

Newsletter 7 – Friday 17th October 2025

Harvest celebrations

On Tuesday, Reverend Lee joined us for our special Harvest assembly. We shared our donations with her and also impressed her with our rendition of 'the harvest samba'. It was a lovely celebration and Reverend Lee commented on how much she loves coming to our school. Thank you to parents for your generous donations – these will be used over half term by the church at their community catering events.



Fabulous footballers

Both of our football teams have been in action this week. The boys played Jacksdale on Monday and the girls played St. Marys on Tuesday. Super proud of both teams as always - they demonstrated team work and resilience in abundance.

A huge well done to Teddy, Sonny, Mason, Morgan, Pelumi, Jaxon, Issac, Riley, Vinni and Ronnie.

And Cerrone, Sophie, Isla-Rose, Imogen, Ella, Amelia, Isla, Layla and Rosie.

Super stars!

Sherwood Forest

It was Year 1s turn to visit Sherwood Forest on Tuesday in their quest to find Robin Hood. Once again, they had a fabulous day and represented school beautifully. There are lots of lovely photos on the class webpages for you to take a look at. Thank you to parents for supporting us financially with trips – we wouldn't be able to offer them without it and the photos demonstrate just how valuable they are. <https://www.hollyhillschool.co.uk/class-pages/>

Carsington Water

On Thursday our Year 3/4 children headed to Carsington Water to further their learning in their Wonderful Water topic. They had a great day exploring the woods, the interactive learning zone

and of course, a quick play on the park at lunchtime. Ironically, there's no water at Carsington Water at the moment so they may also have witnessed a moment in history as the water level hasn't been that low since 1976!

Mrs. Balchin said that she had never been on a trip where so many children had kept saying that they were having a brilliant time and so many children said 'thank you for taking us' afterwards. Members of the public also commented on how fabulous Holly Hill children were - always a delight to take them out of school. A huge thank you to the team for organising and to all of the parents who came along to help.

Perfect pumpkins

A huge thank you to everyone who took part in our pumpkin competition today. As always, some absolutely amazing ideas – I've taken photos of my favourites to copy for my daughter's competition next week!

The winning pumpkins were:

Foundation Stage: Stewart, Oakley, Jasper and Halè

Years 1 & 2: Jase, Finnley, Max and Ella

Years 3 & 4: Jasmine, Evie, Amelia and Bexley

Years 5 & 6: Dana, Saracen, Paisley and George

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

Show racism the red card

Everyone looked fabulous today dressed in red today 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. Well done everyone for tackling this subject with empathy, kindness, maturity and respect.

Family Hub link

A link to the Nottinghamshire family hub newsletter:

<https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/UKNOTTSCC/bulletins/3f4793a>

The week ahead ...

- Monday 3rd November – Children return to school
- Wednesday 5th November, 3.45 – 5.30pm – Parents Evening
- Thursday 6th November, 3.45 – 5.30pm – Parents Evening

Thank you for a fabulous first half term back at school.

We hope that you all have a lovely break.

Mrs. Leanne Steed

Headteacher

Attendance heroes

Good attendance in school is extremely important. The government target for good attendance is 96%.

This week's winners were Swallow class with 96.9% Well done Swallows!!

RECEPTION	91.6%	KINGFISHERS	93.8%
PUFFINS	92.3%	DOVES	96.4%
WRENS	96.4%	SWALLOWS	96.9%
WOODPECKERS	91.8%	OWLS	90.9%
		FALCONS	92.1%
		SWANS	99.3%
WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE SO FAR THIS YEAR (excluding Nursery)		94.5%	

100% - A huge 'well done' to the 127 children who have got 100% attendance for the first half term of the school year. They are:

NURSERY	Madison, Annabel, Ozzy, Sophie, Dolly and Ava-Rose
RECEPTION	Laila, Ivy, Oakley, Ellis, Sebastian, Jasper, Theodore, Blayke, Gracie, Flynn and Hallie
YEAR 1	Zayla, Ralphie, Freya, Finnley, Karter, Alfie, Ivy, Isabella, Oliver, Carter, Max, Harper, Robyn, Sienna, Willow, Halley, Kai, Benjamin and Seth
YEAR 2	Kenley, Seth, Lilyann, Frankie, Ivygrace, Eddie, Kolby, Oscar, Ava, Matilda, Toby, Georgia, Ruby, Millie, Luca and David
YEAR 3	Abella, Noah, Carson, Jasmine, Isabella, Liam, Cleo-Renae, Finley, Joe, Donald, Ella, Connor, Lucy, Rupert, Vanessa, Anastasia, Larna, Bobbi, Gracie, Joseph, Lacey, Lucia, Grace and Finley
YEAR 4	Aleyna, Adona, Corbyn, Laci, Rebecca, Lilah, Hope, Alfie, Killian, Rory, Hanna, Milarose, Holly, Harry, Reuben, Alastair, Joshua, Max, Oliver, Jason, Finley, Bebe, Jack, William, Thomas, Evie, Rosanna, Olivia and Theo
YEAR 5	Charlie, Riley, Paisley, Ela, Rosie, Harrison, George, Megan, Blake, Dana, Isabella and Olivia
YEAR 6	Ralph, Sebastian, Tyler, Isla, Carson, Cory, Amelia, Julian, Benjamin, Theo, Jacob and Ethan

