



# Holywell Primary School

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*we are a learning community with the spirit to succeed*

25<sup>th</sup> June 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

## Sports Day

Our Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 Sports Day took place yesterday. It was strange without parents attending, but nevertheless pupils had a great time taking part in the different activities. The children remained in their bubbles and adhered to social distance rules between classes to ensure we stay safe. We also minimised the use of equipment for safety reasons. We are in the process of tallying up the scores and we will name our certificate winners in next week's newsletter.



A huge thank you to Miss Whiting for organising the day, and to all staff for their support in ensuring the event ran smoothly.

Nursery and Reception did not have their Sports Day this morning because the grass was wet due to the overnight rain. Our reserve date is Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2021, Nursery and Reception will now have their Sports Day on this date.







### **Rabbi Visit – Year 5**

Yesterday, Chestnut and Elder Class were visited by Rabbi Zvi from a synagogue in Reading. Rabbi Zvi consolidated and enhanced their RE learning from the year. He is a very knowledgeable man and taught Year 5 all about the life of a Rabbi, traditions of the Jewish community and important events and celebrations in the religion of Judaism. The children were engaged and enthralled by the stories he shared, being able to explore artefacts, and saw a real life Torah scroll. They had a fantastic afternoon.



### **Nursery and Reception spaces available for September 2021**

We still have vacancies for pupil who will be entering Nursery and Reception from September 2021. Please contact the school office to find out how to apply. Please recommend us to other parents that you know who have school aged children now.

<b>Nursery</b>	<b>Children born between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2015 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2016</b>
<b>Reception</b>	<b>Children born between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2016 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2017</b>

### **Year 1 and Year 2 After School Collection**

I would like to thank parents for their co-operation in the recently changed collection arrangements for Year 1 and Year 2. Just a reminder to parents, please do not approach the classrooms. If a parent wishes to meet with the class teacher we ask that they wait until all children have been dismissed. Teachers will then come down to see them.

# HERTFORDSHIRE MUSIC SERVICE

Registration now open  
for lessons from  
September 2021!



## Instrumental and vocal lessons

Hertfordshire Music Lessons are available during the school day at over 330 schools in Hertfordshire.

We also provide lessons in the evening and on the weekends at our 12 music centres across the county, check where your nearest one is at [hertsmusicservice.org.uk/music-centres](https://hertsmusicservice.org.uk/music-centres).

For lessons in most schools, please enrol directly with HMS at [hertsmusicservice.org.uk/register](https://hertsmusicservice.org.uk/register).

We offer various lesson types and durations, please talk to your school about what they can facilitate.

Remission of Fees is available to pupils receiving certain benefits. Generous financial support is available to help with the cost of lessons.

For full details and to see what fee assistance you could receive, visit [hertsmusicservice.org.uk/remission/](https://hertsmusicservice.org.uk/remission/).



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## Financial Support for pupils and families in 2021-22

Please see below for information about the generous financial support programme provided by Hertfordshire Music Service for instrumental music lessons. Support is for music tuition with HMS teachers during the 2021-22 academic year.

Parents/carers can initially apply directly to us, Hertfordshire Music Service, from **Wednesday 9th June to Wednesday 30th June 2021**. Schools can refer pupils in this period as well. Applications will be open all year, however this initial window will enable HMS to consider applications and confirm financial support to pupils and schools before the end of the summer term.

### *How do I make a school referral?*

- If your school wants to refer a pupil directly to HMS to be considered for financial support, for example a child in the care of Hertfordshire County Council, or a pupil in exceptional circumstances, please email the details to [music.remission@hertfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:music.remission@hertfordshire.gov.uk).
- This does not affect any separate subsidies that your school may offer pupils.

### *How do parents/carers apply for financial support?*

- Renewals and new applications for financial support will initially be open between 9th June and 30th June 2021.
- Full details are at [www.hertsmusicservice.org.uk/remission](https://www.hertsmusicservice.org.uk/remission).

### **Covid-19 Testing - Lateral Flow Test and PCR Test**

Parents are reminded that if their child shows symptoms of Coronavirus that they need to book a PCR Test, as set out in government guidance. Using a Lateral Flow Test to rule out Coronavirus is not sufficient because these tests work differently. The most accurate way to establish if someone has Coronavirus is through using a PCR Test. We kindly ask you always inform the school of the results please.

### **Coronavirus**

We will keep our protocols and safeguarding the same as before half term and ask that parents continue to support us in staying safe.

Parents are reminded about Public Health England advice -

Pupils, staff and other adults must not come into the school if:

- they have one or more COVID-19 symptoms
- a member of their household (including someone in their support bubble or childcare bubble if they have one) has COVID-19 symptoms
- they are legally required to quarantine, having recently visited countries outside the Common Travel Area
- they have had a positive test
- have been in close contact with someone who tests positive for COVID-19

In these circumstances

They must immediately cease to attend school and not attend for at least 10 days from the day after:

- the start of their symptoms
- the test date if they did not have any symptoms but have had a positive PCR or Lateral Flow Test

We must follow this process to ensure everyone's safety on site.

