

Newsletter 29 – Friday 12th June 2026

Staying safe:

- **Whatsapp**

Please be reminded that social media platforms have age restrictions for a reason. Primary school children should not have access to WhatsApp or similar messaging applications. These platforms are designed for users aged 13 and over. Large groups chats particularly create environments where harmful behaviour can flourish quickly, often with little oversight from an adult. Group unkindness, screenshotting, sharing images are all significant concerns as to how these apps can be misused by young people. Parents are the primary safeguarders of their children - we can only do so much within school hours. If these apps are removed from devices, the space for this behaviour disappears. Please be vigilant and ensure you are checking your child's phone regularly.

Father's day raffle

Next week we will be running our Friends of Holly Hill Father's day raffle in school. Year 6 will be selling tickets in classroom from Tuesday until Friday. Winners will be drawn on Friday with prizes sent home in time for Father's day on Sunday. Tickets are 50p each. Please see letter for further info: [Newsletters | Holly Hill Primary and Nursery School](#)

Sports day and ice cream van

Key Stage 1 and 2 have their full day of sports day on Monday 15th June (parents are invited to attend the afternoon).

Foundation Stage have their sports day on Thursday 18th June (parents are invited to attend the afternoon).

Letters with further details about both events have been sent out.

At both events this year, the ice cream van will be attending. They will serve refreshments for adults only during the event. At the end of both sports days, parents are then welcome to buy ice creams for children if they wish to. Please see letter for further info: [Newsletters | Holly Hill Primary and Nursery School](#)

INSET days for 2026/27

The INSET days for next academic year are:

- Tuesday 1st September 2026
- Wednesday 2nd September 2026
- Monday 4th January 2027
- Monday 7th June 2027
- Wednesday 28th July 2027

Children start the next academic year on Thursday 3rd September.

I will add these dates to the school holidays page on the new website once it is launched.

Changes to dinner menu

Next week there will be a couple of changes to the dinner menu due to staffing issues.

Tuesday dinner will be roast gammon dinner with iced school cake and custard.

Wednesday dinner will be pin wheel pizza, potato and salad with chocolate crispie. THERE WILL BE NO JACKET POTATO OPTION ON WEDNESDAY

The week ahead...

- Monday 15th June – KS1 and KS2 sports day
- Wednesday 17th – Friday 19th June – Year 6 residential
- Thursday 18th June – Foundation Stage sports day

***Please note that I am going with the Year 6s on residential so will not be available in school from Wednesday to Friday next week. Mrs. Watson, Mrs. Leal and Mrs. Rotherham will be around if anyone needs them.**

Thank you for your continued support,

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 Wrens and Puffins with 94.7%. Not a single green class this week though! Let's hope for an improvement next week.

ATTENDANCE ABOVE 96% IS AT THE EXPECTED STANDARD.

RECEPTION	88.8%	KINGFISHERS	93.9%
PUFFINS	94.7%	DOVES	93.8%
WRENS	94.7%	SWALLOWS	93.3%
WOODPECKERS	91.7%	OWLS	94.6%
		FALCONS	93.4%
		SWANS	90.3%

WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE SO FAR THIS YEAR (excluding Nursery)	93.2%
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*Please be reminded that cars are strictly prohibited from parking on School Road. We must work together to ensure the safety of the children who attend our school.

