

Newsletter 38 – Thursday 24th July 2025

The final newsletter of the year...

Change of lunch menu on Wednesday 3rd September

Due to deliveries when the school reopens in September, on the first day back there will be a change to the lunch menu.

Lunch will be roast beef, chips, peas, sweetcorn and gravy with a honey cookie for dessert.

End of year reports

Yesterday your child should have brought home their end of year report. It's my absolute pleasure to read them all before they come home and I'm sure you were as delighted to read them as I always am. A huge thank you to the staff for working so hard on them.

Annual parent questionnaire

A link to our annual parent questionnaire will be sent out tomorrow via text message. If you could take a minute to complete it over the next few weeks, we would really appreciate it. Your feedback helps us to reflect on what we're doing well and plan for future improvements.

Goodbye and good luck Year 6

Tomorrow we will say goodbye to our fabulous Year 6s. They will be having a great send off with their leavers hoodies, leavers signing books, shirt signing, a bouncy obstacle course, ice cream van, graduation ceremony, confetti canons and 'clapping out' by the whole school at the end of the day – a huge thank you for your support with this. We are so proud of this group of children and everything they have achieved during their time at Holly Hill. We know that they will continue to shine at their secondary schools and we can't wait to hear about their achievements in years to come. You are all part of our Holly Hill family forever.

End of an era

We are also saying goodbye to four very special members of staff tomorrow. Mrs. Cordon is off to her new school, Mr. Beckett is going to be working closer to home and Ms. Ellis and Mrs. Binder are both retiring.

Collectively they have worked here for 70 years!! And the work they have done for the school community during that time has been endless and invaluable. Schools change, staff and families come and go, but Mrs. Cordon, Ms. Ellis and Mrs. Binder really have been part of the furniture for such a long time – it will be very strange in September without them. The children performed in a very special leavers concert for them on Tuesday which was extremely emotional and I know tomorrow will be full of tears and special goodbyes for them as well.

Thank you for everything you have done over the years to make our school a better place - we will miss you!

Thank you, thank you, thank you

This has been another fabulous year at Holly Hill all made possible by the truly fabulous people that are part of this very special team. Teachers, TAs, Middays, office staff, kitchen staff, Mr. Morland, cleaners, Friends of Holly Hill and the most supportive parents work together to ensure that the children are at the heart of everything we do here. There really is no other team like Team Holly Hill and I never take for granted how lucky I am to work with you all – I hope I tell you all often enough.

*Today has been my son's last day at primary school (I was pregnant with him when I arrived at Holly Hill!). As you can imagine, I have been ugly crying all day! It isn't because I'm worried about his move to secondary because he's ready and I know he'll love it. I think it's because I know that 'this bit' - the primary school bit, the special, exciting, dress up on World Book day, paint a picture for the fridge, go to the panto at Christmas, play games with your friends at lunchtime, tell us all about a new topic when you get home, give your Mum a kiss before you go in bit - is done. These primary years are so special and my aim will forever be to ensure that on your last day with us, as a child or a parent, you have endless happy memories of fabulous times and great achievements here at Holly Hill – it really matters and it's so special because, believe me, it's over before you know it.

*The ramblings of an emotional wreck! I will ensure I have composed myself for tomorrow's leavers assembly!

The year ahead...

- Monday 1st and Tuesday 2nd September – INSET days
- Wednesday 3rd September – Children return to school
- During the second week of the new school year, I will send out annual diary dates with all of our important events for the year ahead planned out.

Have a wonderful summer – thank you for your continued support.

We very much look forward to working with you all again next academic year – you and your children are the absolute best and we are so incredibly lucky to work with you every single day!

Mrs. Leanne Steed

Headteacher