



# Holywell Primary School

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

3<sup>rd</sup> March 2023

Dear Parents & Carers

## World Book Day

Children had a fantastic time in school yesterday celebrating World Book Day.

During World Book Day, the children took part in comparing Roald Dahl books that they have been reading in class, with the movie adaptations to see how they differ and why. In the afternoon, we looked at Quentin Blake and his style of art and produced a Mural based on the Roald Dahl book we have been studying. We ended the day in singing assembly where the best dressed winners were announced as well as singing songs from Matilda.

Miss Patrick



Years 1,2 and 3:- Kijani, Alishba, Charlie, Felix, Carolina, Abubaka, Aya

Years 4, 5 and 6:- Mikaela, Taylor, Robert, Benita, Elif

## Nursery & Reception



## Year 1



## Attendance

We continue to closely monitor your children's attendance in school.

There is a lot of research which makes a direct link between good attendance and achieving well in school. When children are not in school, they miss crucial learning. All learning in school is linked to what your children have learnt in the past and what they will learn in the future, therefore it is important that they attend school every day.

Although we appreciate that all children become ill from time to time and therefore miss time from school, there is no doubt that regular absence makes it very difficult for your children to make continuous good progress.

## NSPCC Workshops

This week, we had the NSPCC visit us in school. Pre-COVID, the NSPCC visited our school every two years to talk to children about being safe. On Monday, all children watched a virtual assembly presented by them and yesterday they visited Year 5 and Year 6. They talked to the children about being safe and also about how to keep yourself aware of any situations.

## Parents Coffee Morning

Parents are invited to join us for a coffee after assemblies on a Friday.

Topic/Theme	Class	9:10 am Y1-Y6 Olympic Hall
Women's History Month	Mrs Keshiro	Friday 10th March 2023
Mother's Day	Y1 Sycamore	Friday 17th March 2023
School Council	Mrs Keshiro/School Council	Friday 24th March 2023
Presentation Assembly	Mr van Straaten	Thursday 30th March 2023
Easter production	Y3 Mulberry/Rowan	Friday 31st March 2023

## A Message from Sebastian – Y5

*"Hi,*

*I'm challenging myself to Swim 5K in March to raise money for Great Ormond Street Hospital Children's Charity (GOSH Charity).*

*It would mean so much if you could please sponsor me and give whatever you can. No amount is too small to make a difference and together, we can help give seriously ill children the chance of a better future.*

*Please visit <https://fundraise.gosh.org/fundraisers/sebastiandale> to make a donation to my page. Or you can copy and paste this link into your web browser: <https://fundraise.gosh.org/fundraisers/sebastiandale>*

*Thank you so much for your support!*

*Best wishes,  
SEBASTIAN"*

**School Gates**

Can I please ask that you do not park in front of either the Tolpits Lane or High View entrances as these are emergency access points? Thank you.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C van Straaten', written in a cursive style.

Mr C van Straaten  
Headteacher

<p align="center"><b>WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE FROM SEPTEMBER 2022</b></p> <p align="center"><b>92%</b></p>
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**Week Commencing 20th February - 24th February 2023**

Attendance by Class			
Nursery	84%	Y3 Mulberry	96%
Reception	86%	Y4 Cedar	96%
Y1 Sycamore	96%	Y5 Chestnut	88%
Y2 Hawthorn	96%	Y5 Elder	97%
Y3 Rowan	95%	Y6 Elm	94%

Attendance	
<i>Best Classes in the whole school for attendance</i>	
Key Stage 1	Y1 Sycamore & Y2 Hawthorn
Key Stage 2	Y5 Elder

<p align="center"><b>Star &amp; Charter Certificates – 3rd March 2023</b></p>
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	Star Learner of the	Charter Certificate
EYFS	Finnley	Catrina
Y1 Sycamore	Eliana	Anaya
Y2 Hawthorn	Diya	Godfrey
Y3 Mulberry	Emma	Maryam
Y3 Rowan	Lily-May	Zak T
Y4 Cedar	Iancu	Edi
Y5 Chestnut	Robert	Amira
Y5 Elder	Iniyah	Kashvee
Y6 Elm	Methuli	Rick

# HAPpy Holidays

Looking for something to keep your children entertained this Easter Holiday?

Through DfE funding, Hertfordshire County Council and Herts Sports Partnership have co-ordinated a huge range of activities running at different venues across the county.

Each activity will offer a nutritious meal and all of this is free for young people in receipt of benefits-related free school meals.

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: KFR!5N

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 NOON on Monday 6th March 2023

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


Need help? Hertfordshire Libraries have computers you can use, and friendly staff who will be able to help.


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

<https://www.sportinherts.org.uk/haf/enrichment>


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/useful-local-services>






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- Plenty of water
- Suitable clothing
- Loads of energy!

Our Holiday Camps are designed to help your kids get active, introduce them to new and exciting activities, and create a fun-filled experience they will remember forever.

A bucket load of fun activities, every school holiday. With great value sports, performing arts, and games to enjoy each half term, we have plenty for your children to get stuck into in the school break.

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# 25.03.23 JUNIOR CHALLENGE



The Junior Challenge is a road race (fun run) held annually by Watford Harriers at Cassiobury Park. This is open to all children in primary school and secondary school, up to year 9. This is also regardless of ability and a great opportunity for athletes to represent their schools in a competitive event. We have two races in the following age categories: U8s & U10s-U14s.

The date for the 2023 edition is Saturday 25th March. If you have any queries, please get in touch, or to enter please visit Active Training World on the following link:

<https://www.atwevents.co.uk/e/watford-junior-challenge-9306>



## Exciting Fun Run

Two Races: 1.2k for  
U8s & 2.4k for U14s

### Race Times:

11.45am & 12.00pm

Arrive in good time.

Impress our coaches.

Cassiobury Park

WD18 7HY

## Watford Harriers

### Athletics Club

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