



Holywell Primary School

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10th September 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back everyone, it has been a great start to the new academic year. All pupils seem to have settled well and have enjoyed their first week back at school.

We have updated our Covid-19 visitor protocol which is on our website. Visitors who are working with children are allowed into school. Parents are allowed in by appointment only, and we ask that you continue to wear a face covering. Thank you for your continued co-operation in this matter.

School Opening Times

We would like to remind parents the school gates are open in the morning between 8:45am and 9:05am and between 3:05pm and 3:30pm in the afternoon. Parents who allow their children to walk to school on their own are reminded that pupils cannot get access to the school site before 8:45am. Teachers will be available on the playground in the mornings between 8:45am and 8:50am when they will take children to the classrooms. Anyone arriving between 8:50am and 8:55am when school starts, are to make their way straight to the classroom.

Nursery

Here we all are at Holywell Nursery! Our new nursery children are here together now, ready to begin their learning fun, as you can see. This week we have been learning new songs, new games and new ways and everybody has had new experiences, including Mrs Hewett and Miss Akbar. We planned a party picnic for today, but then it rained. Never mind, we made fabulous party hats to take home with our take-away picnic boxes. We'll try again soon!



Reception

In Reception, we are getting familiar with our classmates and our classroom environment.



Sycamore

In Sycamore this week, we began with creating our own class rules, setting behavioural expectations in the classroom and exploring the areas and learning where the resources are. The children were very happy to share their summer adventures with each other and are working towards writing a letter to Mr van Straaten to tell him all about the fun they had.



Hazel

In Hazel Class this week we have been focusing on routines, handwriting and place value. The children have really impressed the adults in the class with their determination in writing using their 'fancy' cursive letters. Well done Hazel!

Hawthorn

In Hawthorn class this week we have been learning to write a recount of the events of our summer holidays. We have used the time connectives first, next, then and finally to help us sequence the events.

In maths we have been learning to regroup numbers up to 20 and revising our number bonds to 10 and 20. Everyone has settled really well.



Rowan

This week in Rowan Class, the children have settled into their new classroom and created a set of rules for everyone to follow. In English the children have been focusing on letter writing, they have written some fantastic letters about their summer holidays and Year 3. In Maths, we have been looking at place value and how to use this to solve problems.



Cedar

This week in Cedar class we have focused on writing and editing informal letters. In Maths, we have also started to partition and regroup numbers (up to and beyond 1000).



Mulberry

This week Mulberry class have settled in really well. In English we focused on writing a letter to Mr Van Straaten. In maths we recapped place value and dienes. We also started our science lesson on animals which was very engaging.

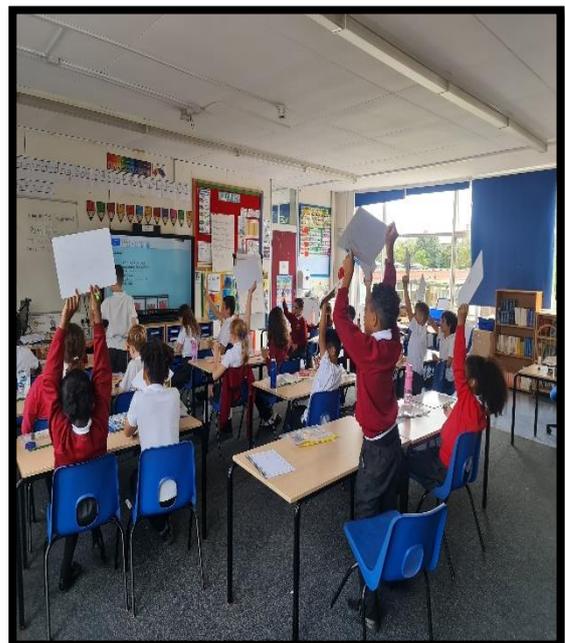
Elder

In English this week Elder have been writing letters detailing their summer holidays. We have been recapping the differences between formal and informal letters and practicing varying the start of our sentences. In maths we have been working on place value with numbers containing up to 7 digits! Our lessons have included ordering, comparing and ensuring that we are able to write out numbers using digits and in words.



Chestnut

This week in English we have been learning about the structure and features of informal and formal letters. We have been writing letters to Mr van Straaten about our experiences over the summer holidays. In Maths we have been learning about the place value of both four digit and five digit numbers. The children have been ordering and comparing numbers using partitioning. They have also been rounding five digit numbers to the nearest thousand.





