

Newsletter 29 – Friday 15th May 2025

Shout out to Year 6!

We are beyond proud of our super Year 6s for tackling their SATs with maturity, resilience and confidence this week. They have taken it all in their stride and just tried their absolute best, which is all we ever ask. Today they have enjoyed their “chippy at the park” treat – a well-deserved ‘day off’ for a very hard-working crew! Thank you for paying for this FOHH. Thank you parents for helping to keep them calm, supporting them with early nights, revision and booster sessions and getting them here on time each morning.

A huge thank you to the many staff who help to make SATs run so smoothly and as stress-free as possible for everyone. It really is a mammoth task and the guidance is extremely strict but, as always, everything was executed to perfection because of this brilliant team. Thank you to Mrs. Cordon and Miss Fretwell for their exceptional organisation and time tabling, all of the TAs who swoop in to be readers, scribes and extra adults in rooms, the rest of the teachers who manage without support while we borrow their TAs, Mrs. Binder for organising and sending the papers off to be marked and Mrs. Balchin, Mrs. Rawson and Miss Mills who have had all of the Year 5s in the infant hall all week to make the corridor available for Year 6. What a team!

Sports news...

I've tried to catch up on everything that I've missed or forgotten recently here so apologies for a long sport section.

Cross country

We took a huge team of KS2 children out to Eastwood earlier in the half term to take part in the cross-country competition. There are hundreds of runners at this event and we were extremely proud of everyone who took part. We had some particularly impressive results from Blake (20th), Dana (18th), Skyla (17th), Alfie (17th), Bebe (10th), Bethany (8th) and of course Charlie, who came in 1st without even breaking a sweat!! You are all super stars!

Girls football

Our girls football team have been in action against Hawthorne. The girls showed so much improvement since the last time they played together. A huge well done to Isla Rose, Amelia, Olivia, Lauren, Ruby, Ella, Shayla, Isla, Layla, Melissa and Alice.

Boccia

We are so proud of our lovely boys Jayden, Albert, Isaac and James for heading out to Kirkby Leisure Centre for a Boccia festival. They have practised with their coach, Mrs. Warsop, and showed off all of their skills when they competed. Well done boys!

Netball

And finally, well done to our netball team: Lauren, Alice, Skyla, Olivia, Rosie, Dana, Phoebe and Bethany for their hard work in a game against Beardall Fields. Well played girls!

A huge thank you to Mrs. Fisher and Mrs. Bis who work so hard to ensure that we have teams for all of these different events and organise getting everyone there and back! None of this would be possible without you.

Proud of Poppie!

We are unbelievably proud of Poppie in Year 6 who has headed out to Hungary today to represent her kickboxing gym in an international competition. We want to wish her all of the luck in the world and can't wait to hear about her fight when she returns. Good luck Poppie!!

Amazing Alice!

Following the UK Bebras Computational Thinking challenge event in November 2024, Holly Hill was invited to enter the UK Bebras Coding Challenge at the end of March 2025. Coding sessions were held during lunchtime and we are very proud to share the news that Alice in Year 6 has been awarded the Gold level certificate for this challenge. Gold awards are given to students who have scored in the top 10% nationally for the level entered so this is a really wonderful achievement! A huge well done Alice and thank you Mrs. Warsop for teaching her everything she knows!

Class photographs

Next Friday 23rd is class photograph day. I think I had said on a past newsletter that this date would be a non-uniform day but we need the children to be looking smart in their uniform for class photos please. Apologies for the mix-up, I'd made a mistake in my diary.

Dinah, our photographer, will also be taking individual Year 6 photos on this day for their leaver's books.

And finally...the best Holly Hill story every! Congratulations Miss Halliday!

So yesterday, SATs had finished, we had all just breathed a sigh of relief, I had headed out on dinner duty and then my phone rang to say Miss Halliday's waters had broken – in the classroom!! The team went straight into 'midwife' mode, calls made, bags packed, Daddy arrived and off she went. At 5.42pm, Emmie Winifred was welcomed into the world weighing a perfect 7lbs 8oz. Miss Halliday was teaching until lunchtime and had a baby by teatime!!! What an absolute warrior!! Mum, Dad and baby are all doing really well and we are absolutely delighted for them.

The week ahead...

- Thursday 22nd May – Year 3/4 Bolsover Castle trip
- Friday 23rd May – Class photo day
- Friday 23rd May – Break for half term

Thank you for your continued support,

Mrs. Leanne Steed

Headteacher