



Holywell Primary School

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22nd October 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been a busy week of enrichment activities within school.

Setpoint - Materials

This term, Year 5 have been learning about materials and their properties. The children attended a workshop that involved classifying, changing and separating materials. Year 5 enjoyed the paper chromatography, testing the hardness of materials with a scratch test, inflating balloons to monitor the chemical reaction with vinegar and bicarbonate of soda, as well as making lava lamps to test the densities of oil and water. The children were able to work in pairs rotating through the four different activities. They then discussed their observations and findings at the end of the session.





Bigfoot Theatre - Black History Month

All children had an amazing assembly this morning presented by Adrian from Bigfoot Theatre. Pupils in Year 5 and Year 6 also attended their workshops today and learnt many things, including Black History through the concept of the jukebox, different moments and artists through history, for example Robert Johnson and Run DMC (the importance of hip hop on modern culture). They also learned about the Empire Windrush through Lord Kitchener's journey and music.



The Year 3 and Year 4 Workshops have been rescheduled for Autumn 2, we will advise parents of the date as soon as we have it.



Mosque Visit – Year 3 & Year 4

This week the children in Year 3 and Year 4 went to visit Watford Jamia Mosque, where they spent time looking around. The children found it interesting to see the layout as well as learning about the importance of taking their shoes off. They learnt that the Imam leads a prayer called the 'Salah'. Muslims pray five times a day, either in the mosque or at home on a prayer mat. The children then completed a workshop in school, and worked in partners to create a sketch of the Ka'abah.



Teaching Assistant Vacancy

We currently have a vacancy for a Teaching Assistant. If you are interested in applying please do so via the Teach in Herts website. Link below -

[Teaching Assistant Vacancy](#)

Swimming

The children in Year 4 Mulberry and Cedar had their last swimming lesson this week. After half term it will be the turn of Year 6 Elm.

Festival of Learning

Please remember to access your child's Festival of Learning online via Google Classroom. Classes have been recording their Festival of Learning and it will be available to watch on Google Classroom from 3:30pm today.

Parents' Evening

Many thanks to the parents who have managed to join Parents' Evening this week. If you have not yet spoken your child's class teacher, please contact them to make another appointment. We want to speak to all parents about their children's progress since September.

Assessment Weeks

After the half term holiday we will start our Autumn term assessments with pupils. For the first two weeks Year 1 to Year 6 will complete assessments in reading, writing and maths. Once the assessments have been completed we will set new targets to work on. These targets will be in line with what was shared with parents during Parents' Evening. Our English lessons will look slightly different during these two weeks and we will be covering our 'take one book' unit across the school.

Parent Questionnaire

All parents were sent the link, via text, to complete the parent questionnaire for Autumn term. We would like everyone's views, so if you have not already completed the questionnaire we kindly ask you to do so as soon as possible. We only need one questionnaire completed per family.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/JDQQWNM>

Reception – September 2022

The on-line application system to apply for a place for Reception class in September 2022 opens on Monday 1st November 2021. We would like to remind parents who have children born between 1st September 2017 and 31st August 2018 that they must apply for a place in Reception class, they do not automatically transfer from Nursery to Reception.

We will be holding two Open Days, Thursday 4th November 2021 at 11:15am and Thursday 25th November 2021 at 2:00pm.



Nursery – September 2022

Application forms to apply for a place in Nursery, for children born between 1st September 2018 and 31st August 2019 are available from Thursday 6th January 2022. We plan to hold an Open Day On Thursday 13th January 2022 at 11:15am.

Year 6 Secondary School Transfer – September 2022

We would like to remind parents of children in Year 6 that the deadline for applications to secondary school is fast approaching. Parents will need to make an application online or on paper before the closing date, Sunday 31st October 2021.

Coronavirus

As we learn to live with Coronavirus, we ask that parents do not come to school or send their children to school if;

- **They have a fever (above 37.8C)**
- **They have a new, continuous cough**
- **There is a loss or change to their sense of taste or smell**
- **If you are isolating for any reason in accordance with government guidance**

STAR & CHARTER CERTIFICATES

		Star	Charter
Reception	Reception	Lei	Haseeb
Year 1	Sycamore	Preesha	Zak
Year 2	Hawthorn	Alexia	Reaiah
	Hazel	Lily May	Moriah
Year 3	Rowan	Radu	Harry
Year 4	Cedar	Kashvee	Harvey
	Mulberry	Hamithra	Rebeka
Year 5	Chestnut	Jah'Ovannie	Fozia
	Elder	Samuel	Hasnain
Year 6	Birch	Ayman	Diya
	Elm	Nicola	Megan