Elm

In Year 6 we have been focusing on setting out expectations for the new year. In maths we have focused on Place Value, while in English we have looked at Features of letters and applying them to our own writing.

Birch

In Year 6 this week the children have been focusing on the features of a formal letter and applied their learning by writing a letter to the class teacher regarding their goals and expectations for this year. In maths children revised the place values of numbers; ordered and compared numbers up to a million, including decimals. We have also been setting up our class charter.

ARTICLE 29 (goals of education)
Education must develop every child's personality, talents and abilities to the full. It must encourage the child's respect for human rights, as well as respect for their parents, their own and other cultures, and the environment.

Respect

We had our whole school assembly this morning. For whole school assemblies we will stagger pupils' attendance, ensuring we can space the children out and have good ventilation throughout the hall. Our school focus will be Respect this half term and made links to the Article 29 from the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child. We will be linking these rights to our school themes as we work toward the second part of our Gold award.

The rights can be seen here <https://www.unicef.org.uk/what-we-do/un-convention-child-rights/>

Assembly

We hope to start inviting parents to whole school assemblies very soon. Once we have updated our risk assessment to reflect this, we will advise parents.

Autumn 1 online

We have a number of events this half term where we usually allow parents into school. I have taken the decision to keep all events, excluding Friday assemblies, online this half term.

Meet the Teacher

Thursday 16th September 2021 is Meet the Teacher. The event will take place online and there will also be a recording available to share with parents through Google Classroom. During the event teachers will update parents on the expectations for the year ahead.



Overviews

Curriculum overviews will be posted onto the school website on Monday. We will send parents a text once uploaded.

Visitors' Protocol

We have updated our visitors' protocol, this can be viewed on the school website in the Coronavirus section.

Collecting

We would like to remind parents that children can only be collected by named adults. If an older sibling collects your child from school they need to be at least 16 years old. Children in Year 5 and Year 6 may go home on their own if their parent has completed a permission form.

After School Sports Clubs

Our after school clubs are restarting next week. We have limited availability for Year 3/Year 4 and Year 5/Year 6. Please refer to the letter on the website and sign up today if you would like your child to attend.



Flu Vaccination

A letter went out today with details of the forthcoming flu vaccination. If you would prefer your child to receive the flu injection, which does not contain porcine gelatine, please collect an alternative form from the school office.



PE Lessons – Autumn Term 2021

Please find below details of PE and swimming lessons for the Autumn term. We kindly ask you to send your child into school wearing their PE kit on the day they have PE. The children that are swimming will change in and out of their swimming kit while at the pool.

		PE	SWIMMING
Year 1	Sycamore	Wednesday and Thursday	
Year 2	Hazel	Tuesday and Friday	
Year 2	Hawthorn	Wednesday and Friday	
Year 3	Rowan	Thursday and Friday	
Year 4	Cedar	Thursday	Friday
Year 4	Mulberry	Monday	Thursday
Year 5	Chestnut	Tuesday and Wednesday	
Year 5	Elder	Wednesday and Thursday	
Year 6	Birch	Wednesday and Thursday	
Year 6	Elm	Wednesday and Thursday	

Transforming Travel in Watford consultation by Watford Borough Council



Last year, residents and organisations in the town were asked about their key transport priorities. Issues around the environment, congestion, road safety and lack of cycling infrastructure were frequently raised.

Their feedback has been used to develop the draft Transforming Travel in Watford Strategy which is outlined on this website: www.futuretravelwatford.com. This sets out how Watford Borough Council and Hertfordshire County Council intend to address these challenges with specific actions www.futuretravelwatford.com/plans.

Watford Borough Council have now launched a formal consultation on the strategy and key actions and want to hear from residents, visitors, businesses and stakeholders to refine these.

Transport produces the most greenhouse gases in the UK, and in our stand against climate change the strategy sets out how we plan to make it easier and greener for people to get around Watford, particularly by walking, cycling and using public transport.

Watford Borough Council would welcome your views on our proposals to transform travel in Watford. The survey is open from 16 August to 8 October 2021.

