

NEWSLETTER 6 – It's a busy one!

9th October 2026

Cross country super stars

This week it was the turn of Years 5 & 6 to take part in a cross-country event at Ashfield Rugby club. This was the qualifying event for the Nottinghamshire cross-country championship so they all worked really hard in the hope of making it the final. A huge well done to Bebe, Rebecca, Bethany, Rosie, Teddie, Alfie, Finley, Kane and Blake – absolute super stars.

A super special shout out to Teddie (7th), Alfie (10th), Bebe (6th) and Rebecca (12th) as finishing in the top 12 means that they have qualified for the final. What an amazing achievement!

Soggy in Stratford!

Years 5 and 6 had a lovely (but soggy!) day in Stratford this week. They visited the MAD museum to see the different automatons – they will then link this experience to their Design and Technology work back in school and create their own automata. This is a big trip to the city centre which relies on the children being sensible at all times which they absolutely smashed. A big thank you to Miss Fretwell for organising and to all of the adults who helped on the day.

Dyslexia support for parents

The SEND inclusion service team will be running a free online parent workshop, "Understanding Dyslexia and Supporting at Home," delivered by the Cognition and Learning Team. The session is designed for parents and carers of children who have been identified as having dyslexia or dyslexic traits and will provide practical advice, strategies and resources to support learning at home. The webinar will take place on Monday 23rd November 2026, from 9:30am to 11:30am via Microsoft Teams. If you feel this training would be beneficial for your family, you can book a place using the following link:

<https://notts-parent-event-supporting-dyslexia-at-home-23-nov-26.eventbrite.co.uk>

Parents Evening letter

This week you should have received your letter to book a parents evening appointment for the Tuesday or Wednesday of the first week back after half term. If you haven't received a letter, please pop into the office to get one or give us a call so that we can arrange your appointment.

SEND coffee afternoon – Thursday 15th October

On Thursday 15th October at 2.30pm, any parents of children with SEND or parents who feel their child may have SEND are welcome to pop into school for a coffee and a chat. This will be an informal session for parents to speak with the SEND team alongside other Holly Hill parents. If you would like to talk about your child in more detail and away from others, we will also be available throughout parent's evening (after the half term holidays). We look forward to catching up with you next week!

Mrs Rotherham and Mrs Warsop

Individual and sibling photographs – Thursday 15th October

On Thursday 15th October our school photographer will be in school to capture the children and their siblings looking fabulous at the start of the year. We will organise individual and sibling photographs during the school day.

If you wish to have a family photograph taken with siblings **who do not attend our school**, please go to the Infant hall from 7.45am on Monday morning to get the photograph taken.

Pumpkin competition – Friday 16th October



Holly Hill School

PUMPKIN

COMPETITION

Friday 16th October

3 prizes for

   

Foundation **Year 1 and 2** **Year 3 and 4** **Year 5 and 6**

That's 12 prizes in total!

 **Foundation, year 1 and 2 pumpkins must go to the infant hall**

 **Year 3, 4, 5, 6 pumpkins must go to their classrooms**

 **£1**  **entry paid to class teacher for KS2 and to adult in the hall for KS1**

Red card to racism day - Friday 16th October



THE WEEK AHEAD...

- Wednesday 14th October (after school): FOHH's Autumn disco
- Thursday 15th October: Individual and sibling photographs
- Friday 16th October: * Wear red to support red card to racism
 - * Pumpkin competition
 - * BREAK FOR HALF TERM

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** (again!) with **98.6%** attendance – even better than last week!! A huge well done to Swan class as well who desperately wanted to make it into the green and absolutely smashed it with 97% this week – amazing!!

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

CYGNETS	96%	KINGFISHERS	96%
DUCKLINGS	86.7%	DOVES	87.9%
PUFFINS	91.0%	SWALLOWS	98.6%
WRENS	91.8%	OWLS	96%
WOODPECKERS	94.9%	FALCONS	96.9%
		SWANS	97%
WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE FOR THE YEAR SO FAR (excluding Nursery)		94.5%	

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.