## HOLYWELL STAR LEARNERS

Blue	Gabriella	This is awarded for her great understanding of subtraction
Red	Layla	This is awarded for her great understanding of subtraction
Maple	Nasir	For sequencing pictures accurately in English
Sycamore	Isabelle	For displaying resourcefulness by sharing her ideas during lessons
Hawthorn	Maisey	For always being engaged and focused in her learning and producing high standards of work
Hazel	Naomi	For trying very hard to have the neatest handwriting
Cedar	Roberto	For working his hardest in Guided Reading sessions
Mulberry	Esmay	For showing a positive attitude towards her maths lesson and understanding Roman Numerals
Rowan	Alex	For showing resilience and fantastic team work skills during Sports Day
Chestnut	Nicola	For writing a lovely cinquain poem based on 'Shackleton's Journey' book
Elder	Adaeze	For her amazing dedication to all areas of learning and improving herself! She is frequently displaying all of our 6Rs within her learning and we are so incredibly proud of the care and effort that she is putting in to everything that she does in class. Amazing Adaeze!
Birch	Aghness	For brilliantly writing a recount in English, including its key features. Well done!
Elm	Esa	For excellent inference skills demonstrated during Guided Reading sessions this week

## HOLYWELL CHARTER CERTIFICATES

Blue	Godfrey	This is awarded for being a kind friend
Red	Emilia	This is awarded for following our rules
Maple	Owen	For being reflective and resilient with his work on a daily basis
Sycamore	Zak	For showing responsibility by beginning to stand in line sensibly
Hawthorn	Mikayla	For being super resilient during sports day
Hazel	Zarya	For showing responsibility for her own learning by practicing her sounds in her reading and writing
Cedar	Robert	For always following the 6Rs, thus being a great behavioural role model to his peers
Mulberry	Peter	For following the 6Rs and using his initiative to make the right decisions in the class and on the playground
Rowan	Taylor	For showing a responsible attitude towards his learning when sequencing events from a narrative
Chestnut	Kian	For being resilient in drawing 2D shapes with the correct angles
Elder	Leira	For displaying all of the 6Rs in all that she does and being a great support for everyone around her. Leira is truly ready to be a Year 6 student and is a role model for all at Holywell. Well done, Leira!
Birch	Bright	For always being a responsible student and a supportive peer. Well done and keep it up!
Elm	Maya	For always following the 6Rs and for being an excellent role model for the class

## Week Commencing 14<sup>th</sup> June 2021

### Attendance by Class

Attendance by class:

Nursery	91%	Rowan	0%
Blue	89%	Mulberry	96%
Red	95%	Cedar	94%
Maple	97%	Chestnut	96%
Sycamore	100%	Elder	92%
Hawthorn	89%	Birch	94%
Hazel	92%	Elm	90%

**Whole School Attendance  
from September 2020  
94%**

### Attendance

*Best classes in the whole school for attendance*

Key Stage 1	Sycamore
Key Stage 2	Chestnut

**Enrichment days**  
**Summer Term**

Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2021 – Mandela Day



# DIARY DATES

Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2021 – Reception – Health Screening with School Nurses  
Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2021 – Cornet Lessons Year 4 am  
Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2021 – Year 5 Ukulele lessons pm  
Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2021 – Rock Steady Music Lessons  
Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2021 – Year 5 parents informed of venue for Consortium Test in September  
Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2021 – Nursery & Reception Sports Day - [no parents allowed](#)  
Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2021 – Whole School Assembly at 9:10am Year 5 Elder – Reasoning  
Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2021 – Year 2 – Paradise Wildlife Park  
Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2021 – Year 5 – Visit to St Marys Church  
Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2021 – Year 4 Cornet Lessons am  
Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2021 – Year 5 Ukulele lessons pm  
Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2021 – Nursery Concert – [will be recorded and made available online](#)  
Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2021 – Community Day – [cancelled](#)  
Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2021 – Moving Up Day  
Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2021 – Rock Steady Music Lessons  
Friday 9<sup>th</sup> July 2021 – Whole School Assembly at 9:10am  
Friday 9<sup>th</sup> July 2021 – Year 3/4 Cassiobury Park  
Friday 9<sup>th</sup> July 2021 – End of Year Reports out  
Monday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2021 – Year 1 Cassiobury Park  
Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2021 – Parents Evening – [online](#)  
Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2021 – Governors Meeting  
Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2021 – Nursery Graduation Day  
Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2021 – Cornet Lessons Year 4 am  
Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2021 – Year 5 Ukulele lessons pm  
Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2021 – Year 6 performance to parents at 6:00pm – [will be recorded and made available online from Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2021](#)  
Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2021 – Rock Steady Music Lessons  
Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2021 – Awards Assembly – [online in school for classes](#)  
Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2021 – Year 6 performance to parents – 2:00pm [will be recorded and made available online from Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2021](#)  
Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2021 – Year 6 Moving Up afternoon  
Friday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2021 – Year 6 Leavers Assembly [will be recorded and made available online from Friday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2021](#)  
Friday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2021 – No afternoon Nursery, all finish at midday  
Friday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2021 – Last day of term School closes at 1:30pm





GWG's Summer Camp is officially on the green list! 😊

Travel with your kids to Holywell School in Watford for a week of fun filled fitness and educational activities ⚽📖

These camps aim to deliver fun and meaningful activities for our young ones:

- A. An opportunity to engage in fitness through a fun medium 😄
- B. Keep their minds fresh with educational games and activities with our Qualified teacher from Little Learners, Shama Govani 👩🏠
- C. Reducing their time spent on the sofa and staring at a screen to activities keeping them alert 💡
- D. A chance for Parents / Guardians to put their feet up and relax! We'll take care of your kids, you go have a cuppa ☕

\*\_Limited spaces available, sign up now to avoid disappointment!\*\_

Link to sign up: [tinyurl.com/gwgcamp](https://tinyurl.com/gwgcamp)