TERM DATES FOR 2021 - 2022

AUTUMN TERM 2021

Wednesday 1st September 2021 INSET Day (school closed for pupils)

Thursday 2nd September 2021 INSET Day (school closed for pupils)

Friday 3rd September 2021 INSET Day (school closed for pupils)

Monday 6th September 2021 – first day of term

Half Term – Monday 25th October 2021 to Friday 29th October 2021

Friday 26th November 2021 - Occasional Day (school closed)

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

SPRING TERM 2022

Wednesday 5th January 2022 INSET Day (school closed for pupils)

Thursday 6th January 2022 – first day of term

Half Term – Monday 14th February 2022 to Friday 18th February 2022

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

SUMMER TERM 2022

Tuesday 19th April 2022 INSET Day (school closed for pupils)

Wednesday 20th April 2022 – first day of term

Monday 2nd May 2022 – Bank Holiday

Half Term – Monday 30th May 2022 to Friday 3rd June 2022

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



AUTUMN TERM

September 2021

Monday 13th September 2021 - All clubs restart
Monday 13th September 2021 - Year 5 Football club (15:20 - 16:20)
Tuesday 14th September 2021 - Year 1 and 2 Football club (15:20 - 16:20)
Tuesday 14th September 2021 - Governors meeting
Wednesday 15th September 2021 - Cornet lessons start - Year 4 (9:30 - 10:30)
Wednesday 15th September 2021 - Joy of Moving - Year 5 (9:30)
Wednesday 15th September 2021 - Ukulele lesson - Year 5 (13:30 - 15:00)
Wednesday 15th September 2021 - Year 6 Football club (15:20 - 16:20)
Thursday 16th September 2021 - Year 6 Workshop - Peace Day - All day
Thursday 16th September 2021 - Rocksteady lessons (9:00 - 12:00)
Thursday 16th September 2021 - New Entrants meeting (11:15)
Thursday 16th September 2021 - Year 4 Mulberry Swimming (14:00 - 14:30)
Thursday 16th September 2021 - Year 3 and 4 Football club (15:20 - 16:20)
Thursday 16th September 2021 (16:00 and 16:00) - Meet the teacher - Online
Friday 17th September 2021 - Whole school assembly - Parents invited (9:05)
Friday 17th September 2021 - Year 4 Swimming (11:30 - 12:00)
Monday 20th September 2021 - Year 5 Football club (15:20 - 16:20)
Tuesday 21st September 2021 - Year 1 and 2 Football club (15:20 - 16:20)
Wednesday 22nd September 2021 - Cornet lessons start - Year 4 (9:30 - 10:30)
Wednesday 22nd September 2021 - Ukulele lesson - Year 5 (13:30 - 15:00)
Wednesday 22nd September 2021 - Year 6 Football club (15:20 - 16:20)
Thursday 23rd September 2021 - Rocksteady lessons (9:00 - 12:00)
Thursday 23rd September 2021 - New Entrants meeting (10:00)
Thursday 23rd September 2021 - Year 4 Swimming (14:00 - 14:30)
Thursday 23rd September 2021 - Year 3 and 4 Football club (15:20 - 16:20)
Friday 24th September 2021 - Whole school assembly - Parents invited (9:05)
Friday 24th September 2021 - Year 4 Swimming (11:30 - 12:00)
Monday 27th September 2021 - Year 5 Football club (15:20 - 16:20)
Tuesday 28th September 2021 - Year 1 and 2 Football club (15:20 - 16:20)
Wednesday 29th September 2021 - Cornet lessons start - Year 4 (9:30 - 10:30)
Wednesday 29th September 2021 - Ukulele lesson - Year 5 (13:30 - 15:00)
Wednesday 29th September 2021 - Year 6 Football club (15:20 - 16:20)
Thursday 30th September 2021 - Rocksteady lessons (9:00 - 12:00)
Thursday 30th September 2021 - New Entrants meeting (10:00)
Thursday 30th September 2021 - Year 4 Swimming (14:00 - 14:30)
Thursday 30th September 2021 - Year 3 and 4 Football club (15:20 - 16:20)

