



# Holywell Primary School

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

26<sup>th</sup> May 2023

Dear Parents & Carers

## Key Stage 1 SATS

Well done to all the Year 2 pupils who have worked hard all week to complete their KS1 SATS. I know it is something that children are not used to doing but they showed great resilience in completing these.

## Whole School Assessments

After half term, we will be completing our end of year assessments for pupils in Year 1, Year 3, Year 4 and Year 5. The reading and writing assessments will help to inform their teachers and enable them to complete the end of year reports.

## Uniform

As the weather is changing, we seem to have many pupils veering away from the school uniform policy. The guidelines for school uniform are clear and on the school website.

Many pupils do not seem to have the correct PE kit and therefore come to school in normal clothes. With COVID guideline now something of the past, we are reverting back to children attending school in their school uniform each day. When we return after the half term, the children will need to bring their PE kit in a named PE bag so that they can change into it; these can be left in the classroom until the end of the term.

## Lateness and Early Collections

We have a number of pupils who arrive at school late on a regular basis. Can I please remind you that school and learning start at 8:55am each morning?

In addition, we have a lot of parents collecting their children from school early for appointments. As it is almost impossible to make up for lost learning, can I please ask that you book your appointments for after school. This will ensure that they do not miss any learning.

## Festival of Learning

Thank you to all who were able to visit your children's classes during the Festival of Learning this week.



### PTA Sponsored Read

Can you please return any sponsorship money and forms for the PTA Sponsored Read to your children's teachers; thank you.

So far, the children have raised £285 but for the total to reach the required rate, the PTA has donated another £315. This, with Osbornes contribution, will earn the school £900 worth of books. I would like to thank everyone for their support but also the PTA who been driving this initiative.

### Assemblies

Topic/Theme	Class	9:10 am Y1-Y6 Olympic Hall
World Environment Day	Y6 Elm	Friday 9th June 2023
Father's Day	Y3 Mulberry	Friday 16th June 2023
Wind Rush - Article 17	Y3 Rowan	Friday 23rd June 2023
Reflection	Y2 Hawthorn	Friday 30th June 2023
Reflection - Article 13	Y1 Sycamore	Friday 7th July 2023
All About Me - Article 1	Reception	Friday 14th July 2023
Presentation Assembly	Mr van Straaten	Thursday 20th July 2023

### Half Term

School will be closed from Monday 29th May until Friday 2nd June for half term. Pupils will return to school on Monday 5th June 2023.

Yours faithfully



Mr C van Straaten  
Headteacher

<b>Star &amp; Charter Certificates – 26th May 2023</b>
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Star Learner of the Charter Certificate		
EYFS	Jenny	Zahran
Y1 Sycamore	Nard	Kijani
Y2 Hawthorn	Junior	Aisha
Y3 Mulberry	Jay Jay	Thobit
Y3 Rowan	Ellie	Zak
Y4 Cedar	Patrick	Valentina
Y5 Chestnut	Haresh	Adam
Y5 Elder	Khaira	Adelaide
Y6 Elm	Amelia	Harley

<b>WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE FROM SEPTEMBER 2022</b> <b>92%</b>
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Attendance by Class			
Nursery	86%	Y3 Mulberry	100%
Reception	97%	Y4 Cedar	94%
Y1 Sycamore	88%	Y5 Chestnut	90%
Y2 Hawthorn	91%	Y5 Elder	91%
Y3 Rowan	94%	Y6 Elm	93%

Attendance	
<i>Best Classes in the whole school for attendance</i>	
Key Stage 1	Y2 Hawthorn
Key Stage 2	Y3 Mulberry