



# Holywell Primary School

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

25<sup>th</sup> November 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

This week we had the last of our Anti Bullying workshops. Year 6 had a visit from the school nursing team and children in Early Years ended the week with a visit to the cinema in Watford town centre.



## Occasional Day

We would like to remind parents that tomorrow, Friday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2021, is an Occasional Day. School is closed for children all staff.

## COVID-19

A letter went out yesterday to all parents about the Covid-19 restrictions we have brought in. We have 4 members of staff who tested positive on a PCR test and pupil cases are rising daily. Parents are urged to get a test organised if there are concerned about their child's health. The walk in centre next to the school is very good, you can get an appointment almost instantly.

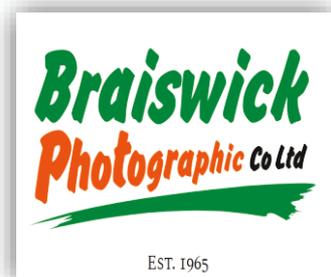
## ***Covid-19 Walk-through Testing Site - Watford (King George V Car Park, Chaffinch Lane)***

Next Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2021, we will review matters and at that point make a decision on whether to keep pupils in bubbles.

These are precautionary measures to ensure that Covid-19 does not spread within the wider school community.

## Braiswick Photographer

If you wish to order photographs of your child/children, please return the proofs, with payment, to the school office. Alternatively, you may place your order on line. The last day to do this is Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2021.



### **Reception – September 2022**

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

**[www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions)**

Alternatively, if you are unable to access the website, a paper copy of the application form from Hertfordshire can be obtained by calling the Customer Service Centre on 0300 123 4043

### **Nursery – September 2022**

Application forms to apply for a place in Nursery, for children born between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2018 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2019 are available from Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2022. They will be available from the school website or school office. We plan to hold an Open Day On Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2022 at 11:15am.

### **Year 5 – Trip to Verulamium**

On Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2021 Year 5 are visiting Verulamium Museum in St Albans. If you have not yet paid for this trip, we kindly ask you go on to the School Money website and do so as soon as possible.



### **Children walking home on their own**

It has come to my attention, on a number of occasions, pupils who walk home on their own are getting into arguments. This behaviour is not acceptable. Parents are urged to speak to their children (Year 5 and Year 6) about how they should conduct themselves on their way home from school.

We ask parents who witness any such incidents outside of school, please report it to the school office or class teacher. Do not speak to the pupils directly.

## School Uniform and PE Kit

Maroon Sweatshirt – with school logo

White Polo Shirt

Grey Trousers/Grey Skirt

Sensible Black School Shoes

Red Check Dress/Smart Grey Trousers/Shorts (Summer Uniform)

Plimsolls/Trainers for PE

PE Jogging Bottoms – with school logo

Pupils are to come to school on the days they have PE dressed in their PE kit. They are not allowed to change in the classroom at the moment. They must wear the regulation jogging bottoms with the school logo, non-regulation jogging bottoms are not allowed.

## Assembly

# CLASS ASSEMBLIES

Friday 3rd December 2021	Elm	St Andrews Day
Friday 10th December 2021	Birch	Human Rights Day

## Christmas Jumper Day – Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2021

This is our last fundraiser for the year. Children are allowed to wear their Christmas jumper for a donation of £1. This is a national event supported by the Charity 'Save the Children', who raise money for essential food, healthcare, education and protection to millions of children around the world who are less fortunate.



# UNICEF ARTICLES 1 and 4 linking to WORLD CHILDREN'S DAY

An integral part of World Children's Day is children and young people learning about their rights and raising their voices on issues that affect them. On 20<sup>th</sup> November we celebrated World Children's Day, the anniversary of the adoption of the Convention on the Rights of the Child. It's a global day of action for children, by children. Holywell children created some posters to reflect their views about Children's day.

