

# Newsletter – 19<sup>th</sup> December 2025



## Key Dates for the Diary:

- Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December – Break Up for Christmas
- Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January – INSET Day – School Closed
- Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January – Children return to School
- Monday 12<sup>th</sup> January – Reception Stay and Read
- Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> January – Y6 SATs Workshop
- Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> January – Parents' Evening
- Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> January – Reception Stay and Play

## Remaining Teacher Training Days:

- Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2026
- TBC
- Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2026

What a wonderful end of term we've had!

Last Friday, we held our brilliant Christmas Market. It was fantastic to see so many families come together to enjoy the stalls, games and our super Elf Trail and I want to extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone for their incredible support in making the event and others we've done this term such a success. Thanks to your amazing support, we've raised almost £5000 this term to enrich the curriculum and further support learning!

Our Key Stage 2 children truly shone during their carol concerts, filling the school with Christmas songs that warmed everyone's hearts. Meanwhile, our Reception children stole the show with their brilliant performances of 'The North Pole Bake Off'. Despite only being in school a few months, they performed with incredible confidence, singing, dancing and acting their hearts out! A huge thank you to all the parents who helped with costumes; your support made the performances even more magical.

On Wednesday, Sue and her amazing kitchen team outdid themselves once again with a delicious Christmas dinner. It was lovely to see so many children enjoying their meal and even giving sprouts a try!

Thursday was truly special as Reverend Nicholas joined us for our annual Christmas assembly, reminding us all of the true meaning of Christmas. The excitement continued when a very special visitor arrived — Santa Claus himself! Despite his busy schedule, he took time to deliver presents and festive cheer to all the children and staff.

We wrapped up the week with our end of term Endeavours Assembly, celebrating children who have gone above and beyond in embodying our school values with chocolates, certificates and trophies. The day ended on a high note with our Christmas parties, where children enjoyed treats and games—a perfect festive finish!

As we say goodbye to 2025, I extend my warmest wishes to all Hollyfield families. May your Christmas be joyful and bright and may 2026 bring health and happiness to you all.

We look forward to welcoming everyone back, bright and early, on **Tuesday 6th January 2026**.

Take care

Mr Holmes

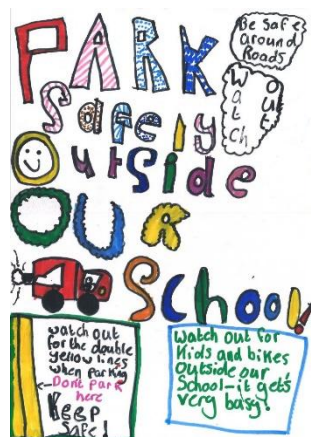
## Parking Safely

We continue to receive numerous complaints about parking around the school, particularly regarding parents parking fully on pavements or blocking them. This inconsiderate parking creates dangerous situations for our children when walking to and from school.

Five vehicles have been reported to the council this week alone due to unsafe parking.

We kindly ask all parents and carers to park considerately and legally during drop-off and collection times. Ensuring pavements and roads remain clear and accessible is essential for the safety of our children and the wider community.

If you witness illegal or inconsiderate parking, please report it directly to the council by clicking [HERE](#).



# Curriculum Update

## Religious Education

RE at Hollyfield plays a crucial role in our delivery of the fundamental British Value of mutual respect and tolerance for those of different faiths and beliefs. Through RE, we learn about our similarities and differences in a respectful and engaging way. At this time of year, we all learn about the Christian Nativity story, with each year group learning about it from a different perspective of the people involved.

In Reception this term, we have been looking at different celebrations such as Diwali, Eid, Christmas and we have compared weddings in different cultures. Some activities have included pop up mosques, diya lamps and role playing visiting Mecca.



In RE in Year 2, we have learnt about the Jewish celebration of Sukkot and have drawn and labelled a picture of a Sukkah. We have also discussed the nativity story and thought about the real meaning of Christmas for Christians.

Year 4 have been looking at the being curious and valuing knowledge disposition. We have been reflective and self critical - here we are practising meditation like Buddhists.



Year 5 have been exploring the disposition of being loyal and steadfast. They have learnt how Christians show commitment to their faith. They have learnt about Baptisms and why this it's important to Christians. Children have reflected on friendships and how they show their commitment to friends. We have also learnt how Sikhs show a commitment to their faith through the act of seva 'giving service to others'. More recently, we have been learning about Advent and the Christmas story and why this is an important time for Christians.

