

Newsletter 14 – Friday 16th January 2026

Welcome back to a new year at Holly Hill. We hope that you all had a fabulous Christmas (even though it seems like a lifetime ago now!) and are getting back into the swing of a more normal routine. We have had a lovely couple of weeks and the children have settled back in beautifully.

A snow day

Not quite the start to the new term I'd been hoping for! As many of you know, I hate snow (almost as much as I hate rain/extreme heat on Sports day!) – they all give me sleepless nights! I really don't like closing the school and completely understand how inconvenient for parents it is when this happens. I will always try to avoid it if I can but I have to prioritise the safety of staff, parents and children travelling in and whether we can get paths cleared so that the site is safe. The cleaners sent me videos at 6am of School Road and the KS2 playground and it honestly looked like Narnia!! I hope that some of you were able to enjoy the snow day and thank you all for your support when this decision has to be made.

Welcome to our Nursery little ones

We have welcomed 7 fabulous new Nursery children to our school this week. They have had an amazing first week and have already found their feet with new routines, a new environment and lots of lovely new friends. We look forward to seeing you flourish on your Holly Hill journey little ones – what a privilege it is to watch you grow.

Multi-sports competition

We are extremely proud of Olivia, Jayden, Phoebe, Zach and George who went off to Kirkby Leisure Centre this week to take part in a multi-sports competition. They were all so well behaved, worked beautifully with the other schools and were the best representatives of Holly Hill. Well done guys!

Online parent workshop - Wednesday 21st January 2026 4pm-6pm

As part of the Partnership for Inclusion of Neurodiversity in Schools Project, the Communication & Interaction team will be running workshops for Parents/Carers of Neurodivergent children. These are free, online workshops designed to refresh and reframe your understanding of Neurodiversity (no diagnosis necessary). The session will last for approximately 2-hours. There will be opportunities for selected Q&A's during the session.

Workshops include the following:

Developing consistent approaches from home and school to ensure neurodiverse children are happy, healthy, supported and ready to learn and able to engage in the classroom, including:

- masking
- boundaries/demands
- transitions, including the transition between home and school

Follow the link to book a place.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/notts-parent-event-pins-project-parent-workshop-tickets-1970395270295?aff=oddtcreator&scrlybrkr=4ff75aca>

Swimming starts next week

The swimming pool is now full and warm ready for lessons to start on Monday for our Year 3s and 4s. Please ensure your child has the appropriate swimming kit in school on the correct days.

If anyone has any spare swimming shorts, costumes or sliders/flip flops/crocs that their children have outgrown, we would be very grateful of any donations. We have spare towels and swimming hats but struggle to gather the other bits if a kit has been forgotten. Please drop any donations into the office and I'll make sure it all gets put together in the changing room. I do take everything home to wash each week as well.

The week ahead...

- Monday 19th January – Swimming lessons start for Years 3 and 4

Thank you for your continued support.

Have a lovely weekend,

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 Dove class with 97.7% Well done Doves!!

This is fabulous attendance! Well done to the whole school for being mostly green for attendance this week – amazing!!

RECEPTION	96.4%	KINGFISHERS	92.0%
PUFFINS	96.8%	DOVES	97.7%
WRENS	93.3%	SWALLOWS	97.5%
WOODPECKERS	94.6%	OWLS	96.9%
		FALCONS	91.8%
		SWANS	95.8%

WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE SO FAR THIS YEAR (excluding Nursery)	92.7%
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