CLASS ASSEMBLIES		
Friday 5th November 2021	Rowan	Diwali
Friday 12th November 2021	Hazel	Remembrance Day
Friday 19th November 2021	Hawthorn	Children's Day
Thursday 25th November 2021	Sycamore	Hanukkah
Friday 3rd December 2021	Elm	St Andrews Day
Friday 10th December 2021	Birch	Human Rights Day

Week Commencing 11th October 2021

Attendance by Class			
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Nursery	90%	Mulberry	86%
Reception	85%	Cedar	86%
Sycamore	89%	Chestnut	96%
Hawthorn	99%	Elder	97%
Hazel	98%	Elm	93%
Rowan	91%	Birch	93%

Whole School Attendance from September 2021
94%

Attendance	
<i>Best classes in the whole school for attendance</i>	
Key Stage 1	Hawthorn
Key Stage 2	Elm

HOUSE POINTS	
Ebury	266
Vicarage	231
Brightwell	218
Cassio	194



AUTUMN TERM

October 2021

Monday 25th October 2021 - Friday 29th October 2021 - Half term
Sunday 31st October 2021 - Last day to apply for secondary school place for September 2022

November 2021

Monday 1st November 2021 - Year 1 assessment start
Monday 1st November 2021 - Reception 2022 - applications open
Monday 1st November 2021 - Poppy Appeal starts
Monday 1st November 2021 - Year 5 Football club (15:20 - 16:20)
Tuesday 2nd November 2021 - Year 1 & Year 2 Football club (15:20 - 16:20)
Tuesday 2nd November 2021 - Wizard Theatre pantomime to visit Holywell
Tuesday 2nd November 2021 - School Health in to weigh and measure Year 6 children
Wednesday 3rd November 2021 - Cornet lessons Year 4
Wednesday 3rd November 2021 - Ukulele lessons Year 5
Wednesday 3rd November 2021 - Year 6 Football club (15:20 - 16:20)
Thursday 4th November 2021 - Rocksteady lessons
Thursday 4th November 2021 - Reception Class September 2022 Open Day at 11:15am
Thursday 4th November 2021 - Year 6 Elm Swimming (14:00 - 14:30)
Thursday 4th November 2021 - Year 3 & Year 4 Football club (15:20 - 16:20)
Friday 5th November 2021 - Whole school assembly - Year 3 Rowan - Parents invited (9:05)
Friday 5th November 2021 - Nursery trip to Cassiobury Park
Monday 8th November 2021 - Whole school assessment week
Monday 8th November 2021 - Year 5 Football club (15:20 - 16:20)
Tuesday 9th November 2021 - Year 1 & Year 2 Football club (15:20 - 16:20)
Wednesday 10th November 2021 - Cornet lessons Year 4
Wednesday 10th November 2021 - Ukulele lessons Year 5
Wednesday 10th November 2021 - Year 6 Football club (15:20 - 16:20)
Wednesday 10th November 2021 - Flu vaccinations
Thursday 11th November 2021 - Rocksteady lessons
Thursday 11th November 2021 - Year 6 Elm Swimming (14:00 - 14:30)
Thursday 11th November 2021 - Year 3 & Year 4 Football club (15:20 - 16:20)
Thursday 11th November 2021 - School Photographer in for individual photographs
Friday 12th November 2021 - Whole school assembly - Year 2 Hazel - Parents invited (9:05)

