

Newsletter 34 – Friday 17th July 2026

With all the excitement of the summer fair last week, I didn't get round to writing a newsletter last week so it's a long one today! Sorry!

Scooters and bikes

Please be reminded that children are welcome to arrive at school on bikes and scooters but absolutely must jump off and walk with them once they get onto school site. We will now be sending texts to inform parents that their child has been warned about this and if there is no improvement, a letter will be sent stating that the child is now banned from bringing their bike or scooter. I'm sure we will have full parental support with this as it is an important move to ensure every child's safety.

Free School Meals

From September the price of a school dinner will increase to £3.40, however the government are increasing eligibility for Free School Meals. From September all school aged children from a household that receive any amount of Universal Credit will be eligible to receive free school meals.

Applications need to be made before the summer holidays to ensure that your child can start receiving free meals as soon as we return in September. If you have already made a claim in the past, even if it was rejected you do not need to re-apply. Your application will be re-assessed. However, if you have never made a claim and think you will now be eligible please contact the office for a form as soon as possible.

Go Gabriella!

We were so proud to hear the amazing achievement of one of our wonderful Woodpeckers last weekend. Gabriella took part in a 5k pretty muddy event in the blazing sun and completed the whole thing even though her tiny little Year 2 legs could only just keep going! Not only that but she also raised over £1000 for Cancer Research UK. This is such a fabulous achievement and we wanted our whole community to know what an absolute super star we think she is. Well done Bella – we're unbelievably proud of you.

Pro-strike

Friends of Holly Hill have had two fundraising events taking place during the summer term. The first was our pro-strike penalty shoot-out. Honestly, we can't believe how much money this has raised for our school funds – a staggering £1600!!! You are unbelievable Holly Hill parents and we can't thank you enough for your support. Prizes are now in school and will be coming home tonight. A special shout out to Abella who won the top prize and the trophy for being the biggest fundraiser!!!

Summer sizzler

Then last Friday saw us run our new summer fair event, "Summer Sizzler". When the Year 6s came up with that name for the event earlier in the year, we certainly didn't know that it was a premonition!! Even with soaring temperatures, you supported us and came out in your droves. Again, we were blown away with your support and raised a further £780 for school funds!! That money added together has now covered the cost of our Christmas plans and some of our class wow money which is just incredible. Our Friends of Holly Hill team could not have worked harder to make it such a success and in the heat, it was even more impressive. Thank you team for everything you do for our children and thank you to all of our parents for always supporting us – we are so lucky!

Glorious Gullivers

Mrs. Watson and a group of our gorgeous Year 2s headed off for the final residential experience of the school year – a night in the castle at Gulliver's Kingdom. They threw themselves into all of the activities, including a hoedown, scooter safari and lots of rides!!! They were the most amazing group to take away and all had huge smiles on their sleepy faces when they returned to school.

A huge thank you to Mrs. Watson for organising and to Mrs. Cooper, Mrs. Foster and Mrs. Brooks for going along to look after everyone.

Sporting superstars:

- **EFD football tournament**

Last week saw a team of Year 4/5 children head over to Moorways in Derby to play in the EFD football tournament. They played brilliantly considering they are a brand new team and made it to the semi-final before being knocked out by the school who went on to win. Well done to Daniel, Blake, Morgan, Mason, Teddie, Jaxson, Alfie and Harrison – so proud of you!

- **Netball festival**

Earlier this week, our girls netball team took part in a festival where Mrs. Fisher was absolutely blown away with the progress they have made and how well they played. Keep up the amazing work girls – Skyla, Rosie, Dana, Bethany, Nellie and Hanna.

**A sentimental story – Mrs. Fisher bumped into a former Holly Hill pupil after her own netball teams match this week. The girl (who is now 23!) was going on to play netball next and said to Mrs. Fisher "you're the reason that I play". How fabulous is that?*

Family hubs and TB Sports holiday club

[Holly Hill Primary and Nursery School - Adverts and flyers](#)

I've added a couple of fliers onto this section for anyone who is interested. One is a holiday club ran by TB sports – the closest one is at Morven Park in Kirkby. The other flier is about Family Hubs. These are local teams (a bit like the old Sure Start model) who can support parents with parenting advice, baby support, health and well-being etc.

Immunisation information



We're changing the consent process for school vaccinations

Dear parent or guardian,

We're writing to let you know about a change to how you'll be asked to give consent for school vaccinations.

From July, The Nottinghamshire NHS school age immunisation service will contact parents and guardians directly to ask for consent.

You'll receive an email or text message from the NHS with a link to an online consent form.

You can use the online form to:

- give consent for your child to be vaccinated
- say you do not want your child to be vaccinated
- update your contact details if needed

Filling in the form will be quick and easy. It's important to respond, even if you do not want your child to be vaccinated.

