



# Holywell Primary School

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

5<sup>th</sup> November 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back everyone, after the half term break.

This week we were informed by Hertfordshire County Council that we are to return to wearing face coverings in school. This means all staff, parents and visitors are required to wear face coverings when they are in the school building. Parents who enter the office reception area are asked to return to the rule of only one person to enter at a time and face covering must be worn at all times.

## Class Assemblies

We will continue to allow parents to attend the Friday morning assembly. Parents are required to book a place via the school office, unfortunately numbers are limited. All parents attending must wear a face covering.

## Cross Country

We received the results of the cross country competition this week and I would like to congratulate the following children who were all placed in their individual events.

Year 3 Boys – Aaron 5<sup>th</sup> place  
Year 4 Boys – Peter 5<sup>th</sup> place  
Year 4 Girls – Sainaboubinta 4<sup>th</sup> place  
Year 5 Girls – Maddison 5<sup>th</sup> place  
Year 6 Girls – Raisa – 2<sup>nd</sup> place  
Year 6 Girls – Adaeze – 3<sup>rd</sup> place



## Swimming

Most of the children in Year 6 Elm started their swimming lessons this week. The remaining pupils will join Year 5 Chestnut for their swimming lessons later in the year. The reason for this is to even out the number of children swimming at any one time. We only have one minibus at the moment; Elm and Chestnut classes can be taken by minibus in two trips to the swimming pool, reducing the cost, and those going will get to spend more time in the pool.

## Festival of Learning

Thank you to the parents who watched their child's Festival of Learning on Google Classroom, if you missed the opportunity, they are still available on line. We invite you to share your child's learning for Autumn 1.

## School Uniform and PE Kit



We have noticed that some pupils are wearing clothing that is not part of school uniform to school. We would like to remind parents school uniform consists of -

**Maroon Sweatshirt – with school logo**

**White Polo Shirt**

**Grey Trousers/Grey Skirt**

**Sensible Black School Shoes**

**Red Check Dress/Smart Grey Trouser Shorts (Summer Uniform)**

**Plimsolls/Trainers for PE**

**PE Jogging Bottoms – with school logo**

From Monday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2021, pupils can only come in to school on PE days in their PE kit if they are wearing regulation jogging bottoms with the school logo. Pupils who do not have regulation jogging bottoms must come to school in their school uniform and they will be given the opportunity to change into their PE kit before the start of their PE lesson. Non regulation jogging bottoms are not allowed.

### **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.

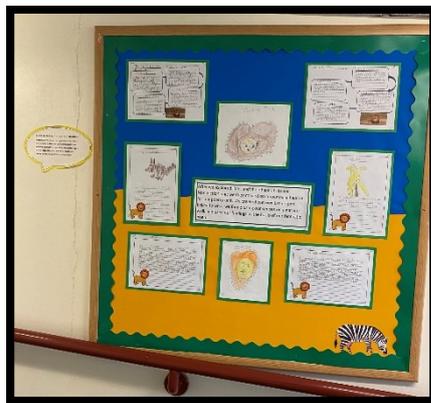
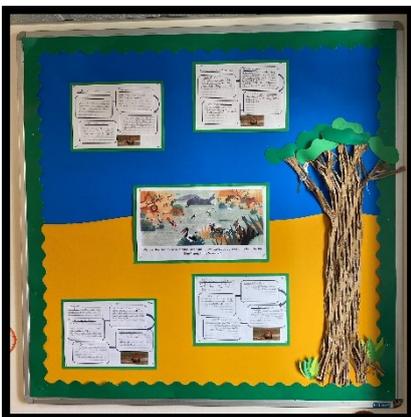
Our next Open Day will be on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2021 at 2:00pm.



### **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. We plan to hold an Open Day On Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2022 at 11:15am.

### **Displays in the School**







### **Assessment Weeks**

Over the next couple of weeks pupils will be assessed in English and Maths. Once the assessments have been marked and moderated, we will reset pupil's targets for the term.

### **Harvest Collection**

Thank you to all the parents who have made donations to our Harvest collection. We will deliver the items collected to the Watford Foodbank next week.

### **School Photographer**

Braiswick, the School Photographer, will be here on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2021 to take individual photographs of the children.