October 2021

Friday 1st October 2021 - Black History month
Friday 1st October 2021 - Whole school assembly - Parents invited (9:05)
Friday 1st October 2021 - Year 4 Swimming (11:30 - 12:00)
Monday 4th October 2021 - Year 5 Football club (15:20 - 16:20)
Tuesday 5th October 2021 - Year 1 and 2 Football club (15:20 - 16:20)
Wednesday 6th October 2021 - Cornet lessons start - Year 4 (9:30 - 10:30)
Wednesday 6th October 2021 - Ukulele lesson - Year 5 (13:30 - 15:00)
Wednesday 6th October 2021 - Year 6 Football club (15:20 - 16:20)
Thursday 7th October 2021 - Rocksteady lessons (9:00 - 12:00)
Thursday 7th October 2021 - New Entrants meeting (10:00)
Thursday 7th October 2021 - Year 4 Swimming (14:00 - 14:30)
Thursday 7th October 2021 - Year 3 and 4 Football club (15:20 - 16:20)
Friday 8th October 2021 - Whole school assembly - Parents invited (9:05)
Friday 8th October 2021 - Year 4 Swimming (11:30 - 12:00)
Monday 11th October 2021 - Year 5 Football club (15:20 - 16:20)
Tuesday 12th October 2021 - Year 1 and 2 Football club (15:20 - 16:20)
Wednesday 13th October 2021 - Cornet lessons start - Year 4 (9:30 - 10:30)
Wednesday 13th October 2021 - Ukulele lesson - Year 5 (13:30 - 15:00)
Wednesday 13th October 2021 - Year 6 Football club (15:20 - 16:20)
Thursday 14th October 2021 - Rocksteady lessons (9:00 - 12:00)
Thursday 14th October 2021 - New Entrants meeting (10:00)
Thursday 14th October 2021 - Year 4 Swimming (14:00 - 14:30)
Thursday 14th October 2021 - Year 3 and 4 Football club (15:20 - 16:20)
Friday 15th October 2021 - Whole school assembly - Parents invited (9:05)
Friday 15th October 2021 - Year 4 Swimming (11:30 - 12:00)
Monday 18th October 2021 - Harvest collection starts
Monday 18th October 2021 - Festival of learning week
Monday 18th October 2021 - Year 5 Football club (15:20 - 16:20)
Tuesday 19th October 2021 - Year 1 and 2 Football club (15:20 - 16:20)
Tuesday 19th October 2021 (15:30 - 18:00) - Parents evening
Wednesday 20th October 2021 - Cornet lessons start - Year 4 (9:30 - 10:30)
Wednesday 20th October 2021 - Ukulele lesson - Year 5 (13:30 - 15:00)
Wednesday 20th October 2021 - Year 6 Football club (15:20 - 16:20)
Thursday 21st October 2021 - Rocksteady lessons (9:00 - 12:00)
Thursday 21st October 2021 - New Entrants meeting (10:00)
Thursday 21st October 2021 - Year 4 Swimming (14:00 - 14:30)
Thursday 21st October 2021 - Year 3 and 4 Football club (15:20 - 16:20)
Thursday 21st October 2021 (17:00 - 19:30) - Parents evening
Friday 22nd October 2021 - Last day for Harvest collection
Friday 22nd October 2021 - Whole school assembly - Parents invited (9:05)
Friday 22nd October 2021 - Year 4 Swimming (11:30 - 12:00)
Monday 25th October 2021 - Friday 29th October 2021 - Half term

Sunday 31st October 2021 - Last day to apply for secondary school place for September 2022

November 2021

Monday 1st November 2021 - Year 1 assessment start
Monday 1st November 2021 - Reception 2022 - applications open
Monday 1st November 2021 - Poppy Appeal starts
Monday 8th November 2021 - Whole school assessment week
Wednesday 10th November 2021 - Flu vaccinations
Thursday 11th November 2021 - Individual and family photographs taken
Tuesday 16th November 2021 - Governors Meeting
Thursday 25th November 2021 - Watford Football Trust to work with Year 6
Tuesday 30th November 2021 - Christmas Decoration Day

December 2021

Wednesday 1st December 2021 - Christmas tree Decoration Day
Monday 6th December 2021 - Innovation and Enterprise week - DT focus
Tuesday 14th December 2021 - Governors meeting
Wednesday 15th December 2021 - Christmas Dinner Day
Thursday 16th December 2021 - Presentation Assembly
Tuesday 21st December 2021 - Last day of term - school closes at 1:30pm
Tuesday 21st December 2021 - No PM Nursery class. Nursery closes at midday

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