



# Holywell Primary School

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

9<sup>th</sup> July 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

Everyone will no doubt have heard about the possible lifting of restrictions in England. Schools have been issued with guidance and once we have reviewed this and our processes, we will update parents. September is obviously still a long way off, so things might change between now and then, but nevertheless we will update parents.

We have a number of pupils currently self-isolating. They have been identified as a close contact of a positive covid-19 case and one Year 6 class is self-isolating. Please stay vigilant for the last week, as we would not want anyone to have to self-isolate into the summer break. I am sure we will be asked by the Local Authority to keep track and tracing into the first week of the summer holiday, so would appreciate if parents can keep us updated of any positive cases.

## Booster Classes

Just a short note to let parents know that before and after school booster classes finish today. I would like to thank parents for their support and also thank staff who came forward to deliver the sessions.

## Reports

Children's school reports for the academic year will be emailed to parents today. If you would prefer a paper copy then please let the class teacher know. With the report, will be a copy of the attitude to learning grading system that teachers have used for the report. I am very proud of the pupils and their achievements this year. In what has been an extremely difficult two years, pupils have demonstrated wonderful resourcefulness and resilience in their learning. It will be useful for all pupils to continue to read over the summer break to keep up their momentum in learning.

In the Autumn term, when we return to school we will focus on

- Basic skills in English and Maths
- Building up of pupils' vocabulary
- Building pupils' stamina in writing and in the presentation of their writing
- Pupils' emotional health and physical health will also be high on our agenda

## Parent Governor

We have a Parent Governor leaving us at the end of the school year. I would like to extend my gratitude to Mrs Bloomfield who has been a School Governor for 4 ½ years. During that time she has made valued contribution to inclusion and in particular SEND. Governors are volunteers and give up their own time to be part of this group.



This leaves us with a vacancy for a Parent Governor. If any parent feels that they would like to volunteer for this position they would be welcomed. Please email the office if you would like to get more information about this and what the role involves. [admin@holywell.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@holywell.herts.sch.uk)

The school relies on the support of Governors. Parents who decide to volunteer will make a valued contribution.

### **Parents' Evening**

A letter went out at the beginning of the week about Parents' Evening on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2021. If you would like to discuss your child's report with their teacher, please make an appointment using the online booking system. If you are having problems making your appointment, please call the school office for assistance. The meetings will be held via Google Classrooms.



### **Clubs**

The After School sports clubs will run next week

Monday – Year 5 Football

Wednesday – Year 6 Football

Thursday – Year 3 & Year 4 Football



### **Transition Days**

Children have now been introduced to their new class teacher and new class friends. When we return in September during the first week, the children will be settling in and getting used to the new routines. I feel it is important to mix the classes up each year to give pupils an opportunity to form new relationships, which builds their resilience.

### **End of School Year**

Parents are reminded that school closes on Friday 16 July 2021 at 1:30pm. Nursery finishes at midday, there will be no afternoon Nursery on that day.

School restarts for the 2021/2022 Academic Year on Monday 6th September 2021. Staff return to school from Wednesday 1st September 2021 for staff training, INSET days.

### **Breakfast and After School Club**

We have made the difficult decision to no longer continue with the Breakfast and After School Club from September 2021. We opened the club during lockdown to support our Key Worker parents and hoped that the number of pupils attending would increase over time. It is not financially viable for us to continue with the club any longer, so next Friday morning will be the last time the club will be operating. Parents will be familiar with Xtra Time who operate from the Holywell Community Centre in King George V playing fields, next to the school. They offer this service and drop and collect from the school daily.



### **Year 5 - St. Mary's Church Visit**

Year 5 had the privilege to visit St. Mary's Church on Tuesday 6th of July. They listened to the priest talk about communion and baptism. Year 5 also learnt the meaning of the stories behind stained glass window designs, and they enjoyed a treasure hunt looking for artefacts around the church.