### **Coronavirus**

**As we learn to live with Coronavirus, we ask that parents do not come to school or send their children to school if;**

- **They have a fever (above 37.8C)**
- **They have a new, continuous cough**
- **There is a loss or change to their sense of taste or smell**
- **If you are isolating for any reason in accordance with government guidance**

## Parent Questionnaire

Thank you to all the parents who completed the parent questionnaire. We have had 79 families respond from across the age range of the school.

Question #	Question	% of respondents who strongly agree and agree with the questions.
Q4	My child enjoys school e.g. Trips, clubs, iPad, assemblies, theatre groups, visitors to the school, sports day, swimming, healthy eating week, sports week, fun run.	94% responders either Strongly Agree or Agree with this statement
Q5	My child is making good progress e.g. Children's targets set and met, interesting and varied activities, regular testing, fund raising, and assemblies.	92% responders either Strongly Agree or Agree with this statement
Q6	I feel my child is safe and well cared for at school e.g. they can play safe and learn safely, injuries are dealt with appropriately and the school informs me.	94% responders either Strongly Agree or Agree with this statement.
Q7	The teaching is good at this school e.g. children make progress, homework, standard of work, my child understands	92% responders either Strongly Agree or Agree with this statement.
Q8	The school helps my child to communicate, read, write and in maths e.g. my child uses phonics to help them to read and write, my child gets support if English is not their first language, my child gets set homework and receives extra support if needed.	94% responders either Strongly Agree or Agree with this statement.
Q9	The school helps my child to have a healthy lifestyle e.g. clubs, walk to school, PE, healthy eating.	91% responders either Strongly Agree or Agree with this statement.
Q10	The school meets my child's needs on a daily basis e.g. my child completes their work, is set homework on a weekly basis, has targets to work towards	84% responders either Strongly Agree or Agree with this statement.
Q11	The school makes sure my child is well prepared for the future e.g. PSHE, Trips, Wizard theatre, 6Rs, high confidence	81% responders either Strongly Agree or Agree with this statement.
Q12	Behaviour in school is good e.g. teachers deal with behaviour using the behaviour policy, I am informed about issues relating to my child, Charter certificates, Star learner certificate are awarded	94% responders either Strongly Agree or Agree with this statement.

Q13	The school deals effectively with any incidents raised about bullying e.g. the school speaks to all parents involved, the school supports all pupils, anti-bullying week and workshops, e safety workshop and e safety day celebrated, user agreements adhered to.	87% responders either Strongly Agree or Agree with this statement.
Q14	The school seeks the views of parents/carers and takes account of their suggestions and concerns e.g. parent questionnaires, meetings with teacher and other leaders, festivals of learning, Ofsted parent view, coffee morning, meet the teacher, parent workshops.	87% responders either Strongly Agree or Agree with this statement.
Q15	The school helps me to support my child's learning e.g. newsletters, targets, parents meetings, festivals of learning, Lumio.bug club, Halfs, My Maths, languagenut	89% responders either Strongly Agree or Agree with this statement.
Q16	The school is well led and managed e.g. there is a clear vision for the school, leaders are available and visible, continuous drive for improvement in all areas, Issues dealt with	94% responders either Strongly Agree or Agree with this statement.
Q17	Overall, I am happy with my child's experience at this school.	96% responders either Strongly Agree or Agree with this statement.

The range of parents who answered and disagreed with any of our statements was between 0% and 2.5%. In general about 10% of parents neither agreed nor disagreed with the comments. These percentages were higher for question 11 and question 13. We have set ourselves actions to better inform parents about what we do, particularly around these questions, as continue to strive to improve.

## UNICEF Article 26 and Article 27

**Article 26– Social Security**  
 Every child has the right to benefit from social security. Governments must provide social security, including financial support and other benefits, to families in need of assistance

**Article 27 – Adequate standard of living**  
 Every child has the right to a standard of living that is good enough to meet their physical and social needs and support their development. Governments must help families who cannot afford to provide this.

This week we have been focussing on Articles 26 and 27. Children understood the importance of having an adequate standard of living and receiving the benefit of social security. They applied their understanding to create the following work based on these Articles 26 and 27.

