting super stars

There was such a fabulous atmosphere on the field yesterday after school as we welcomed St. Marys and Bagthorpe for the KS1 cross country competition. All of the children were absolutely amazing and ran so well – it's such a long way around that field when your legs are only little and the hill is a killer!! Obviously the taking part is the most important bit, but it's always nice to win a whole load of medals and come first overall as well, which is exactly what our KS1 team managed to do! You were absolutely amazing guys and we are so proud of you – Finnley, Ralphie, Karter, Benjamin, Max, Harry, Eddie, Chester, Kolby, Oscar, Xavier, Robyn, Sienna, Ava, Freya, Harper, Otilie, Gabriella, Liliarna, May and Nancie! Thank you parents for coming along to cheer and support – you really helped to make it a lovely event.

Our dodgeball team were also in action before the Easter holidays. They played so well as a team and showed real resilience and determination. Well done to Skyla, Olivia, Ela, Kailah, Aaliyah, George, James, Leo and Logan.

Summer term diary dates

Here's a reminder of all our important dates for the Summer term ahead...

*There has been a change to the date for class photos as we will be using a new company this year. It's important our Year 6s are in on this date to get their photographs for their leavers books. Class photos are now on Monday 1st June.

<u>SUMMER 1</u>	<u>SUMMER 2</u>
• 13th April – Return to school • w/b 11th May – Y6 SATs week • 18th, 19th & 20th May – Year 5 Hathersage residential • 22nd May – BREAK FOR HALF TERM	• 1st June – Return to school • Monday 1st June – Class photos • w/b 1st June – Statutory times tables check week for Y4 (and following week) • w/b 8th June – Statutory phonics check week for Y1 • 15th June - KS1/KS2 sports day • 17th, 18th & 19th June – Year 6 Mount Cook residential • 18th June – FS sports day • 24th June – FS Garden party • 26th June - INSET DAY (School closed to pupils) • 29th June & 30th June - Transition Days • 29th June @ 3.40pm - Year 5/6 Welcome meeting for parents • 30th June @ 3.40pm - Year 3/4 Welcome meeting for parents • 1st July @ 3.40pm - Year 1/2 Welcome meeting for parents • 13 & 14th July - Year 2 <u>Gullivers</u> residential • 22nd July – Reports out to parents • 24th July – Y6 leavers assembly and leavers celebration • 24th July – BREAK FOR SUMMER • 27th July - INSET (School closed to pupils)

We will also be holding a Summer fair this year...



An update from Friends of Holly Hill

[Newsletters | Holly Hill Primary and Nursery School](#) – please take a look at this letter from Friends of Holly Hill explaining where all of the fundraising money that you so generously help us to raise is spent. It truly makes a difference to the experiences we are able to offer the children and we are always truly grateful for the support you all give.

The week ahead...

- Wednesday 22nd April – FOHH clothing collection

Thank you for your continued support,

Mrs. Leanne Steed

Headteacher

Attendance heroes

Good attendance in school is extremely important. The government target for good attendance is 96%.

This week's winners were Woodpeckers with an amazing 100% Well done Woodies!!! The majority of the school is looking amazing this week as well – let's keep it up for the rest of this half term and see if we can get our % back up.

ATTENDANCE ABOVE 96% IS AT THE EXPECTED STANDARD.

RECEPTION	98%	KINGFISHERS	96%
PUFFINS	96%	DOVES	96%
WRENS	96%	SWALLOWS	97%
WOODPECKERS	100% - wow Woodies!!!!!!	OWLS	86.9%
		FALCONS	97%
		SWANS	88%
WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE SO FAR THIS YEAR (excluding Nursery)		93.2%	

*Please be reminded that cars are strictly prohibited from parking on School Road. We must work together to ensure the safety of the children who attend our school.