Monday 15th November 2021 - Whole school Assessment Week
Monday 15th November 2021 - Year 3 and Year 4 Stone Age Workshop
Monday 15th November 2021 - Year 5 Football club (15:20 - 16:20)
Tuesday 16th November 2021 - Year 1 & Year 2 Football club (15:20 - 16:20)
Wednesday 17th November 2021 - Anti-bullying workshop
Wednesday 17th November 2021 - Cornet lessons Year 4
Wednesday 17th November 2021 - Ukulele lessons Year 5
Wednesday 17th November 2021 - Year 6 Football club (15:20 - 16:20)
Thursday 18th November 2021 - Rocksteady
Thursday 18th November 2021 - Year 6 Elm Swimming (14:00 - 14:30)
Thursday 18th November 2021 - Year 3 & Year 4 Football club (15:20 - 16:20)
Friday 19th November 2021 - Whole school assembly - Year 2 Hawthorn - Parents invited (9:05)
Monday 22nd November 2021 - Whole school Assessment Week
Monday 22nd November 2021 - Year 5 Football club (15:20 - 16:20)
Monday 22nd November 2021 - School nurses to complete Health Questionnaires with Year 6
Tuesday 23rd November 2021 - Year 1 & Year 2 Football club (15:20 - 16:20)
Wednesday 24th November 2021 - Cornet lessons Year 4
Wednesday 24th November 2021 - Ukulele lessons Year 5
Wednesday 24th November 2021 - Year 6 Football club (15:20 - 16:20)
Thursday 25th November 2021 - Rocksteady lessons
Thursday 25th November 2021 - Reception Class 2022 Open Day at 2pm
Thursday 25th November 2021 - Year 3 Rowan Swimming (14:00 - 14:30)
Thursday 25th November 2021 - Watford Football Trust to work with Year 6
Thursday 25th November 2021 - Year 3 & Year 4 Football club (15:20 - 16:20)
Thursday 25th November 2021 - Whole school assembly - Year 1 Sycamore - Parents invited (9:05)
Friday 26th November 2021 - Occasional Day - School Closed
Monday 29th November 2021 - Whole school Assessment Week
Monday 29th November 2021 - Year 5 Football club (15:20 - 16:20)
Tuesday 30th November 2021 - Christmas Decoration Day
Tuesday 30th November 2021 - Year 1 & Year 2 Football club (15:20 - 16:20)

December 2021

Wednesday 1st December 2021 - Applications Open for Reception 2022
Wednesday 1st December 2021 - Christmas Decoration Day
Wednesday 1st December 2021 - Cornet lessons Year 4
Wednesday 1st December 2021 - Ukulele lessons Year 5
Wednesday 1st December 2021 - Year 6 Football club (15:20 - 16:20)
Thursday 2nd December 2021 - Rocksteady lessons
Thursday 2nd December 2021 - Year 6 Elm Swimming (14:00 - 14:30)

Thursday 2nd December 2021 - Year 3 & Year 4 Football club
Friday 3rd December 2021 - Whole school assembly - Year 6 Elm - Parents invited (9:05)
Monday 6th December 2021 - Innovation and Enterprise week - DT focus
Monday 6th December 2021 - Whole school Assessment Week
Monday 6th December 2021 - Year 5 Football club (15:20 - 16:20)
Tuesday 7th December 2021 - Year 2 St Mary's Church, Christingle Workshop
Tuesday 7th December 2021 - Year 1 & Year 2 Football club (15:20 - 16:20)
Tuesday 7th December 2021 - Flu vaccinations
Tuesday 7th December 2021 - Year 2 St Mary's Church visiting
Wednesday 8th December 2021 - Cornet lessons Year 4
Wednesday 8th December 2021 - Ukulele lessons Year 5
Wednesday 8th December 2021 - Year 6 Football club (15:20 - 16:20)
Thursday 9th December 2021 - Year 6 Elm Swimming (14:00 - 14:30)
Thursday 9th December 2021 - Year 3 & Year 4 Football club (15:20 - 16:20)
Friday 10th December 2021 - Human Rights Day - Year 6 Birch - Parents invited (9:05)
Friday 10th December 2021 - Save the Children "Christmas Jumper Day"
Monday 13th December 2021 - Whole school assessment week
Monday 13th December 2021 - Year 5 Football club (15:20 - 16:20)
Tuesday 14th December 2021 - Year 1 & Year 2 Football club
Wednesday 15th December 2021 - Cornet lessons Year 4
Wednesday 15th December 2021 - Ukulele lessons Year 5
Wednesday 15th December 2021 - Year 6 Football club (15:20 - 16:20)
Thursday 16th December 2021 - Early Years Christmas performance (9:15)
Thursday 16th December 2021 - Rocksteady Concert
Thursday 16th December 2021 - Christmas Dinner Day
Thursday 16th December 2021 - Year 6 Elm Swimming (14:00 - 14:30)
Thursday 16th December 2021 - Presentation Assembly
Thursday 16th December 2021 - Year 3 & Year 4 Football club (15:20 - 16:20)
Thursday 16th December 2021 - Key Stage Concert to parents (6:00pm)
Friday 17th December 2021 - Early Years Christmas performance (11:15)
Friday 17th December 2021 - Whole school assembly (Christmas production) Key Stage 1 parents invited (9:05)
Monday 20th December 2021 - Whole school assembly (Christmas production) Key Stage 2 parents invited (9:05)
Tuesday 21st December 2021 - Presentation Assembly
Tuesday 21st December 2021 - Last day of term - school closes at 1:30pm
Tuesday 21st December 2021 - No PM Nursery class. Nursery closes at midday