Work by Year 6 - Birch - Diya, Murphy, Inc Su and Adaeze

4/11/21  
 ARTICLE 26 & 27 SAYS...

### Every child has the right to a healthy LIFE

As a child, I have the right to a

- home (house icon) *doesn't have to be a mansion*
- clothing (clothes icon) *(Doesn't have to be designer)*
- and Food (fruit icon) *(nutritious)*
- money (banknotes icon) *for people that need it.*
- Friends (heart icon)

Wednesday 4th November 2021



### Article 26

Right to social security. every child has the right for the government to protect their social information.



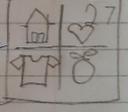
### Article 27

A dequate standard of living. Every child has the right to have a shelter, be loved, have clothes and have good.

8.4.11.2021

## ARTICLE 26 AND 27

 **26** All children have the right to have social and economic help

All children have the right to keep healthy with good clothes and a safe home  **27**

### MAKE SURE YOU FOLLOW...

### ALL ARTICLES

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### Artical 26 and 27

Every child has the right to have a home to keep warm and keep safe. A food to keep them fit and grow. And some clothing and education. Also money.



clothing

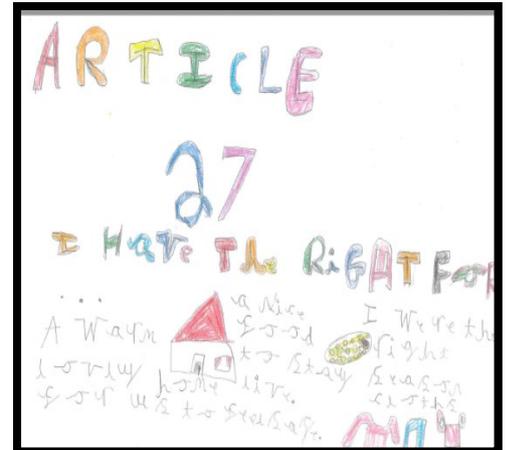
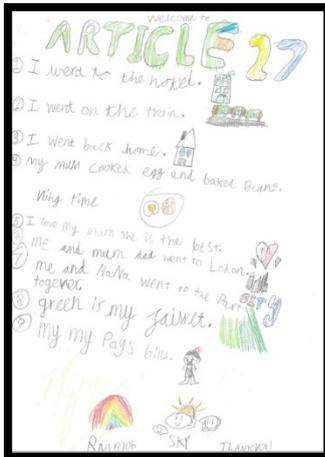


house food money



social and economic helps

## Work by children in Year 2



## CLASS ASSEMBLIES

Friday 12th November 2021	Hazel	Remembrance Day
Friday 19th November 2021	Hawthorn	Children's Day
Thursday 25th November 2021	Sycamore	Hanukkah
Friday 3rd December 2021	Elm	St Andrews Day
Friday 10th December 2021	Birch	Human Rights Day

## HOUSE POINTS

Ebury	164
Vicarage	148
Brightwell	187
Cassio	138

# DSPL | Delivering Special Provision Locally

*Achieving quality outcomes*

In Hertfordshire, we are dedicated to improving the lives of our children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) and strive to deliver high-quality targeted services.

If you have a child with SEND, we would be very grateful if you could complete this questionnaire about our current Short Breaks Local Offer (SBLO) giving feedback on our current provision and also any ideas for how it could be improved. It should only take about 10 minutes to complete and your responses will be very gratefully received. You can access the survey via this weblink:

<https://surveys.hertfordshire.gov.uk/s/SBLOsurvey/> or by scanning this QR code:



Many thanks, SEND Commissioning Team.

## STAR & CHARTER CERTIFICATES

		<b>Star</b>	<b>Charter</b>
<b>Reception</b>	Reception	Lei	Frankie
<b>Year 1</b>	Sycamore	Maluchi	Alveena
<b>Year 2</b>	Hawthorn	Anannya	Emma
	Hazel	Ayah	Mathieu
<b>Year 3</b>	Rowan	Faith	Cristiano
<b>Year 4</b>	Cedar	Amira	Zain
	Mulberry	Amina	Nived
<b>Year 5</b>	Chestnut	Malwina	Fozia
	Elder	Kyran	Elif
<b>Year 6</b>	Birch	Sara	Parneet
	Elm	Sanjsaya	Franklyn