## Celebrations

Our congratulations go to the following children who received awards this week for their amazing work this term:

### Endeavour Awards

Endeavour Awards are given out three times per year: at Christmas, at the end of the autumn term; at Easter, at the end of the spring term; and in July, at the end of the summer term. Each teacher chooses two children from their class who always try their best. It is an award that recognises the importance of effort, hard work and our six core values. A record of the Endeavour Award winners is kept throughout the children's time at Hollyfield and, when they reach Year 6, the children who have received the award most throughout their school life become the overall Endeavour Award winners. The overall winner is given out to year 6 each term along with the class nominations. In the summer, the shield is sent off to be engraved and the overall winners for each term have their names put on the Endeavour Shield so that we can remember their super efforts.



Endeavour Awards		
<b>Butterflies</b>	Hjalmar	Beau-Bleu
<b>Ladybirds</b>	Ayla	Thomas
<b>1J</b>	Peggy	Zakareya
<b>1KR</b>	Halle	Tutu
<b>2SH</b>	Shaiyah	Roxy-Rae
<b>2W</b>	Troy	Blake
<b>3K</b>	Indie	Evie
<b>3R</b>	Emmeline	Ollie
<b>4B</b>	Ella	Husayn
<b>4L</b>	Suzie-Rose	Oliver
<b>5D</b>	Eve	Isaac
<b>5L</b>	Jasmine	Stewart
<b>6SB</b>	Sophie	Arjun
<b>6W</b>	Lilly	Peter

<b>Overall Endeavour Winner</b>	Arjun
<b>Overall Endeavour Winner</b>	Sophie

### Paul Beesley Award

Paul Beesley was our chair of governors at Hollyfield many years ago and his son also attended school here. Sadly, he died while working as our head governor. As an ex-teacher himself, he understood that sometimes children may find some elements of school life tricky and his family wanted to present an award in his honour that would demonstrate his commitment to supporting children to learn. The Paul Beesley Award is presented three times per year and is given for resilience and determination. Each termly winner has their name engraved on the award at the end of the year. This award is open to all pupils at Hollyfield.

## **The LTE Awards**

The LTE Awards are given out by all schools that are members of The Learning Trust for Excellence. At Hollyfield, we give out two trophies per term: one for Reception and Key Stage One and another for Key Stage Two. These awards are given to children who demonstrate the co-operative trust's values of self-help, self-responsibility, democracy, equity and solidarity. This is consistent with the values of the founders of the Co-operative Movement who advocate the ethical values of honesty, openness, social responsibility and caring for others.

<b>Paul Beesley Award for Perseverance and Determination</b>	Charlie
<b>LTE Values Award Rec/KS1</b>	Lyla
<b>LTE Values Award KS2</b>	Tilly

## **Weekly Attendance**

It's been fabulous seeing the children back in school this week! We discuss in our weekly attendance assembly the importance of coming to school **every day** so that we do not miss out on any learning, special activities or socialising with all our friends.

In our special assemblies the class with the best attendance wins the attendance trophy and extra playtime! Every class with an average attendance of 95% or more can also play CLASSOPOLY!

Weekly  
Attendance  
Awards!

Classopoly is our monopoly style board game where classes win rewards for their good attendance – our target this term is **96%**. Roll the dice – win a prize. Children can win anything from extra time on the iPads and art activities to hot chocolate, cakes or a special lesson with Mr Holmes!

Overall attendance this week: 89.3%

Lower School: 3K – 94.3%

Upper School: 6SB – 93.7%

Will your class be rolling the dice and playing Classopoly?

Make sure you're in school on time on **Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2026** to find out!!

## Pupil Vacancies

We have some places still available in our Reception classes and years 1 and 3. If anyone you know is looking for a placement, please advise them to contact our school office from on 0121 378 0672 for more information and to arrange a viewing.



## Free School Meals

You can now use the Free School Meals Eligibility Checking Service, if you think your child may be entitled to Free School Meals. Please follow the link to complete a new application: [Online FSM Application \(cloudforedu.org.uk\)](https://cloudforedu.org.uk)

Just registering your child for Free School Meals means that the school gets extra funding to be used in your child's class.

Register **NOW** to make sure we don't miss out!



## E-Safety tip of the week

This week's tip...

