



# Holywell Primary School

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

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Dear Parents/Carers

## Rowan Class

I have been very impressed with Rowan Class this week, they have been learning from home. It was also their class assembly today and they successfully pre-record the assembly from home, enabling us to watch in school. We are looking forward to welcoming them back to school next week

## Eid

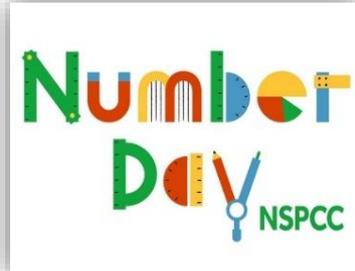
I know that next week sees the end of a month of fasting and prayer for many of our community. Parents are reminded that we will authorise one day of absence from school for celebrating Eid - Eid Mubarak everyone!

Please make sure you contact the school office in advance to let us know if you will be absent from school for Eid.

## NSPCC Numbers Day

Today, pupils took part in a range of maths activities to celebrate NSPCC Numeracy Day. Pupils completed a Buddy's challenge in the afternoon. Each class recorded their time to see how fast they could do it. Parents can explore the website where there are some more challenges that they can complete with their children.

[https://global.oup.com/education/primary/campaigns/nspcc\\_number\\_day/?region=uk](https://global.oup.com/education/primary/campaigns/nspcc_number_day/?region=uk)



### **Daily Mile**

We are slowly increasing the distance that pupils are running as part of their daily mile. The aim is to get to a mile and I have been very impressed with the resilience shown by all the pupils in their running.



### **Parent Governor**

Previously, I wrote to parents asking if anyone who was interested in becoming a School Governor to contact us. We are pleased to advise you that one parent has come forward. We still have vacancies, so any parents who think they are able to offer the school their expertise and wish to join the governing body, please contact the school office. If you require further information about the role we can put you in touch with the Chair of Governors.

### **Half term**

Parents are reminded that half term will be from Monday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2021 to Friday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2021 inclusive.



### **Assessments**

Even though the Department for Education has cancelled all statutory assessments for the 2020/2021 academic year, we will still be completing assessments for pupils in school. This is a useful tool to teachers and also the secondary schools, where pupils will be moving onto next year. The following assessment dates have been identified:

- 10<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> May 2021 inclusive - Year 6
- 17<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> May 2021 inclusive - Year 2
- Week beginning 14<sup>th</sup> June 2021 - Whole school assessment
- Week beginning 14<sup>th</sup> June 2021 - Phonics testing Year 1 and Year 2

Teachers have made a start writing pupils' end of year reports. These will be issued to parents later in the year during Parents' Evening.

### **Athlete Visit**

On Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2021 we will be visited by an athlete, Mr Ryan Scott. Ryan was a Commonwealth Games gold medallist in the 4 x 100 metre relay, he will talk to pupils and run a workshop with each class.

This is a fundraising event which will allow us to fundraise for some new outdoor sports equipment and an athletics track.

### Isle of Wight

Some of our Year 6 pupils will be going on a residential trip to the Isle of Wight from Monday 24th May until Friday the 28th May 2021. Pupils not going on the trip will take part in a range of projects and local trips.

### Right Respecting School

We are in the process of applying to achieve Gold status as a Right Respecting School. In school we talk to pupils about their rights as children and citizens and where possible include this into their curriculum areas.



### Curriculum Provision

During Polling Day yesterday, amongst other jobs, teachers looked at the curriculum provision for pupils for the remainder of the school year. We want to make sure that we get all pupils back up to speed with learning since the lockdowns, as a result of the pandemic.

## Week Commencing 26th April 2021

<b>Attendance by Class</b>			
Attendance by class:			
Nursery	96%	Rowan	93%
Blue	90%	Mulberry	91%
Red	95%	Cedar	96%
Maple	98%	Chestnut	87%
Sycamore	94%	Elder	94%
Hawthorn	99%	Birch	95%
Hazel	100%	Elm	87%

<b>Whole School Attendance</b>
<b>95%</b>

<b>Attendance</b>	
<i>Best classes in the whole school for attendance</i>	
Key Stage 1	Hazel
Key Stage 2	Cedar

