

NEWSLETTER 5

2nd October 2026

Thank you for coming!

Thank you to everyone who joined us this week in school for our early morning reading breakfast. As always, it was lovely to welcome you in and for there to be such a lovely atmosphere in school around books, reading and chocolate spread on toast!

Parent questionnaire

The results of our parent questionnaire are now published on the school website. Every year, we are blown away by the kind comments that people take the time to write and this year is no exception. In fact, this year's is probably the best yet!

The headline data from the questionnaire that makes me and the staff so proud are:

My child feels safe at Holly Hill – 100%

My child is happy at Holly Hill – 98%

Would you recommend this school to other parents? – 100%

All other areas score so highly as well which is just fabulous and it is testament to how hard the staff work and how much they care.

Of course, we have carefully read through the negatives and areas for improvement and although there are no obvious trends/patterns, these have been shared with staff to ensure that we are continually improving. Any specific concerns (where a name was given) have been addressed individually.

Holly Hill parents are, without a doubt, the absolute best, we are so lucky to work with you and we never take that for granted – thank you!

[Holly Hill Primary and Nursery School - What Our Families Say About Our School](#)

Recommended Reads

Research shows that reading for pleasure has a direct impact on a child's progress and academic ability. Children who read or are read to at home develop a wider vocabulary and are more capable of accessing the whole of the curriculum.

If you're fed up of the same bedtime stories and are looking for some new books, the library service sent me these links to some new titles. There might be some nice ideas on here for Christmas presents. I sat with my children reading through the little descriptions and let them choose one each – I'm sure "The Mermaid's Diary" is going to be wonderful!

Books for Early Years and KS1 children: [ELS Best Books List Autumn 2026](#)

Books for KS2 children: [ELS Best Books List Autumn 2026](#)

Books for secondary children (some of these say 11+ so might be suitable for Y6 readers): [ELS Best Books List Autumn 2026](#)

Friends of Holly Hill

Did you know that there are lots of ways that you can support our PTA? Their fundraising supports our work in school by providing funds towards trips, Christmas and all of the 'extras' that the school budget doesn't cover. Your support is always valued and hugely appreciated.

FRIENDS OF HOLLY HILL PRIMARY SCHOOL PTA

FREE WAYS TO SUPPORT YOUR PTA

You can help us raise money for our children — without spending anything extra!

SHOP ONLINE
Easyfundraising
Start your online shopping through Easyfundraising and popular retailers will donate to our PTA at no extra cost to you.
Shop, support, make a difference!

DONATE UNWANTED CLOTHES
Clothing Collections
Bring your unwanted clothes and textiles to our collections. Weighing them in helps us raise money for the school.
Clear out your wardrobe, help our school!

DON'T BIN YOUR BATTERIES!
Valpak
Bring your used household batteries to our collection box in the school office and help support our PTA through Valpak.
Small batteries, big difference!

RECYCLE YOUR EMPTY INK CARTRIDGES
Recycle4Charity
Bring your used printer ink cartridges to our collection box in the school office.
Recycle today, support tomorrow!

PASS ON OUTGROWN SCHOOL UNIFORM
Donate your pre-loved uniform
Have uniform your child has grown out of? Donate it to us so it can be reused by another Holly Hill family.
Good quality uniform, new adventures!

Every little bit helps our school!
Friends of Holly Hill Primary School

THE WEEK AHEAD...

- Wednesday 7th October – Year 5 & 6 trip to Stratford

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 **Swallows** with an **98.3%** attendance!! There was a big cheer in assembly from Swan class who also finally made it out of the red – they are so desperately aiming to get green next week! Fabulous to see them engaging with the importance of school attendance.

Classes who win three times are celebrated in Heroes Assembly, earn extra playtime and £25 to buy books for their classrooms.

CYGNETS	90.7%	KINGFISHERS	95.3%
DUCKLINGS	83.7%	DOVES	95%
PUFFINS	96.0%	SWALLOWS	98.3%
WRENS	96.0%	OWLS	92.9%
WOODPECKERS	93%	FALCONS	96.6%
		SWANS	91.8%
WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE FOR THE YEAR SO FAR (excluding Nursery)		95%	

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.