Week Commencing 18<sup>th</sup> October 2021

<b>Attendance by Class</b>			
Attendance by class:			
Nursery	83%	Mulberry	96%
Reception	91%	Cedar	88%
Sycamore	91%	Chestnut	95%
Hawthorn	92%	Elder	93%
Hazel	96%	Elm	90%
Rowan	88%	Birch	95%

**Whole School Attendance from  
September 2021**

**94%**

### Attendance

*Best classes in the whole school for attendance*

Key Stage 1	Hazel
Key Stage 2	Mulberry



# AUTUMN TERM

## November 2021

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2021 - Whole school assessment week

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2021 - Year 5 Football club (15:20 - 16:20)

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2021 - Year 1 & Year 2 Football club (15:20 - 16:20)

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2021 - Cornet lessons Year 4

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2021 - Ukulele lessons Year 5

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2021 - Year 6 Football club (15:20 - 16:20)

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2021 - Flu vaccinations

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2021 - Rocksteady lessons

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2021 - Year 6 Elm Swimming (14:00 - 14:30)

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2021 - Year 3 & Year 4 Football club (15:20 - 16:20)

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2021 - School Photographer in for individual photographs

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2021 - Whole school assembly - Year 2 Hazel - Parents invited (9:05)

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2021 - Whole school Assessment Week

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2021 - Year 3 and Year 4 Stone Age Workshop

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2021 - Year 5 Football club (15:20 - 16:20)

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2021 - Year 1 & Year 2 Football club (15:20 - 16:20)

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2021 - Anti-bullying workshop

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2021 - Cornet lessons Year 4

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2021 - Ukulele lessons Year 5

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2021 - Year 6 Football club (15:20 - 16:20)

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2021 - Rocksteady

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2021 - Year 6 Elm Swimming (14:00 - 14:30)

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2021 - Year 3 & Year 4 Football club (15:20 - 16:20)

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2021 - Whole school assembly - Year 2 Hawthorn - Parents invited (9:05)

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2021 - Whole school Assessment Week

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2021 - Year 5 Football club (15:20 - 16:20)

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2021 - School nurses to complete Health Questionnaires with Year 6

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2021 - Year 1 & Year 2 Football club (15:20 - 16:20)

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2021 - Cornet lessons Year 4

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2021 - Ukulele lessons Year 5

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2021 - Year 6 Football club (15:20 - 16:20)

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2021 - Rocksteady lessons

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2021 - Reception Class 2022 Open Day at 2pm

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2021 - Year 3 Rowan Swimming (14:00 - 14:30)

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2021 - Watford Football Trust to work with Year 6  
Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2021 - Year 3 & Year 4 Football club (15:20 - 16:20)  
Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2021 - Whole school assembly - Year 1 Sycamore - Parents invited (9:05)  
Friday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2021 - Occasional Day - School Closed  
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 - Applications Open for Reception 2022  
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

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2021 - World Science Day  
Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2021 - Remembrance Day  
Monday 15<sup>th</sup> November to Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2021 - Anti Bullying Week  
Monday 15<sup>th</sup> November to Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2021 - Road Safety Week  
Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2021 - Universal Children's Day - UN  
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

Hertfordshire's  
Holiday Activity Programme



*HAPpy Activity Camps*

*What are HAPpy Camps?*

*HAPpy Camps are free activity camps offering eligible children the opportunity to take part in sports and activities, arts and crafts, and enjoy a meal with friends while having fun during the holidays. Camps are a minimum of four hours long and take place all over Hertfordshire.*

Click on the link below for more information:

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

Christ First Church & Holywell Primary School

# FAMILY FIREWORKS NIGHT

**Sat 13th Nov 2021**

**At Holywell Primary School**

Tolpits Lane, Watford, WD18 6LL

**Gates open at 6:00pm**

(See reverse - Fireworks at 7pm)



Holywell Primary  
School

In aid of: Newtope

# FAMILY FIREWORKS NIGHT

**Adult ticket - £3**

**Child ticket - £2**

**Family ticket (2a + 2c) - £9**

NO SPARKLERS ALLOWED ON SITE.

★ **Glow Batons** ★ **Refreshments** ★

★ **Professional Display** ★



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