

NEWSLETTER 7

16th October 2026

Fabulous footballers

A huge well done to our fabulous football team who had their first game on Monday after school. All of the staff who watched (I was trapped in a Governors meeting and missed it!) said that they are a brilliant team and the score didn't reflect how well they had played. We are extremely proud of you boys and can't wait to watch you play as the year goes on – well done Thomas, Harrison, Teddie, Mason, Morgan, Pelumi, Alfie, Jackson, Jack and Blake.

A big thank you to Mr. Garland for refereeing for us too!

Dancing at the disco

A huge thank you to Friends of Holly Hill for organising a fabulous disco on Wednesday night. We all had a great time – some children dancing and some children just eating!! Thank you to all the parents who help to organise and run it and to the staff for staying as well – time is precious and we really appreciate the effort that everyone goes to so that the children can have a fab night.

Strolling around Selston

Our Year 3/4 children headed off to church on Wednesday as part of their RE curriculum. They had a fabulous time exploring the church and learning all about how Christians worship. A huge thank you to Reverend Lee for welcoming us so warmly and to all the parents who walked with us and helped to ensure the children got there safely.

Pumpkin competition

A huge thank you to everyone who took part in our pumpkin competition today. As always, some absolutely amazing ideas – we were especially impressed with the home-grown pumpkins this year and the 'Red card to racism' themed pumpkin design. I've taken photos of my favourites to copy for my daughter's competition next week – I haven't done an original design for years!

The winning pumpkins were:

Foundation Stage: Willow, Zara and Archer
Years 1 & 2: Freya, Violet and Ralphie
Years 3 & 4: Ella, Isla and Amelia
Years 5 & 6: Joshua, Connie and Rosie

They will bring their prizes home at the end of the day.

Red card to racism day

Everyone looked fabulous today dressed in red to send the message that Holly Hill shows racism the red card. The children have also completed activities in class to support their understanding of how we ensure our school is an anti-racist environment and have produced a self-portrait each to represent our differences that will be displayed on a whole school display. Well done everyone for tackling this subject with empathy, kindness, maturity and respect.

Running for Holly Hill

Everyone at Holly Hill would like to wish Vicki (Phoebe and Ronnie's mum) the best of luck as she runs the New York marathon on the 1st November! Not only are we all in awe of her ability to actually run a marathon and be an all-round super woman, we are overwhelmed to hear that she has chosen to fundraise to provide sports equipment for Holly Hill. If you would like to support Vicki's fundraising, I have included the link below:

[Fundraiser by Katy Falls : Two Mums, One Marathon!](#)

THE WEEK AHEAD...

- Friday 16th October: BREAK FOR HALF TERM
- Monday 2nd November: CHILDREN RETURN TO SCHOOL
- Tuesday 3rd November (3.45 – 5.30pm): Parents Evening
- Wednesday 4th November (3.45 – 5.30pm): Parents Evening
- Thursday 5th November (3.30pm): Hathersage residential meeting for parents (Y4)

Have a fabulous half term 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 Falcons with **96.2%** attendance – the only class in the whole school to have expected attendance this week.

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

CYGNETS	87.3%	KINGFISHERS	90.6%
DUCKLINGS	76%	DOVES	93.9%
PUFFINS	89.4%	SWALLOWS	95.7%
WRENS	88.9%	OWLS	91.1%
WOODPECKERS	86.6%	FALCONS	96.2%
		SWANS	87.7%
WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE FOR THE YEAR SO FAR (excluding Nursery)		93.8%	

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.

Be careful what you wear when you're out to scare

Some fancy dress costumes are highly flammable
so they can ignite almost instantly and burn fast.



Try to buy from a reputable store or website.
Cheap costumes may not meet UK safety standards.



Look for a costume with a UKCA or CE mark



Look for a label that says: "This garment has
undergone additional safety testing for flammability"



Remind children to stay well away from naked flames
and other heat sources



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