



17th October 2025

Holden Clough Newsletter

This week in 1DH

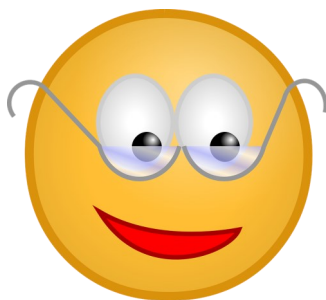


Year 1 have had a fantastic time this week exploring a variety of exciting topics across the curriculum! In PE, the children have been enjoying activities focused on balancing and spinning, helping them develop coordination and control. In Maths, they've been learning to compare numbers using "greater than" and "less than" symbols, building their confidence with number values. Meanwhile, in Science, they've been observing the changing weather and learning how it relates to the different seasons. It's been a fun week of learning!

What's happening

Stars of the Week

Jacob & Sulaiman	1DH
Charlie S & Idrees	2CQ
Durva & Ivy	3CH
Christian & Sam	3/4GG
Amira & James	4GE
Arthur & Inaya	5DL
Ella & Waleed	5WB
Lilly & Salih	6AH
Kareena & Muntaha	6JH



Dates to remember

- 20.10.25 - Year 5 three day residential to Robinwood
- 23.10.25 - Diwali Celebration Day - Non uniform
- 23.10.25 - Halloween Disco
- 24.10.25 - School closes for Half Term
- 03.10.25 - School opens for Autumn Term 2
- 24.11.25 - Book Fair starts
- 26.11.25 - Parents evening (new date)

Mr Porters VIP's

The following children have been chosen this week to have lunch with Mr Porter or Miss Hartley for displaying exemplary behaviour during breaks and lunchtimes, following the school rules, and for being kind and helpful to others:

- ☆ 1DH Kiyan
- ☆ 2CQ Myra
- ☆ 3CH Samarth
- ☆ 3/4GG Emily
- ☆ 4GE Ruqaiyah
- ☆ 5DL Charlie
- ☆ 5WB Jaysal
- ☆ 6AH Mariyah
- ☆ 6JH Ellie





Last day to enter!!!!



THE GREAT BIG RAFFLE

SUPPORT OUR PUPIL WELLBEING CELEBRATION!



TICKETS: £1 EACH

AVAILABLE VIA ARBOR

Deadline: Friday 17th October 2025

Draw Date: Friday 24th October 2025

Winners selected by random name generator.

☀ Prizes Include:

- £100 Supermarket Voucher
- Gym Memberships
- Pottery & Beauty Vouchers
- Indian Head Massage
- Meditation Sound Baths
- Angelic Reiki
- Children's Holiday Club Place
- Kitchen Appliances
- Amazon & Hickory's Smokehouse Vouchers
- ...and many more!

Every ticket sold helps fund a Wellbeing Celebration for pupils across our Trust schools.

Your support makes a real difference — thank you!

See full details and T&Cs at: www.victoriousacademies.org/raffle



Ticket sales now live! Get your children booked in for our upcoming event using the below links. Please remember to select the correct event option based on your child's Key stage group and ensure you enter your child's full name and Class in the 'Notes to merchant' section on ticket purchase form.

LINKS BELOW:

KS1 (Reception, Year 1 & Year 2)

<https://pay.sumup.com/b2c/OTC3FNPV>

KS2 (Years 3-6)

<https://pay.sumup.com/b2c/OM2PX0JF>

Don't miss out...

...on a school place for your child



Primary School

If your child will be 4 before 1 September 2026

- ★ You should put your child's name down at any Tameside Primary School.
- ★ During October the school will send you the information you will need to make your application.
- ★ If your child attends a school nursery they are NOT guaranteed a place in Reception. You will need to make a new application for a Reception place.
- ★ You must apply for a Primary School Reception place online through the Tameside MBC website at www.tameside.gov.uk
- ★ The online application facility will open for new Reception applications **early November 2025**.
- ★ The closing date for Primary School applications is **15 January 2026**.
- ★ Any application received after 15th January 2026 will be dealt with as a 'LATE' application and considered after those received on time.



High School

If your child will be 11 before 1 September 2026

- ★ You should apply for a High School place through the Local Authority where you live.
- ★ Extra district residents will receive information on how to apply from their own Local Authority.
- ★ You must apply for a High School Year 7 place online through the Tameside MBC website at www.tameside.gov.uk
- ★ The online application facility will open for new Year 7 applications **early September 2025**.
- ★ The closing date for High School applications is **31 October 2025**.
- ★ Any application received after 31st October 2025 will be dealt with as a 'LATE' application and considered after those received on time.

