

NEWSLETTER 3
18th September 2026

So lovely to see you all!

Thank you so much to all of our fabulous parents who came along to our classroom drop in yesterday. It was so busy and there was such a lovely atmosphere in school – nothing our staff like more than a good natter! I hope everyone has had chance to meet teachers and TAs now and knows who to go to if they have any worries or concerns. Remember that our door is always open and we'd rather you mention something small that might be niggling, than let it build up until you are really worried about something.

Wraparound care – a few reminders

Just a few reminders if you use our wraparound care service:

- Children must be booked in so we can ensure staffing ratios are correct.
- Numbers are capped at 35. Breakfast club is especially busy at the moment so if you turn up without being booked on, we may be full and won't be able to offer a place that morning.
- If you are booked in but don't need the place, please let us know so that we can offer that place to someone else.
- Fees for wraparound care must be paid in advance.
- If fees are not paid, we may have to decline places in wraparound care as we are not allowed to run up debt.
- Children should be walked to the door and handed over to the adult running wraparound care so we know that they have safely arrived.

Vaccination information

The children were amazing yesterday in school when they had their flu vaccinations – well done everyone!

Reminders about vaccinations from the DfE for Reception class parents:

Starting school means your child will mix with many new children, making it easier for illnesses to spread – especially in autumn and winter. Vaccination is the safest way to protect them from serious preventable diseases such as measles and flu, helping keep them well and able to learn and develop. It also helps protect family members including grandparents, people with long-term conditions and younger siblings who aren't yet fully vaccinated. Before Reception, your child should have been offered their baby, one-year, MMR and pre-school booster vaccinations. You can see the full schedule offered before reception at www.nhs.uk/childhoodvaccinations Children can catch up on most missed vaccinations. Check their Red Book or speak to your GP practice to see if they've missed any and to book a catch-up appointment.

Read, read, read, read, read

This year we will be continuing our fabulous Reading Reward system. Reading together is THE most important way that you can support your child's education and progress. We keep our homework policy very light so that reading can be a real focus as it makes such a difference if children read or are read to regularly at home.

The reading rewards work as follows:



20 reads	Goldcrest reader	Certificate
40 reads	Firecrest reader	Certificate and bookmark
60 reads	Robin reader	Certificate and pen
80 reads	Starling reader	Certificate and badge
100 reads	Eagle reader	Certificate, badge and cake with Mrs Watson in the library

The teachers will add up the number of reads on the penultimate week of each term to allow treats to be presented in a special assembly. If your child writes in their own reads, it would be great if you would encourage them and check that they have done this. Please help us to encourage the children to read as many times as possible each week.

Thank you so much for your continued support with home reading, Mrs. Watson.

Wear Yellow For Shine

On Thursday 24th September, we will be taking part in 'Go Yellow for Shine', raising awareness and funds to support those living with hydrocephalus or spina bifida. Shine provide specialist support and advice for spina bifida and hydrocephalus (a cause very important to us and some of our families at Holly Hill).

To take part in 'Go Yellow for Shine', we are asking you to wear an item of yellow clothing (or something bright!) and make a donation to Shine by bringing £1 into school or donating via Parentpay. We can't wait to see you looking bright and colourful, Mrs. Rotherham.



THE WEEK AHEAD...

- Wednesday 23rd September: Key Stage 1 Selston walk
- Thursday 24th September: Go Yellow For Shine (see information above)

Have a fabulous weekend everyone!

Mrs. Leanne Steed, Headteacher

ATTENDANCE HEROES

96% is the expected standard for attendance set by the government.

Our class attendance heroes this week are **Cygnets** with an **absolutely amazing 100%** attendance!! Classes who win three times are celebrated in Heroes Assembly, earn extra playtime and £25 to buy books for their classrooms.

CYGNETS	100%	KINGFISHERS	94.9%
DUCKLINGS	98.3%	DOVES	93.1%
PUFFINS	96.6%	SWALLOWS	97.7%
WRENS	94.4%	OWLS	95.9%
WOODPECKERS	99.5%	FALCONS	93.7%
		SWANS	88.7%
WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE FOR THE YEAR SO FAR (excluding Nursery)		95.2%	

SAFEGUARDING

The safety and well-being of everyone in our school community is our highest priority.

Our designated safeguarding lead is Mrs. Jayne Leal. She can be contacted:

- in person,
- on the telephone (01773 783909)
- by email (office@hollyhill.notts.sch.uk FAO Mrs. J Leal), or
- the communication box on the safeguarding page of our school website: [Holly Hill Primary and Nursery School - Safeguarding and Pastoral Support](#)

IMPORTANT DAILY SAFEGUARDING REMINDERS:

*Children are not allowed to use their mobile phones on the school site.

*Children must walk with scooters and bikes through our school site.

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