Over the festive period, we are often busy and as a result we're sometimes less careful than usual, this opens us up to scams and other online harms including those using AI which is used to make them more realistic. It's a good time to check all your devices, social media and app settings to make sure you are up to date, check contact details, recovery settings and privacy settings are correct. See Get Safe Online for more info to stay safe online over the festive period.

<https://www.getsafeonline.org/christmaschecklist/>



## Dinner Money

Dinner money for the next half term is £87.00.

£15.00 per week **payable in advance** on your ParentPay account. £3.00 per meal.


















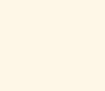

**Important reminder:** If your child would like to switch between sandwiches and school meals, please inform the office immediately. Thanks for your support.



## Menu - week commencing 5<sup>th</sup> January

**NUTRI GANG**  
We're making school food fun!

**Educaterers Lunch Menu**  
Week 1  
10/11/2025, 01/12/2025, 05/01/2026, 26/01/2026,  
23/02/2026, 16/03/2026

Monday		Jacket Potatoes Every Day		Cheese Fian Every Day		
 <b>Fish Fillet Fingers (F.G.)</b>	or	 <b>(vg) Plant Power Burger in a Bun (G)</b>	or	 <b>Jacket Potatoes</b>	or	 <b>Cheese Fian</b>
 <b>Chicken Fajita in a Wrap (G.)</b>	or	 <b>(v) Plant Power Hot Dog (G)</b>	or	 <b>Jacket Potatoes</b>	or	 <b>Cheese Fian</b>
 <b>Roast Chicken Fillet (G)</b>	or	 <b>(v) Quorn Roast (G)</b>	or	 <b>Jacket Potatoes</b>	or	 <b>Cheese Fian</b>
 <b>Pork Sausages (G.SU.SB)</b>	or	 <b>(v)(h) Cheese &amp; Potato Pie (D.E)</b>	or	 <b>Jacket Potatoes</b>	or	 <b>Cheese Fian</b>
 <b>(v) Cheese &amp; Tomato Pizza Wedge (G.D)</b>				 <b>Jacket Potatoes</b>	or	 <b>Cheese Fian</b>

**Week 1 Dessert Menu**  
Monday  
(v)(h) Chocolate Cracknel (G)  
Tuesday  
(vg) Jelly with Fruit  
(v)(h) Banana & Raisin Cookie (G)  
Wednesday  
(v)(h) Caramel  
Apple Crumble with Custard (D.G.)  
(v) Ice Cream (D)  
Thursday  
(v) Strawberry Whip with Fruit (D)  
(vg)(h) Flapjack (G)  
Friday  
(v)(h) Frosted Carrot Cake (G.E)  
  
All our meals include a carbohydrate accompaniment, seasonal vegetables and/or salad. We offer a choice of fruit juice cordial, semi skimmed milk or water to drink. Some schools offer a Hydration Station instead, comprising of unlimited chilled water flavoured with fresh fruit. Accompaniments may vary to those shown.  
  
Pasta Options Available:  
Monday - Pepperonata (G)  
Tuesday - (v) Mascarpone Tomato & Basil (G.D)  
Wednesday - (v) Mac & Cheese (G.D)  
Thursday - (vg) Herby Tomato (G)  
Friday - Chicken Fajita (G)  
  
PLEASE NOTE some schools serve the cold option in a deli bag with vegetable sticks or salad, a dessert and a drink

**Allergen Key**  
VG-Vegan, V-Vegetarian, . H-Homemade, G-Gluten/Wheat, C-Celery, S-Sesame, F-Fish, M-Mustard, SU-Sulphites, D-Dairy, E-Eggs, SB-Soyabean.

[www.educaterers.co.uk](http://www.educaterers.co.uk)  
Email: [contactus@educaterers.co.uk](mailto:contactus@educaterers.co.uk)

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caring to our school ingredients

Menu may change to meet customer preferences

Allergies  
Please contact your school Head of Kitchen for information regarding the content of dishes and products on our menu.