## HOLYWELL STAR LEARNERS

Blue	Salma	This is awarded for her excellent reading
Red	Isaac	For brilliant counting in 10's to 100
Maple	Bilal	For writing excellent sentences with adjectives in English
Sycamore	Zakariya	For displaying resilience working extremely hard during maths and adding numbers on a tens frames
Hawthorn	Skyla	For demonstrating some fantastic researching skills to find information about bluebirds
Hazel	Patrick	For working very hard on his reading and making improvements
Cedar	Marius	For improving his concentration in class and participating more in discussions
Mulberry	Malwina	For making great progress in writing using a range of features and layouts
Rowan	Adam	For working well as a team during remote assembly rehearsals
Chestnut	Sara	For expressing numbers in fractions, decimals and percentages
Elder	Malhaar	For his amazing dedication and resilience when walking and jogging around our daily mile track. Each time he does this he pushes himself further and further and he (quite rightly) looks so proud of himself, smiling and giving me a thumbs up. I am so proud of this huge achievement. Well done, Malhaar.
Birch	Dilan	For showing his impressive imaginative skills while writing a poem in English
Elm	Chloe	For her excellent problem solving, during maths lessons

## HOLYWELL CHARTER CERTIFICATES

Blue	Karina	This is awarded for always following our class rules
Red	Makanaka	For fantastic table manners in the dining hall
Maple	Cornel	For being resilient with his number bonds in maths
Sycamore	Abu Bakar	For demonstrating responsible behaviour by always being ready to learn and focusing during lessons
Hawthorn	Maisey	For being extremely resilient and always working hard, even with a broken wrist!
Hazel	Faith	For showing resilience in her daily mile and for being a role model to her peers
Cedar	Madeline	For always showing a conscientious attitude to learning and following the school charter
Mulberry	David	For beginning to think through problems and make sense of situations to solve problems
Rowan	Samanta	For showing an ability to reason and justify answers when solving word problems about time
Chestnut	Bentley	For identifying literal and figurative language from a book called 'Tom's Midnight Garden'
Elder	Ayman	For motivation and resilience when challenging himself with his writing (which is beautifully presented - he has now earned his pen licence this week) and when embarking on a really tricky maths challenges linked to Fractions, Decimals and Percentages.
Birch	Arshaq	for being resilient in completing his tasks and working well with his peer
Elm	Esa	For his improved reasoning skills in maths



# DIARY DATES

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2021 – Year 5 Tag Rugby  
Monday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2021 to 14<sup>th</sup> May 2021 – Year 6 Key Stage 2 MOCK - SATS  
Monday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2021 – Year 5 Tag Rugby Club  
Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2021 – Wizard Theatre in  
Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2021 - Year 5 - The Joy of Moving (move and learn) workshop – Watford FC  
Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2021 – Year 4 Cornet Lessons am  
Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2021 - Year 5 Ukulele lessons pm  
Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2021 – Year 6 Football Club  
Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2021 – Rock Steady Music Lessons  
Friday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2021 – Whole School Assembly at 9:10 am  
Monday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2021 to 21<sup>st</sup> May 2021 – Year 2 Key Stage 1 assessment  
Monday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2021 – Year 5 Tag Rugby Club  
Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2021 – Wizard Theatre in  
Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2021 – Olympic athlete visit  
Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2021 - Year 5 - The Joy of Moving (move and learn) workshop – Watford FC  
Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2021 – Year 4 Cornet Lessons am  
Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2021 - Year 5 Ukulele lessons pm  
Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2021 – Year 6 Football Club  
Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2021 – Rock Steady Music Lessons  
Friday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2021 - Whole School Assembly at 9:10 am  
Monday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2021 to Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2021 – Year 6 Isle of Wight trip  
Monday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2021 to Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2021 – Festival of Learning week  
Monday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2021 – Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2021 - Key Stage 1 MOCK - SATS  
Monday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2021 – Year 5 Tag Rugby Club  
Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2021 – Wizard Theatre in  
Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2021 - Year 5 - The Joy of Moving (move and learn) workshop – Watford FC  
Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2021 – Year 4 Cornet Lessons am  
Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2021 - Year 5 Ukulele lessons pm  
Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2021 – Year 6 Football Club  
Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2021 – Rock Steady Music Lessons  
Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2021 – Whole School Assembly at 9:10 am  
Monday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2021 – Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May 2021 – Half term

