

Newsletter 35 – Thursday 23rd July 2026

End of the year newsletter

End of year reports

Yesterday your child should have brought home their end of year report. It's my absolute pleasure to read and sign them all before they come home and I'm sure you were as delighted to read them as I always am. A huge thank you to the staff for working so hard on them.

Annual parent questionnaire

A link to our annual parent questionnaire will be sent out tomorrow via text message. If you could take a minute to complete it over the next few weeks, we would really appreciate it. Your feedback helps us to reflect on what we're doing well and plan for future improvements.

Goodbye and good luck Year 6

Tomorrow we will say goodbye to our fabulous Year 6s. They will be having a great send off with their leavers hoodies, leavers signing books, shirt signing, a bouncy obstacle course, ice cream van, graduation ceremony, confetti canons and 'clapping out' by the whole school at the end of the day – a huge thank you for your support with this. We are so proud of this group of children and everything they have achieved during their time at Holly Hill. We know that they will continue to shine at their secondary schools and we can't wait to hear about their achievements in years to come. You are all part of our Holly Hill family forever.

End of an era – we love you Mrs. Cottee

We are also saying a very emotional goodbye to Mrs. Cottee who is retiring tomorrow after an incredible 28 years at Holly Hill. The work that she has done for the school community during that time has been endless and invaluable. A working life dedicated to education is one to be extremely proud of and we are so grateful that Mrs. Cottee chose to spend the majority of that time here at Holly Hill. The children performed in a very special leavers assembly this afternoon which was extremely emotional and I know tomorrow will be full of tears and special goodbyes as well.

Thank you for everything you have done over the years to make our school a better place - we will miss you so much!

Changes for next year

I am delighted to announce a slight change to our leadership team for the year ahead. Earlier this term, Mrs. Watson successfully interviewed for the role of Deputy Headteacher and Miss Fretwell successfully interviewed for the role of Assistant Headteacher. This strengthens our leadership team and ensures we are in a great position as we continue to move our school forward.

Next year, we will continue our partnership with Elite Football Development, but there will be a change of sports coach. Jack Messom will be replaced with a new coach who we are very excited

to welcome to school in September. We would like to thank Jack for everything he has done through his sports mentor role over his couple of years at Holly Hill. We know that his work has made a huge difference for some children and we will miss him lots!

I'd also like to say a huge thank you to Jo Brooks and Sarah Milburn who have dedicated over ten years each to Friends of Holly Hill but will now be stepping down from their fundraising roles. The voluntary work that Friends of Holly Hill do for school makes such a huge difference and you have played a massive part in that! Thank you for the time and care you have dedicated to our school and our children.

Thank you, thank you, thank you

This has been another fabulous year at Holly Hill all made possible by the truly fabulous people that are part of this very special team. Teachers, TAs, Middays, office staff, kitchen staff, Mr. Garland, Friends of Holly Hill and the most amazing parents work together to ensure that the children are at the heart of everything we do here and I never take for granted how lucky I am to work with you all – I hope I tell you all often enough. There really is no other team like Team Holly Hill and we reflect positively on what has been a great year and look forward to another fabulous one ahead – but first a well-earned rest!

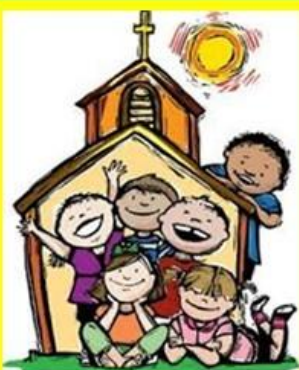
The year ahead...

- Tuesday 1st and Wednesday 2nd September – INSET days
- Thursday 3rd September – Children return to school
- During the second week of the new school year, I will send out annual diary dates with all of our important events for the year ahead planned out.

Have a wonderful summer – thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your continued support.

We very much look forward to working with you all again next academic year – you and your children are the absolute best and we are so incredibly lucky to work with you every single day!

Mrs. Leanne Steed,
Headteacher



Summer fun



FILLING STATION!

FREE BRUNCH

At St. Helen's Church Centre
Every Monday in August!
3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th & 31st

11.00am - 12.30pm

with activities for the children.
Just turn up – Everyone welcome!

Check out our:

'St Helen's Selston & St Mary's Westwood'

Facebook page or Contact 01773 862057