What information the school will share

To allow the NHS immunisation team to contact you, the school will give them:

- your child's name, date of birth, postcode and school class
- your email address and mobile phone number

These details will only be used to send messages about your child's vaccinations.

You can find more information about the school age vaccination schedule on the NHS website.

Keeping your information safe

Your personal data will be stored securely in line with NHS data security standards. Only authorised members of the immunisation team and the digital service team can access your contact details.

Service provided by:



Searching for a sponsor!

Mrs. Fisher is hoping that someone may be interested in being our sponsor to buy us a set of short sleeve Holly Hill T-shirts. We have a football kit (sponsored by a previous parent) but we don't have matching T-shirts for all of our other events e.g. cross-country, district sports, dodgeball, athletics. Some of our tops have long sleeves which, as we discovered at a very hot district sports this year, are not at all comfortable. If you own a business or know someone who does and would be interested in being our sports T-shirt sponsor, please get in touch with Mrs. Fisher via the school office.

WE NEED YOU!

SPONSOR OUR HOLLY HILL SPORTS T-SHIRTS!

YOUR LOGO. OUR TEAM. GREAT EXPOSURE!

YOUR LOGO HERE!

Sponsorship helps us provide **quality shirts** for our athletes and build **team spirit** on and off the field.

LOCAL EXPOSURE Seen at games, events & in the community.	SUPPORT OUR ATHLETES Help provide quality gear that athletes are proud to wear.	PROMOTE YOUR BUSINESS Get your brand in front of families, fans & supporters.	MAKE A DIFFERENCE Invest in our team, support our youth & strengthen our future.
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LET'S TEAM UP!
Interested in sponsoring our Holly Hill sports t-shirts?
GET IN TOUCH TODAY!

Contact Mrs. Fisher (PE lead) via the school office on **01773 783909** or office@hollyhill.notts.sch.uk

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Attendance and Reading stars

Yesterday, Mrs. Watson and I held a special assembly for the whole school where we celebrated all of our super star readers and all of our super star attenders. There were prizes and certificates for children who have read 50+, 75+ and 100+ times and certificates for all children who have attended school 96+% this academic year. Good attendance and regular reading practice have a proven positive correlation not only with academic success, but with overall life success so we want to ensure that we are celebrating and rewarding these great achievements. Well done everyone!

Great British Summer Savings

The DfE have asked schools to share information regarding the Governments 'Great British Summer Savings' scheme.

From 25 June to 1 September 2026, the Government is temporarily cutting VAT from 20% to 5% on children's meals in restaurants, children and family tickets to cinemas, theatres, concerts and exhibitions, and admission to a wide range of attractions. Combined with free bus travel during August for children aged 5 to 15 in England, families and young people will be able to enjoy

experiences that make summer special, including visits to the kinds of cultural and educational attractions that enrich children's lives outside the classroom. You can find attractions and restaurants that are part of the scheme using this link:

<https://summersavings.gov.uk>

Reading Challenge



The children enjoyed an assembly last week about the summer reading challenge. Children sign up to be a library member at Kirkby library (which is open all week 9-5, or Saturday mornings), or they can go to Selston library in the Tin Hat centre which is open on Monday 3-5, and Tuesdays and Fridays 10-12.

There is a Summer Reading Challenge trophy for the winning school with the most completers, plus they do prize draws for individual children as well. There is a different craft on every week at Kirkby library and also a treasure hunt. All they have to do is read 6 books over the summer to get their medal!

Menu change – Friday 24th July

There will be a change of menu on the last day of school:



Clapping out Year 6

Many of our parents will already know how this works but for those who don't, on the last day of term, the whole school lines the drive and claps out the Year 6s as they take their final walk up the school drive. This has become a much loved annual traditional and is always very emotional – and a little bit hectic!

To support us with this special moment, the top and bottom gates will not open until after it has happened (around 3.25pm) and parents are asked to wait off site until this time. We will then open the gates to let you on and get the children out to you in their normal places as quickly as possible – this means they are normally a few minutes late coming out. Although it means a busy end to the day, it is a wonderful moment that all children will get to enjoy when their time comes. Thank you to the whole school community for supporting us with this so that it can continue.

The week ahead:

- Wednesday 22nd July – End of year reports out to parents
- Friday 24th July – Year 6 leavers party (Y6 parents invited to assembly at 2.30pm for a prompt 2.40pm start)
- Friday 24th July – Clapping out our Year 6s and then break for the summer holidays

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 and Wrens with 98.6%.

ATTENDANCE ABOVE 96% IS AT THE EXPECTED STANDARD.

RECEPTION	87.7%	KINGFISHERS	92.7%
PUFFINS	93.3%	DOVES	97.8%
WRENS	98.6%	SWALLOWS	95.6%
WOODPECKERS	98.6%	OWLS	91.2%
		FALCONS	86%
		SWANS	90.7%
WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE SO FAR THIS YEAR (excluding Nursery)			
93.1%			

*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.