### **Year 2 – Paradise Wildlife Park**

On Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2021, Year 2 went on a school trip to Paradise Wildlife Park in Broxbourne as part of our learning about animals and their habitats. We spent the day observing the different animals, thinking about what groups they belong to, their diet and what their habitat was like. We had a fantastic time, despite the weather, and the children were brilliant at asking inquisitive questions to develop their learning.









# TERM DATES FOR 2021 - 2022

## AUTUMN TERM 2021

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2021 INSET Day (school closed for pupils)

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2021 INSET Day (school closed for pupils)

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2021 INSET Day (school closed for pupils)

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2021 – first day of term

Half Term – Monday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2021 to Friday 29<sup>th</sup> October 2021

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2021 - Occasional Day (school closed)

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2021 – last day of term (school closes at 1:30 pm)

## SPRING TERM 2022

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2022 INSET Day (school closed for pupils)

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2022 – first day of term

Half Term – Monday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2022 to Friday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2022

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022 – last day of term (school closes at 1:30 pm)

## SUMMER TERM 2022

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2022 INSET Day (school closed for pupils)

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2022 – first day of term

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2022 – Bank Holiday

Half Term – Monday 30<sup>th</sup> May 2022 to Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2022

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2022 – last day of term (school finishes at 1:30 pm)

## HOLYWELL STAR LEARNERS

Blue	Zack	This is awarded for showing more confidence in this English
Red	Skylar	This is awarded for her superb sounding out and writing
Maple	Matthew B	For focusing and trying in maths on a daily basis
Sycamore	Reaiah	For demonstrating how to play co-operatively with others
Hawthorn	Esther	For asking inquisitive questions about animals on our school trip
Hazel	Patrick	For his outstanding behaviour on our school trip to the wildlife park
Cedar	Marius	For displaying resilience during his work in class and for engaging in lessons and sharing his ideas
Mulberry	Kyran	For improving his reading and writing skills and not giving up
Rowan	Taylor	For showing a fantastic attitude towards his learning all week
Chestnut	Tiana	For always completing her homework and helping out in the classroom
Elder	Terrence	For considering those around him and focussing on his learning in all areas of the curriculum. Let's continue this as we move into Year 6 ..... 100% all of the time. Well done!
Birch	Ken	For creating a resourceful booklet that covers important topic relevant to World War II
Elm	Nuredin	For his excellent effort during play rehearsals

## HOLYWELL CHARTER CERTIFICATES

Blue	Oliwia	This is awarded for always being kind and helpful
Red	Alveena	This is awarded for following our rules and always being helpful
Maple	Eden	For being resourceful and taking responsibility in English lessons
Sycamore	Aviel	For displaying reflective behaviours by improving his maths work and listening to feedback
Hawthorn	Mikayla	For being responsible and respectful on our school trip
Hazel	Hannah	For consistently showing the 6Rs throughout the school day and being a role model to her peers
Cedar	David	For following the 6Rs and for taking responsibility in his learning in class
Mulberry	Timotei	For showing a positive attitude towards his learning and behaviour and working hard to follow the 6Rs
Rowan	Joseph	For showing a responsible attitude towards his learning and developing his resilience
Chestnut	Hussain	For taking responsibility in rounding decimal numbers into whole numbers
Elder	Haashir	For resilience when putting himself out of his comfort zone and raising his hands to share answers and perform drama and speech in front of the class
Birch	Charity	For always being responsible during the play rehearsal sessions
Elm	Mahi	For being a responsible and helpful member of the class

## Covid-19 Testing - Lateral Flow Test and PCR Test

Parents are reminded that if their child shows symptoms of Coronavirus that they need to book a PCR Test, as set out in government guidance.

Using a Lateral Flow Test to rule out Coronavirus is not sufficient because these tests work differently.

The most accurate way to establish if someone has Coronavirus is through using a PCR Test. We kindly ask you always inform the school of the results please.

### Coronavirus

We will keep our protocols and safeguarding the same as before half term and ask that parents continue to support us in staying safe.