**Please note:** This menu can be subject to change due to unforeseen circumstances.

## Community Notices

### St Chads Church Sutton Coldfield Join us this Christmas

Sun 7<sup>th</sup> 10.30am **Christingle Service**  
4-6pm **Christingle in the woods**  
Sun 21<sup>st</sup> 10.30am **Nativity Service**  
4pm **Carols by Candlelight**  
Christmas Eve 4pm **Crib service**  
11.30pm **Midnight Mass**  
Christmas Day 10.30am **Holy Communion**



St Chads Church Sutton Coldfield, Hollyfield Road, B75 7SN



### LEGO Church



Falcon Lodge Methodist Church

4.30-5.30pm

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> Jan

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March

All Welcome

Bible Stories & Build LEGO creations


Refreshments served

Turn up on the day or sign up using the QR Code

Scan to sign up



## Diary Dates



### Hollyfield Primary School 2025/2026 Planner

SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER	OTHER INFO
<b>Wed 3<sup>rd</sup>: AUTUMN TERM BEGINS</b> <b>Thurs 18<sup>th</sup>:</b> Rec Phonics Meeting <b>Wed 18<sup>th</sup>:</b> Y6 Residential Meeting <b>Wed 24<sup>th</sup>:</b> Y1 Stay and Read/Phonics Meeting <b>Thurs 25<sup>th</sup>:</b> Rec Stay and Play <b>Mon 29<sup>th</sup>:</b> Y6 Residential Week	<b>Wed 8<sup>th</sup>:</b> Y2 Sudbury Hall Visit <b>Thurs 9<sup>th</sup>:</b> Y5 Maths Workshop <b>Wed 15<sup>th</sup>:</b> Parents' Evening <b>Mon 20<sup>th</sup>:</b> Y3 Stone-Age Day <b>Mon 13<sup>th</sup>:</b> New Reception Open Morning <b>Tues 14<sup>th</sup>:</b> New Reception Open Afternoon <b>Wed 22<sup>th</sup>:</b> Y4 Lunt Roman Fort Visit <b>Thurs 23<sup>th</sup>:</b> Stay and Play <b>Fri 24<sup>th</sup>: LAST DAY OF HALF-TERM</b>	<b>Mon 3<sup>rd</sup>: AUTUMN 2 BEGINS</b> <b>Mon 10<sup>th</sup>:</b> Year 2 Story Time <b>Wed 12<sup>th</sup>:</b> Y4 Maths Workshop <b>Fri 14<sup>th</sup>:</b> Children in Need (non-uniform) <b>Tue 18<sup>th</sup>:</b> Y1 Maths Workshop <b>Wed 19<sup>th</sup>:</b> Y3 Maths Workshop <b>Thurs 20<sup>th</sup>:</b> School Photographs (individual) <b>Thurs 27<sup>th</sup>:</b> Y3 Class Assembly	<b>Mon 1<sup>st</sup>:</b> Book Fair <b>Thurs 11<sup>th</sup>:</b> Rocksteady Christmas Concert to Parents TBC <b>Fri 12<sup>th</sup>:</b> Christmas Jumper Day <b>Wed 17<sup>th</sup>:</b> Christmas Lunch <b>Fri 19<sup>th</sup>:</b> Christmas Party Day <b>Fri 19<sup>th</sup>: LAST DAY OF HALF-TERM</b>	<b>Christmas Performances:</b> <b>EYES</b> Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> December 2025 <b>KS1:</b> Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> December 2025 Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> December 2025 <b>KS2:</b> Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> December 2025 Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> December 2025 <b>Teacher Training Days:</b> Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> September 2025 Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September 2025 Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> January 2026 TBC Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> July 2026 <b>Please note school is closed on Teacher Training Days.</b>  Parents are invited to work alongside their children and share in the learning throughout the year. Any additional dates will be advertised via Class Dojo and the school newsletter.  <b>We will strive to ensure events are held on the days scheduled. If there are any changes, we will inform you as far in advance as possible.</b>
JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	
<b>Mon 5<sup>th</sup>: Teacher Training Day</b> <b>Tue 6<sup>th</sup>: SPRING TERM BEGINS</b> <b>Mon 12<sup>th</sup>:</b> Rec Stay and Read <b>Wed 14<sup>th</sup>:</b> Y6 SATs Workshop <b>Mon 26<sup>th</sup>:</b> KS2 Young Voices Concert <b>Wed 28<sup>th</sup>:</b> Parents' Evening <b>Thurs 29<sup>th</sup>:</b> Rec Stay and Play	<b>Wed 4<sup>th</sup>:</b> Y6 Story Time <b>Thurs 5<sup>th</sup>:</b> Y5 Astro Camp <b>Fri 6<sup>th</sup>:</b> Y4 Astro Camp Assembly <b>Mon 9<sup>th</sup>:</b> Children's Mental Health Week <b>Tue 10<sup>th</sup>:</b> Safer Internet Day <b>Tue 10<sup>th</sup>:</b> Y3 Symphony Hall Visit <b>Wed 11<sup>th</sup>:</b> Y2 Maths Workshop <b>Thurs 12<sup>th</sup>:</b> Y4 Class Assembly <b>Thurs 12<sup>th</sup>:</b> Y1 Story Time <b>Fri 13<sup>th</sup>: LAST DAY OF HALF TERM</b> <b>Mon 23<sup>rd</sup>: SPRING 2 BEGINS</b> <b>Thurs 26<sup>th</sup>:</b> Reception Stay and Play	<b>Mon 2<sup>nd</sup>:</b> National Story Telling Week <b>Wed 4<sup>th</sup>:</b> Y1 Black Country Museum Visit <b>Thurs 5<sup>th</sup>:</b> World Book Day <b>Wed 11<sup>th</sup>:</b> School Photographs (class/groups) <b>Thurs 12<sup>th</sup>:</b> Y5 Class Assembly <b>Wed 18<sup>th</sup>:</b> Rec Class Assembly <b>Mon 23<sup>rd</sup>:</b> Shakespeare Week <b>Wed 25<sup>th</sup>:</b> Y1 Class Assembly <b>Thurs 26<sup>th</sup>:</b> Rocksteady Easter Concert to Parents TBC <b>Fri 27<sup>th</sup>: LAST DAY OF HALF-TERM</b>	<b>Mon 13<sup>th</sup>: SUMMER TERM BEGINS</b> <b>Fri 17<sup>th</sup>:</b> Y3 Story Time <b>Thurs 30<sup>th</sup>:</b> Reception Stay and Play	
MAY	JUNE	JULY		
<b>Mon 4<sup>th</sup>: BANK HOLIDAY</b> <b>Mon 11<sup>th</sup>:</b> Y6 SATs Week <b>Tue 12<sup>th</sup>:</b> 4B Ukulele Concert <b>Wed 13<sup>th</sup>:</b> 4L Ukulele Concert <b>Thurs 14<sup>th</sup>:</b> Y1 Phonics Screening Meeting <b>Thurs 14<sup>th</sup>:</b> Y5 Story Time <b>Mon 18<sup>th</sup>:</b> Reception Stay and Play <b>Wed 20<sup>th</sup>:</b> National Numeracy Day <b>Thurs 21<sup>st</sup>:</b> Y2 Class Assembly <b>Fri 22<sup>nd</sup>: LAST DAY OF HALF-TERM</b>	<b>Mon 1<sup>st</sup>: SUMMER 2 BEGINS</b> <b>Mon 1<sup>st</sup>:</b> Leavers Photographs <b>Mon 1<sup>st</sup>:</b> Y4 X Tables Check <b>Mon 8<sup>th</sup>:</b> Rec Stay and Read <b>Mon 8<sup>th</sup>:</b> Y1 Phonics Screening Week <b>Wed 10<sup>th</sup>:</b> KS2 Area Sports <b>Thurs 11<sup>th</sup>:</b> New Reception Parents Meetings <b>Thurs 11<sup>th</sup>:</b> Y4 Story Time <b>Mon 15<sup>th</sup>:</b> Book Fair <b>Thurs 18<sup>th</sup>:</b> Rec/KS1 Sports Day <b>Fri 19<sup>th</sup>:</b> Family Picnic <b>Wed 24<sup>th</sup>:</b> KS2 Sports Day <b>Thurs 25<sup>th</sup>:</b> Reception Stay and Play	<b>Wed 1<sup>st</sup>:</b> Y6 Secondary Transition Day <b>Wed 1<sup>st</sup>:</b> New Reception Stay and Play <b>Tue 7<sup>th</sup>:</b> New Reception Stay and Play <b>Thurs 2<sup>nd</sup>:</b> Rec Farm Visit TBC <b>Wed 6<sup>th</sup>:</b> Parents' Evening (Drop-in) <b>Thurs 8<sup>th</sup>:</b> Rocksteady Summer Concert to parents TBC <b>Mon 13<sup>th</sup>:</b> Y6 Leavers' Assembly <b>Wed 15<sup>th</sup>:</b> Y6 Leavers' Festival <b>Fri 17<sup>th</sup>: LAST DAY OF TERM</b> <b>Mon 20<sup>th</sup>:</b> Teacher Training Day		



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