



# Holywell Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers

As we head into the half term, I would like to congratulate Year 2 and Year 6 on completing their statutory assessments. It has been a busy half term with lots of trips including the Year 6 trip to the Isle of Wight, which is returning later this evening. The Year 6 pupils who did not attend the Isle of Wight trip are concluding their week with a visit to the cinema today.



A Day in Cassiobury Park

## Occasional Day

Can I please remind you that Monday 6th June is an Occasional day and our school will be closed?

## Assessments

When we return to school after the half term, Year 1 and Year 2 pupils will be completing their phonics screening assessments and during the second week Years 3, 4 and 5 will be completing their end of year assessments.

## Earth Day

This week, we had representatives from Veolia (organised by the Watford Borough Council) who presented to the children across the school, about Earth Day. The children learnt about recycling and sustainability and how we can reduce waste in our homes.

## Term Dates 2022 - 2023

There has been a slight amendment to the term dates for the next academic year 2022 - 2023. Instead of school starting on Monday 5th September 2022, school will now restart for pupils on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> September. This will give us an extra day of staff training, which we will use for phonics training.



## Queen's Platinum Jubilee

Today we had a lovely assembly presented by Sycamore class about the Queen's Jubilee. This week the children have been learning about the last 7 decades of Queen Elizabeth's reign. We are looking forward to our picnic this afternoon.



## Y5 Workshops

We had a visit this week from Entertaining Science – Circus Skills. The children really enjoyed the workshops and were asked to write a small piece for our newsletter.

**Kayla's on the assembly:-** “Never in my life, have I seen something educational be converted into maximum fun! My boring body had a gust of energy and after my ears touched his commercial speech. I almost froze hearing our kind-hearted teacher (Miss Hampton) telling us we were going to have a marvellous well-spent hour with him. Then after our scrumptious lunch another hour! The first thing the scientist did in his memorable assembly was talk about the main forces we learnt in Science as a class such as air resistance, pull, push, twist and so on. Most of the assembly was him doing some impossible tricks with peacock feathers, juggling and a unicycle! “

**Maddison's on the workshop:-** “Mysteriously we had a powerful peacock feather activity. At the start it was really hard to balance it (on the palm of your hand) but then I did it on my elbow (ta daa)! It felt like magic to me! But obviously Dr Ken did it way better than me! We learnt how this was caused by a push and pull force.”

**Amelia on the workshop:-** “As soon as we did the afternoon registration we headed down to the infant hall to start our workshop. First thing first, he chose me as the volunteer. I stood at the front and put my hand in an 'L' shape. Unexpectedly he told me he was going to drop a piece of paper into my finders to see how good my reactions were.”

## **Step2Skill**

Step2Skills is offering two courses in June for parents of primary school leavers, to help understand the transition to secondary school level maths and English.

They are offering two courses for parents of Year 5 and 6 children as they prepare to leave primary education.

- Getting Ready for maths at secondary school – A 5-week, online, live-streamed course, starting on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> June at 10:00 – 12:00pm.
- Getting Ready for English at secondary school – A 5-week, online, live-streamed course starting on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> June at 1:00 – 3:00pm.

Both courses will cover the various topics within the curriculum and the strategies and methods used to teach your child. You will discover activities each week that you can use to help build your child's confidence as they make the transition to secondary level education.

As a Hertfordshire resident, you can access this course for £15.00 and places can be booked on the Step2Skills website at [www.step2skills.org.uk/courses](http://www.step2skills.org.uk/courses).

Yours faithfully



Mr C van Straaten  
Headteacher

# TERM DATES FOR 2022 - 2023

## **AUTUMN TERM 2022**

Thursday 1st September 2022 Occasional Day  
(school closed for pupils)

Friday 2nd September 2022 INSET Day (school closed for pupils)

Monday 5th September 2022 INSET Day (school closed for pupils)

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2022 – first day of term

Half Term - Monday 24th October 2022 to Friday 28th October 2022

Wednesday 21st December 2022 - last day of term  
(school closes at 1:30pm)

## **SPRING TERM 2023**

Thursday 5th January 2023 INSET Day (school closed for pupils)

Friday 6th January 2023 INSET DAY (school closed for pupils)

Monday 9th January 2023 - first day of term

Half Term - Monday 13th February 2023 to Friday 17th February 2023

Friday 31st March 2023 - last day of term (school closes at 1:30pm)

## **SUMMER TERM 2023**

Monday 17th April 2023 INSET Day (school closed for pupils)

Tuesday 18th April 2023 - first day of term

Half Term - Monday 29th May 2023 to Friday 2nd June 2023

Friday 21st July 2023 - last day of term (school closes at 1:30pm)

<b>Star &amp; Charter Certificates - 27 May 2022</b>		
	<b>Star Learner of the Week</b>	<b>Charter Certificate</b>
<b>Reception</b>	<b>Frankie</b>	<b>Aden</b>
<b>Y1 Sycamore</b>	<b>Makanaka</b>	<b>Kameel</b>
<b>Y2 Hawthorn</b>	<b>Oliver</b>	<b>Jah'Neza</b>
<b>Y2 Hazel</b>	<b>Maya</b>	<b>Zak Tayeh</b>
<b>Y3 Rowan</b>	<b>Radu</b>	<b>Aaron</b>
<b>Y4 Cedar</b>	<b>Stefi</b>	<b>Ritesh</b>
<b>Y4 Mulberry</b>	<b>Liban</b>	<b>Amina</b>
<b>Y5 Chestnut</b>	<b>Maddison</b>	<b>Rick</b>
<b>Y5 Elder</b>	<b>Summer</b>	<b>Katherine</b>