## LINKED UNCRC ARTICLES



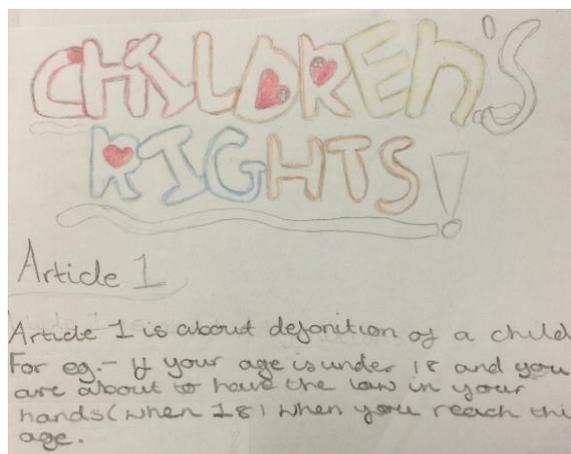
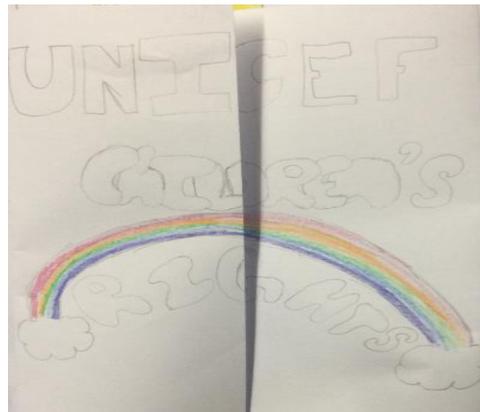
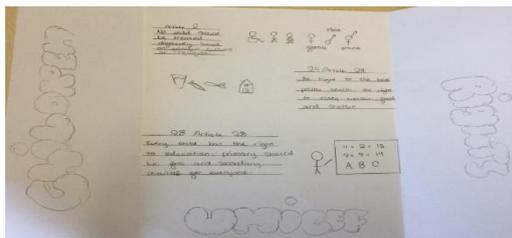
There are two articles that provide a particularly strong link this week.

**Article 1 – Definition of the Child**  
Everyone under the age of 18 has all the rights in the Convention.

**Article 4 – Implementation of the Convention**  
Governments must do all they can to make sure every child can enjoy their rights by creating systems and passing laws that promote and protect children's rights.

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**ARTICLE 6**

Article 6 - Every child has the right to live and survive and not suffer poverty.

Article 2 - No child should be treated differently based on their gender, culture or language.

Article 30 - Every child has the right for their own language, Religion and family.

UNICEF 

**Facts About UNICEF**

- Unicef has helped over 700,000 newborn babies!
- They have ensured that more than 175 million children go to school.
- UNICEF has helped almost 200 countries.

Article of the week:

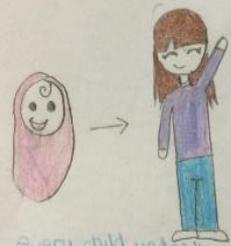
**ARTICLE ONE**

**ARTICLE 12**

Article 12 - Every child has the right to express all views, feelings, wishes and have the right to be taken seriously.

Article 13 - Every child must be free to express their thoughts feelings and to access all kinds of information.

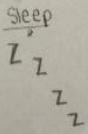
# CHILDRENS... rights



Every child under the age of 18 has RIGHTS

It is CRUCIAL to have these things

Food 

Sleep 

Shelter 

# CHILDREN IN NEED

Article 1 and 4

Why do we celebrate? World children day is a day where people celebrate and help children who need help. Government should help children that really need it so they can have a better education.

Definition of children

Making rights real! Article 4



Article 1 and 4 is about having the rights of children. Article 1 is about everyone under 18 should go to the convention, Article 4 is about children enjoying their rights by the government.

For children  
By Children!

## HOUSE POINTS

Ebury	163
Vicarage	133
Brightwell	128
Cassio	164

## STAR & CHARTER CERTIFICATES

		Star	Charter
<b>Reception</b>	Reception	Paisley	Callie
<b>Year 1</b>	Sycamore	Kamal	Olivia
<b>Year 2</b>	Hazel	Maryam	Julio
<b>Year 3</b>	Rowan	Kristina	Zarya
<b>Year 4</b>	Cedar	Khaira	Alizah
<b>Year 5</b>	Chestnut	Jaida	Kayla
	Elder	Zain	Tanmeet
<b>Year 6</b>	Birch	Adn	Livana
	Elm	Lois	Terrence

## Week Commencing 15<sup>th</sup> November 2021

### Attendance by Class

Attendance by class:

Nursery	88%	Mulberry	93%
Reception	89%	Cedar	90%
Sycamore	92%	Chestnut	96%
Hawthorn	95%	Elder	95%
Hazel	97%	Elm	95%
Rowan	91%	Birch	95%

### Whole School Attendance from September 2021

**93%**

### Attendance

*Best classes in the whole school for attendance*

Key Stage 1	Hazel
Key Stage 2	Chestnut



## AUTUMN TERM

### November 2021

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2021 - Whole school Assessment Week  
Monday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2021 - Year 5 Football club (15:20 - 16:20)  
Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2021 - Christmas Decoration Day  
Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2021 - Year 1 & Year 2 Football club (15:20 - 16:20)