Enrichment Days

Thursday 4th November 2021 - Diwali

Friday 5th November 2021 - Bonfire Night

Wednesday 10th November 2021 - World Science Day

Thursday 11th November 2021 - Remembrance Day

Monday 15th November to Friday 19th November 2021 - Anti Bullying Week

Monday 15th November to Sunday 21st November 2021 - Road Safety Week

Saturday 20th November 2021 - Universal Children's Day - UN

Monday 29th November 2021 - Hanukah

Tuesday 30th November 2021 - St Andrew's Day

Thursday 2nd December 2021 - International Day for the abolition of slavery

Friday 10th December 2021 - Human Rights Day



As part of the effort to help keep children safe this Halloween we have been asked to include a link to a You Tube video by Hertfordshire Fire and Rescue.

[How quickly do these Halloween costumes burn? - YouTube](#)

Message from Trading standard

When parents are choosing their Halloween costumes this year, they should look for the CE mark, which ensures safety in toys. They should also look for costumes that state "This garment has undergone additional safety testing for flammability" on their labelling, or alternatively garment labelling that references that it has been tested to The Nightwear (Safety) Regulations. Many manufacturers are now choosing to apply these higher standards of protection to their costumes which goes beyond the current legal requirement for flammability testing of toys.

The advice from the Fire Service if an accident was to happen and a costume does catch fire is still to,

STOP – Don't run it will only make the fire worse. Try to Protect your face.

DROP – get down onto to the floor

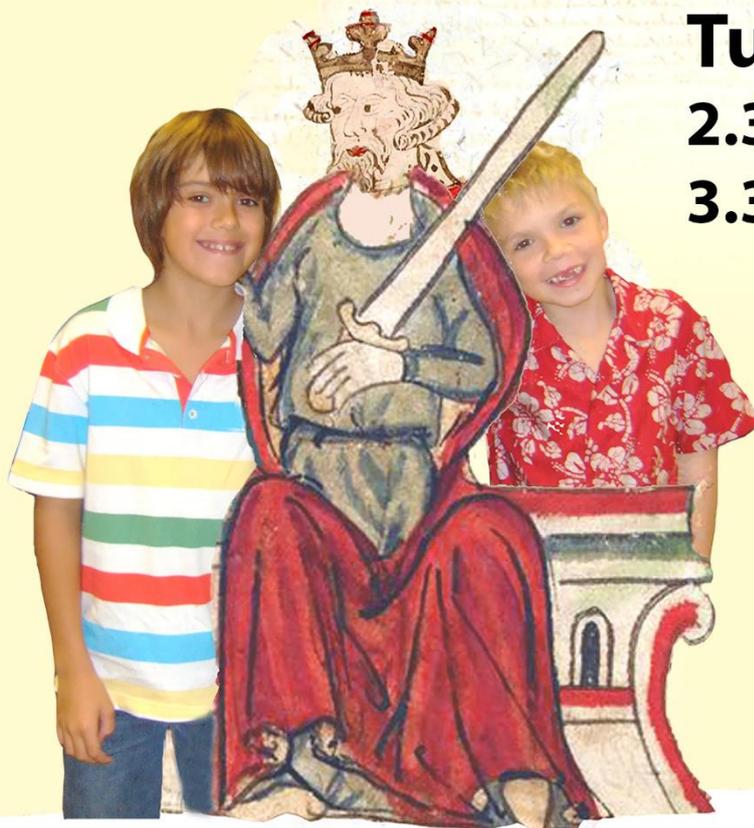
ROLL – With your arms above your head, roll over and over, this will put the flames out.

If involved in Fire call 999 straight away and if suffering from burns seek medical assistance immediately.

Signed & Sealed

Be a King or Queen for the day

Use real quill pens to create your very own charter (a special document where you can set out all your own rules!). Make it official by adding a wax seal and tying it with ribbon, just as kings and queens did hundreds of years ago.



Tuesday 26 Oct

2.30pm - 3.15pm

3.30pm - 4.15pm

£3.00 per child.

(includes one adult)

Booking essential.

Ages: 7-12. Children

under 8 must be

accompanied by an

adult.

Venue: Watford Library

Hempstead Rd, Watford WD17 3EU

How to book: visit <https://bit.ly/3AZoleM>

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