Reporting Absence

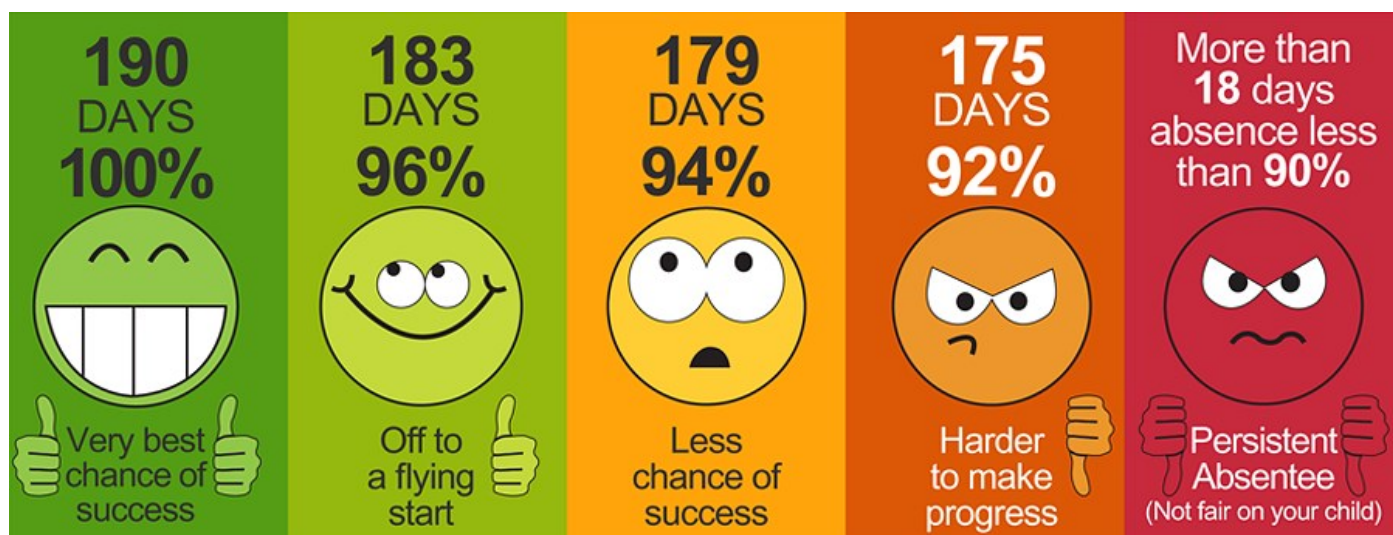
If your child is absent from school please ensure you report their absence to the school office as soon as possible on the **first day and each day thereafter detailing the reason for their absence.**

There is a facility to report pupil absence via our switchboard 0161 330 5248.

Alternatively, you can send an email to attendance@holdenclough.victoriousmat.org

Please do not use Class Dojo to report an absence.

Any unreported absences will be recorded as UNAUTHORISED until an acceptable reason for the absence is provided. We are only able to authorise 3 days leave due to illness without medical evidence.



Attendance

Please see below the winners for week commencing 29th September 2025

1st - Reception 100%

2nd - 6JH 99.57%

3rd - 3/4GG 99.35%



Term Dates 2025-2026



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Term and Holiday Dates for Academic Year 2025/2026 Tameside Academies

Term / Holiday		First Day	Last Day	No of Days
Autumn Term 1	INSET DAYS Tuesday 2 nd and Wednesday 3 rd September 2025 - Children not in school	Thursday 4 th September 2025	Friday 24 th October 2025	37
Autumn Half Term Holiday		Monday 27 th October 2025	Friday 31 st October 2025	
Autumn Term 2		Monday 3 rd November 2025	Friday 19 th December 2025	35
Christmas Holiday		Monday 22 nd December 2025	Friday 2 nd January 2026	
Spring Term 1	INSET DAY Monday 5 th January 2026 Children not in school	Tuesday 6 th January 2026	Friday 13 th February 2026	29
Spring Half term Holiday		Monday 16 th February 2026	Friday 20 th February 2026	
Spring Term 2		Monday 23 rd February 2026	Friday 27 th March 2026	25
Easter Holiday		Monday 30 th March 2026	Friday 10 th April 2026	
Summer Term 1	BANK HOLIDAY Monday 4 th May 2026 Children not in school	Monday 13 th April 2026	Friday 22 nd May 2026	29
Summer Half Term Holiday		Monday 25 th May 2026	Friday 5 th June 2026	
Summer Term 2	INSET DAYS Monday 27 th and Tuesday 28 th July 2026 Children not in school	Monday 8 th June 2026	Friday 24 th July 2026	35
Total Days				190

Pupils are required to be in school for 190 days per academic year.

Proposed first day of the academic year 2026/2027 will be Tuesday 1st September 2026, proposed pupil start date Thursday 3rd September 2026.