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2021 – Year 1 and Year 2 mock phonics screening – all week  
Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2021 – Wizard Theatre in – tbc  
Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2021 – Governors meeting  
Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2021 - Year 5 - The Joy of Moving (move and learn) workshop – Watford FC – tbc  
Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2021 – Year 4 Cornet Lessons am tbc  
Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2021 - Year 5 Ukulele lessons pm – tbc

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2021– Rock Steady Music Lessons – tbc  
Friday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2021 – Whole School Assembly at 9:10 am  
Monday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2021 – Year 1 and 2 phonics screening catch up – all week  
Monday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2021 – Whole school assessment week  
Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> June 2021 – Wizard Theatre in – tbc  
Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2021 – Year 5 – The Joy of Moving (move and learn) workshop –  
Watford FC – tbc  
Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2021 – Cornet Lessons Year 4 tbc  
Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2021 – Year 5 Ukulele lessons pm – tbc  
Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2021 – Nursery September 2021 registration morning  
Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2021 – Rock Steady Music Lessons – tbc  
Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2021 – Reception September 2021 registration morning  
Friday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2021 – Whole School Assembly at 9:10 am  
Friday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2021 – Year 5 Consortium Test Registration closes  
Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2021 – Wizard Theatre in – tbc  
Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2021 – Year 5 – The Joy of Moving (move and learn) workshop –  
Watford FC – tbc  
Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2021 – Year 4 Cornet Lessons am tbc  
Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2021 – Year 5 Ukulele lessons pm – tbc  
Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2021– Rock Steady Music Lessons – tbc  
Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2021 – Key Stage 1 and 2 Sports Day  
Friday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2021 – EYFS Sports Day  
Friday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2021 – Whole School Assembly at 9:10 am  
Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2021 – Wizard Theatre in – tbc  
Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2021 – Reception – Health Screening with School Nurses  
Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2021 – Year 5 – The Joy of Moving (move and learn) workshop –  
Watford FC – tbc  
Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2021 – Cornet Lessons Year 4 am tbc  
Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2021 – Year 5 Ukulele lessons pm – tbc  
Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2021– Rock Steady Music Lessons – tbc  
Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2021 – Key Stage 1 and 2 Reserve Sports Day  
Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2021 – Year 5 parents informed of venue for Consortium Test in  
September  
Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2021 – EYFS reserve Sports Day  
Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2021 – Whole School Assembly at 9:10 am  
Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2021 – Wizard Theatre in – tbc  
Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2021 – Year 5 – The Joy of Moving (move and learn) workshop –  
Watford FC – tbc  
Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2021 – Year 4 Cornet Lessons am tbc  
Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2021 – Year 5 Ukulele lessons pm – tbc  
Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2021 – Nursery Concert to parents  
Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2021 – Community Day  
Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2021 – Moving Up Day – Year 6 out at their new schools  
Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2021 – Rock Steady Music Lessons – tbc  
Friday 9<sup>th</sup> July 2021 – Whole School Assembly at 9:10 am  
Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2021 – Wizard Theatre in – tbc  
Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2021 – Parents Evening – End of Year Reports out  
Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2021 – Year 6 dress rehearsal to KS2 (14:00)  
Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2021 – Governors Meeting  
Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2021 – Year 5 – The Joy of Moving (move and learn) workshop –  
Watford FC – tbc

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2021 – Cornet Lessons Year 4 am - tbc  
Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2021 - Year 5 Ukulele lessons pm - tbc  
Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2021 – Year 6 dress rehearsal to KS1 at 9:30 am  
Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2021 – Year 6 performance to parents at 6:00 pm  
Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2021 - Rock Steady Music Lessons – tbc  
Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2021 – Awards Assembly  
Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2021 – Year 6 performance to parents at 2:00 pm  
Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2021 – Year 6 Moving Up afternoon  
Friday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2021 – Year 6 Leavers Assembly  
Friday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2021 – Last day of term School closes at 1:30 pm – No pm Nursery

## Enrichment days Summer term

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2021 – Ramadan ends  
Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2021 - Eid ul-Fitr begins  
Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2021 – Pentecost  
Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2021 - World Environment Day  
Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2021 - Anniversary of D-Day  
Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2021 - World Oceans Day  
Friday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2021 - Millicent Garrett Fawcett's birthday  
Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2021 - World Refugee Day  
Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2021 - Father's Day  
Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2021 - Windrush Day  
Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2021 – Mandela Day