



Holywell Primary School

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24th March 2023

Dear Parents & Carers

Attendance and punctuality

We have now started closing the small green gates earlier so that any latecomers can sign in at the office. Parents are reminded that pupils need to be in class by 8:55 to not miss out on any learning. We will continue to track punctuality closely.

We have also introduced pupils to our attendance tracker this week. This give pupils a visual indication of the classes' attendance. Do speak to your child about the tracker and their classes attendance. We hope this will really motivate and encourage pupils to be at school 100% of the time.

WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE FROM SEPTEMBER 2022

92%

Week Commencing 13th March - 17th March 2023

Attendance by Class			
Nursery	95%	Y3 Mulberry	94%
Reception	97%	Y4 Cedar	95%
Y1 Sycamore	97%	Y5 Chestnut	91%
Y2 Hawthorn	94%	Y5 Elder	93%
Y3 Rowan	98%	Y6 Elm	88%

Attendance	
<i>Best Classes in the whole school for attendance</i>	
Key Stage 1	Y1 Sycamore
Key Stage 2	Y3 Rowan

Phonics Visits for Years 1 and 2

On Tuesday 28th March, between 9:05 and 9:25, those of you who have children in Years 1 and 2 are invited to take part in a class visit on the teaching of phonics.

If your child is in Year 1 and Year 2 they are most likely to be part of the phonics programme we are running. You will be able to enter classes from 9:05 and then accompany your child to their phonics sessions until 9:25. This is a great opportunity for you to learn how you can support your child's development in phonics. If you would like more information, please speak to your child's teacher



Star & Charter Certificates

Star & Charter Certificates – 24th March 2023		
	Star Learner of the	Charter Certificate
EYFS	Khushi	Olivia
Y1 Sycamore	Gio	Haseeb
Y2 Hawthorn	Makanaka	Felix
Y3 Mulberry	Era	Julio
Y3 Rowan	Amelia	Aiden
Y4 Cedar	Zainab	Parmeet
Y5 Chestnut	Nived	Harvey
Y5 Elder	Amol	Harvey
Y6 Elm	Samuel	Elif

Non-Uniform Day

This week, the School Council asked for donations for various charities that support people in our local community and beyond. In total you raised £175.50. Thank you to all who supported us with this and well done to the School Council.

Year 5's Trip to St Mary's Church, Watford

Yesterday, Year 5 Elder and Chestnut Class went on an exhausting 40-minute walk to St Mary's Church in Watford. First, we recapped with Reverend Tony what we had already learnt about Christianity and Jesus. Then we talked about the miracles that Jesus performed in his life which are shared in the Bible. Reverend Tony then gave us explanations about why Good Friday and Easter Sunday are what they are and the reason that we give Easter Eggs.

By Lacey, Andreas and Robert (Chestnut Class)



Clubs

A reminder that all clubs finish this week for this term, but with a new term starting we have new clubs beginning. They will begin on the week commencing 24th April and will end the week commencing 10th July. There will also be lots of opportunities for you to take part in other clubs during school hours so make sure you look out for these!

Football

Yesterday, we saw the U11s boys Football Team take part in their first tournament against 4 other local schools. We had a mix of Year 5 and 6 players who had been selected by their coach who they have been working exceptionally hard, week after week with at training. I was very impressed at the level of passion shown from all of the children and how well they listened to the coach. Although everyone played well throughout the games, our players of the match are Kevin for his brilliant goal keeping, saving multiple goals and Adam for his overall effort in all positions.



Assembly Timetable

Topic/Theme	Class	9:10 am Y1-Y6 Olympic Hall
Presentation Assembly	Mr van Straaten	Thursday 30th March 2023
Easter production	Y3 Mulberry/Rowan	Friday 31st March 2023

Easter Break

Can I please remind you that we break up next Friday at 1:30pm for the Easter break? Pupils will return to school on Tuesday 18th April 2023.

Yours faithfully

Mr C van Straaten
Headteacher