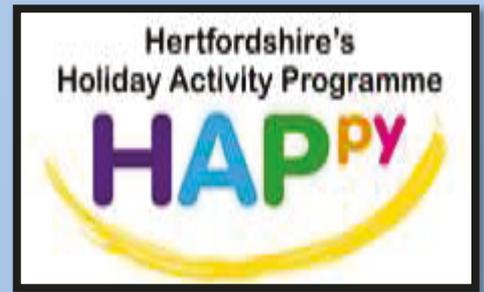
### December 2021

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2021 - Christmas Decoration Day  
Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2021 - Cornet lessons Year 4  
Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2021 - Ukulele lessons Year 5  
Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2021 - Year 6 Football club (15:20 - 16:20)  
Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2021 - Rocksteady lessons  
Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2021 - Year 6 Elm Swimming (14:00 - 14:30)  
Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2021 - Year 3 & Year 4 Football club  
Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2021 - Whole school assembly - Year 6 Elm - Parents invited (9:05)  
Monday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2021 - Innovation and Enterprise week - DT focus  
Monday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2021 - Whole school Assessment Week  
Monday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2021 - Year 5 Football club (15:20 - 16:20)  
Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2021 - Year 2 St Mary's Church, Christingle Workshop  
Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2021 - Year 1 & Year 2 Football club (15:20 - 16:20)  
Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2021 - Flu vaccinations  
Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2021 - Year 2 St Mary's Church visiting  
Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2021 - Cornet lessons Year 4  
Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2021 - Ukulele lessons Year 5  
Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2021 - Year 6 Football club (15:20 - 16:20)  
Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2021 - Year 6 Elm Swimming (14:00 - 14:30)  
Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2021 - Year 3 & Year 4 Football club (15:20 - 16:20)  
Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2021 - Human Rights Day - Year 6 Birch - Parents invited (9:05)  
Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2021 - Save the Children "Christmas Jumper Day"  
Monday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2021 - Whole school assessment week  
Monday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2021 - Year 5 Football club (15:20 - 16:20)  
Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2021 - Year 1 & Year 2 Football club  
Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2021 - Cornet lessons Year 4  
Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2021 - Ukulele lessons Year 5  
Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2021 - Year 6 Football club (15:20 - 16:20)  
Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2021 - Early Years Christmas performance (9:15)

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2021 - Rocksteady Concert  
Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2021 - Christmas Dinner Day  
Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2021 - Year 6 Elm Swimming (14:00 - 14:30)  
Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2021 - Presentation Assembly  
Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2021 - Year 3 & Year 4 Football club (15:20 - 16:20)  
Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2021 - Key Stage Concert to parents (6:00pm)  
Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2021 - Early Years Christmas performance (11:15)  
Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2021 - Whole school assembly (Christmas production) Key Stage 1 parents invited (9:05)  
Monday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2021 - Whole school assembly (Christmas production) Key Stage 2 parents invited (9:05)  
Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2021 - Presentation Assembly  
Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2021 - Last day of term - school closes at 1:30pm  
Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2021 - No PM Nursery class. Nursery closes at midday

### **Enrichment Days**

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2021 - Hanukah  
Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2021 - St Andrew's Day  
Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2021 - International Day for the abolition of slavery  
Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2021 - Human Rights Day



## ***HAPpy Holidays***

What will your kids be doing this Winter holiday?

Are they in need of action-packed days with the added benefit of a free meal? If so, HAPpy Holiday Camps are taking place across Hertfordshire this Winter and might be just the answer!

It's all thanks to Hertfordshire County Council who have joined forces with the Herts Sports Partnership to organise a huge programme of activity for the school holidays.

Activities will be running in different venues across the county for children and young people aged between 5-16 years, and all include a nutritious meal each day. As an eligible family you can book for free using your unique HAPpy Booking Code. When prompted, please make sure you enter the whole code, which includes the & symbol which is found in the middle of the code.

***Your unique code is: T3&CA9***

You will be able to search for activities using your postcode or child's age – places are limited and strictly on a first come basis so be quick and book online from

Monday 6th December at <https://www.sportinherts.org.uk/happy/booking>

If you are having trouble booking, you'll find a step-by-step guide on the booking page explaining what to do. Still need help? Hertfordshire Libraries have computers you can use, and friendly staff who will be able to help.

Additionally, there are a range of fun online Enrichment Activities to look through, with ideas for learning more about arts and crafts, history, music, and theatre, plus ways to keep your family active for 60 minutes each day! View these at

<https://www.sportinherts.org.uk/hafhappy>

Lastly, our information page has links to a variety of organisations and advice you and your family may find useful. Visit this at <https://sportinherts.org.uk/happy/useful-local-services>