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6th November 2026

Beautiful 'belonging' display

As part of our 'red card to racism' day every child in school, from Nursery to Year 6, created a self-portrait to recognise and celebrate how wonderful it is to be unique. All 300 of these are now on display all the way along the Upper Key Stage 2 corridor and look absolutely amazing! It's a beautiful eye-catching display where every child has drawn themselves with a smile on their face and represents the family feel and our strong ethos that everyone is welcome here.

A parents evening thank you

As always, it has been a joy to welcome all of you into school this week for the first of our parents evenings this academic year. We hope you left feeling informed and confident about the year ahead for your child. If you weren't able to make it this week, please give the office a call and we can arrange for teachers to contact you as soon as they are next available.

Donation station for Rags to Riches

A reminder that our 'Rags to Riches' collection is underway with the donation station being set up in the entrance hall. If you're having a clear out and need to get rid of any old clothes, they can be bagged up and dropped off there. Friends of Holly Hill will then get it all weighed in, with the money raised going into their pot to help with the cost of our Christmas celebrations.

Poppies and British Legion items

If anyone would like to buy a poppy or a range of British Legion items, we have a small selection of Poppy Appeal items available for purchase from the school office.

Harvest donations

If you would like to support our harvest collection for the food bank, items can be sent into school to add to our special Harvest table between now and Friday 13th November. Even the smallest contributions can help to create a generous and very gratefully received donation.

Key Stage 1 winter warmer

Years 1 and 2 will be hosting their annual winter warmer event for parents on Wednesday 11th November at 2pm. Year 1 and 2 parents are welcome to join us in the Infant hall for an afternoon of tea, cake and little stalls and activities. This is always a lovely and very popular event – we look forward to seeing you there.

THE WEEK AHEAD…

- Monday 9th November at 3.30pm, Junior hall: Phonics meeting for Year 1 parents
- Wednesday 11th November at 2pm: KS1 Winter Warmer for Years 1 and 2 parents

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 Woodpeckers with **97.7%** 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	97.4%	KINGFISHERS	96.4%
DUCKLINGS	94/2%	DOVES	96.6%
PUFFINS	96.6%	SWALLOWS	96.8%
WRENS	95.7%	OWLS	94.8%
WOODPECKERS	97.7%	FALCONS	96.9%
		SWANS	93.9%
WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE FOR THE YEAR SO FAR (excluding Nursery)		94.2%	

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.