Parents are reminded about Public Health England advice –

Pupils, staff and other adults must not come into school if:

- They have one or more COVID-19 symptoms
- A member of their household (including someone in their support bubble or childcare bubble, if they have one) has COVID-19 symptoms
- They are legally required to quarantine, having recently visited countries outside the Common Travel Area
- They have had a positive test
- Have been in close contact with someone who tests positive for COVID-19

In these circumstances

They must immediately cease to attend school and not attend for at least 10 days from the day after:

- The start of their symptoms
- The test date if they did not have any symptoms but have had a positive PCR Test. **As set out in government guidelines, a Lateral Flow test is not suitable for primary aged children.**

We must follow this process to ensure everyone's safety on site.

## Week Commencing 28<sup>th</sup> June 2021

### Attendance by Class

Attendance by class:

Nursery	77%	Rowan	86%
Blue	95%	Mulberry	99%
Red	88%	Cedar	95%
Maple	95%	Chestnut	97%
Sycamore	95%	Elder	96%
Hawthorn	96%	Birch	94%
Hazel	93%	Elm	94%

**Whole School Attendance from  
September 2020  
94%**

### Attendance

*Best classes in the whole school for attendance*

Key Stage 1	Hawthorn
Key Stage 2	Mulberry





# DIARY DATES

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2021 – Year 1 Cassiobury Park  
Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2021 – Parents Evening – [online](#)  
Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2021 – Governors Meeting  
Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2021 – Nursery Graduation Day  
Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2021 – Cornet Lessons Year 4 am  
Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2021 – Year 5 Ukulele lessons pm  
Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2021 – Year 6 performance to parents at 6:00pm – [will be recorded and made available online from Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2021](#)  
Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2021 – Rock Steady Music Lessons  
Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2021 – Awards Assembly – [online in school for classes](#)  
Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2021 – Year 6 performance to parents – 2:00pm [will be recorded and made available online from Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2021](#)  
Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2021 – Year 6 Moving Up afternoon  
Friday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2021 – Year 6 Leavers Assembly [will be recorded and made available online from Friday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2021](#)  
Friday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2021 – No afternoon Nursery, all finish at midday  
Friday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2021 – Last day of term School closes at 1:30pm

## Enrichment days Summer Term

Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2021 – Mandela Day

# Summer Multi Sports & Activity / Arts & Crafts Camps

Get your children out of the house and bring them along to **play, learn and make friends!**

Boys and girls are invited  
from the ages of 3 to 13



**Venue:** Nascot Wood Junior School  
Nascot Wood Road  
Watford, WD17 4YS  
**Ref - Sum1**

**Price for the day: £28.00**  
8am - 6pm club Breakfast, light tea and lunch **not** included.

**Wed 21st - Fri 3rd Sept.**  
8am-6pm Arts & Crafts, Outdoor Activities,  
Cooking, Sports & so much more

**Nascot Wood Junior School**  
Nascot Wood Road  
Watford, WD17 4YS

**Wed 21st - Fri 3rd Sept.**  
9am-4pm Multi Sports

**Ref - Sum2** Prices are per week: 1 Day £25 2 Days £50 3 Days £75 4 Days £85 5 Days £90

**Holywell Primary School**  
Tolpits Lane,  
Watford, WD18 6LL

**Wed 21st - Fri 3rd Sept.**  
9am-4pm Multi Sports

**Ref - Sum3** Prices are per week: 1 Day £25 2 Days £50 3 Days £75 4 Days £85 5 Days £90

**There is no holiday camp on 30th August at any of our venues.**

For ALL Holiday Camps, parents must send children in with a packed lunch (avoiding food containing nuts and other allergens), a few small healthy snacks, a bottle of water, weather appropriate clothing and foot wear, and their child's in date medication, where applicable.

## BOOK ONLINE NOW

Staff are DBS checked, Paediatric First Aid trained, and completed a Child Protection Workshop. We have at least one Level 3 Childcare Practitioner at our Activity Camps. All Sports Coaches are 1, 2 and 3 (UEFA B) accredited. We deliver badminton, tennis, hockey, dodgeball, handball, gymnastics, football, basketball, cricket and so much more

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