<p align="center"><b>WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE FROM SEPTEMBER 2021</b></p> <p align="center">92%</p>
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Week Commencing 16 May - 20 May 2022

<b>Attendance by Class</b>			
Nursery	89%	Mulberry	97%
Reception	93%	Y4 Cedar	87%
Y1 Sycamore	96%	Y5 Chestnut	100%
Y2 Hawthorn	98%	Y5 Elder	89%
Y2 Hazel	97%	Y6 Elm	93%
Y3 Rowan	93%	Y6 Birch	91%

<b>Attendance</b>	
<i>Best Classes in the whole school for attendance</i>	
Key Stage 1	Year 2 Hawthorn
Key Stage 2	Year 5 Chestnut



## Jubilee Events & Ideas for you and your family to enjoy



Watford Borough Council's Centenary & Jubilee celebrations, 4th June (11am to 9pm)

### FUN-FILLED DAY OF MUSIC & DANCE

Starting off in the morning with a Parade through the High Street leading to the bandstand in Cassiobury Park with an afternoon and evening of music and performances.

Parade 11am to 12noon

Bandstand 12 to 5pm

Concert

5pm - Vibe DJ Set

6.10pm - Rak-Su

TBC - Martin Kaye band

7.30pm - Game of Quidditch

8.05pm - Stephanie McCourt

8.30pm - Naughty Boy

[Big Centenary Celebration | Watford Centenary](#)



Eastbury Residents' Association  
Queen's Jubilee Celebration: 3rd June, 11am- 4pm,  
Eastbury Recreation Ground, Batchworth Lane.

Eastbury Residents Association are inviting residents to bring their own picnic blanket and enjoy the fun. The afternoon will feature food and ice cream vans, fun fair games and rides, bouncy castles, craft and local business stalls, charity plant stalls, a cake competition and a live DJ. Disabled parking will be available at Eastbury Farm School for those with a blue badge.

### Hold your own Jubilee Event

<https://www.goodhousekeeping.com/uk/food/recipes/g38755912/jubilee-tea-party-recipes/>

<https://www.busythings.co.uk/blog/family-jubilee-party-ideas/>



Bring a picnic - or grab something from the cafe - and be entertained with live music from two local bands.

Plenty for the kids to do, with Royal Trail, five-a-side football, face painting and photo opportunity fit for royalty and much more.

If you know any youngsters that would like to play in 5-a-side football tournament please email [friendsofkinggeorge@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofkinggeorge@gmail.com) with names and ages, individuals or teams welcome.

### Your Local Library Events

More information detailed on;  
[Platinum Jubilee Celebrations in Hertfordshire Libraries](#)

Jubilee Memories events



Join your local library for a morning of nostalgia to celebrate The Queen's connection to Hertfordshire. A chance to explore and share photographs and memories of previous Jubilee celebrations. All sessions are free with donations welcome:

- Abbots Langley: Friday 20 May, 2.00-4.00pm
- Croxley Green Library: Wednesday 25 May, 10.00am-12.00pm
- Jubilee Celebrations for all ages
- North Watford Library: Saturday 28 May, 10.00am-12.00pm – Queen's Bunting making, drop-in session
- Oxhey Library: Monday 30 May, 3.00-5.30pm – Jubilee Afternoon Tea and Crafts
- Rickmansworth Library: Tuesday 31 May, 2.30-4.30pm – a drop-in activity with refreshments and cupcake decoration, donations welcomed
- Bushey Library: Wednesday 1 June, 1.00-3.00pm – Jubilee Tea Party, drop-in activity, donations welcomed

### Jubilee Fun for All in Watford Wednesday 1 June 2022

Watford Library: Crown Creation and Decoration 10am-12pm  
Free, drop-in events, donations welcomed

North Watford Library: Coffee, Cake, Music and Memories 10am-12pm  
www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/libraries

Interactive Music Performance 7-2pm  
MUSICAL CAMPANELLA

Afternoon Tea and Reminiscence 2.30-4pm

Plus... Jubilee drop-in Craft for all ages in both libraries

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Below is information about Family Lives Summer 2022 programme of free parenting groups for Herts parents which will be delivered online via Teams, please find flyers attached.

- **Bringing Up Confident Children for Parents of Children with SEN**

Mondays, 6 June to 11 July 2022, 7-9pm

- **Bringing Up Confident Children for Parents of Children with ADHD/ASD**

Tuesdays, 7 June to 12 July 2022, 7-9pm

- **Bringing Up Confident Children for Parents of Children with ADHD/ASD**

Wednesdays, 8 June to 13 July 2022, 9.30-11.30am

Self-referrals and referrals by professionals can be made by completing our [referral form](#). Parents can also email [services@familylives.org.uk](mailto:services@familylives.org.uk) or call us on 0204 522 8700 or 0204 522 8701 for more information.



Watford Muslim Youth Centre

COMMUNITY

**EID**  
FUN DAY

SATURDAY

28 MAY 2022 | 11-3PM

HOLLYWELL  
COMMUNITY CENTRE  
CHAFFINCH LANE  
WATFORD WD18 9QD

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JOIN THE FUN

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FACE PAINTING / KIDS ACTIVITIES  
AND MORE



FACE PAINTING



MEHNDI



CLOTHES



KIDS ACTIVITIES



FOOD



A variety of **Health and Wellbeing** services, family support, advice for women and much more will be available on the day.



TO BOOK A STALL CONTACT:

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