



7th November 2025

Holden Clough Newsletter

This week in EYFS



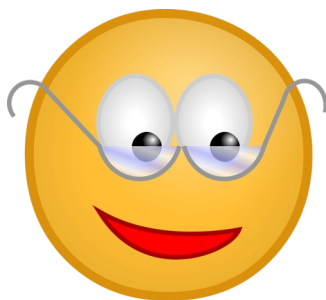
This week in EYFS we have been using conkers to help us subitise to 3. This is where children can look at a small group of objects and know the amount there without relying on counting - a crucial skill in developing calculation later on. The children were asked 'What can you see?' 'Which groups can you find?' Instead of being asked 'how many?'

We then explored using 5 and 10 frames, working out which groups we could add onto our frames to fill them. Well done EYFS - We are so proud of you!

What's happening

Stars of the Week

Fajr & Ollie	1DH
Hafsah & Poppy	2CQ
Rishi & Ting Ting	3CH
Oscar & Sumayyah	3/4GG
Ismail & Penelope	4GE
Charlie & Lucy	5DL
Ahmed & Haniya	5WB
Charlotte & Olly	6AH
Archie & Chris	6JH



Dates to remember

- 11.11.25 - Armistice Event 5-6pm
- 24.11.25 - Book Fair starts
- 26.11.25 - Parents evening
- 05.12.25 - PTA Christmas Fair
- 11.12.25 - Christmas Jumper Day
- 11.12.25 - Christmas Dinner
- 12.12.25 - KS1 trip to see Cinderella Pantomime
- 19.12.25 - School closes for Christmas Holidays

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 Charlotte
- ☆ 2CQ Noah
- ☆ 3CH Samuel
- ☆ 3/4GG Alfie
- ☆ 4GE Layla
- ☆ 5DL Amber
- ☆ 5WB Curtis
- ☆ 6AH Lilly
- ☆ 6JH Sneha





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This **ANTI-BULLYING WEEK** we are holding

ODD SOCKS DAY on MONDAY 10TH NOVEMBER 2025



Come to school
wearing your odd
socks to celebrate
what makes us all
unique!

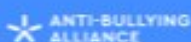
If you're worried about bullying you can speak to ...

- Parents or carers
- Adults at school
- Other trusted adults like relatives
- Contact helplines for confidential support, such as Childline 0800 1111 or the NSPCC's helpline 0800 800 50000

#OddSocksDay
#AntiBullyingWeek
#PowerForGood



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FRIENDSHIP WEEK
10th - 14th November 2025



Dear Parent/Carer,

The week beginning 10th November is Anti-Bullying week and the children in school will be undertaking lots of different activities related to this very important issue, with the focus on friendships.

The theme for this year's Anti-Bullying Week is 'Power for Good'.

<https://youtu.be/IO6599wP390>

The theme of Power for Good has come about following consultation with teachers and pupils by the Anti-Bullying Alliance which coordinates Anti-Bullying Week every year in England, Wales and Northern Ireland. Teachers and children wanted a theme that empowered them to do something positive to counter the harm and hurt that bullying causes.

Following the success of the campaign in 2024 - when over 80% of schools marked the week, reaching over 7.5 million children and young people - this year, we'll empower children and young people to use their Power for Good to speak out, support others, and build a world where kindness wins.

Power for Good starts with one person. It starts with you. When we lift each other up instead of tearing each other down, we create a world where respect and empathy wins and bullying behaviour loses. Let's use our power — every day, in every way — for good!

It takes real strength to be kind in a world that isn't always fair. Choosing kindness is a powerful act — not a weakness. Stand tall. Speak kindly. Be the strength someone else might need today. When we look out for one another and treat everyone with respect, bullying behaviour doesn't stand a chance. A single act of kindness can start a ripple that reaches far beyond the classroom. Together we are stronger.

Power for Good is the path to a brighter, more inclusive future.

Bullying has a long-lasting effect on those who experience and witness it. But by channelling our collective power, through shared efforts and shared ambitions, we can reduce bullying together. 'In a world where you can be anything, be kind'.

Every year, bullying impacts the lives of countless young people and silence helps it grow.

That's why, this Anti-Bullying Week, we're empowering young people to use their Power for Good to safely speak up and raise awareness when they see bullying, face to face or online.

Lasting change needs all of us. From playgrounds to parliament, our homes to our phones — we all have a part to play.

We will be starting activities by coming to school wearing odd socks on Monday 10th November.

CBeebies star Andy Day and Anti-Bullying Alliance patron, along with his band 'Andy and the Odd Socks', are supporting Anti-Bullying Week again this year. They have written another amazing toe tapping song for Odd Socks Day 2025. It's called 'Power for Good' and it encompasses why we do Odd Socks Day and this year's theme. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=16xsNAjx7XU>

Odd Socks Day is designed to be fun! There is no pressure on the children to wear the latest fashion or for parents to buy expensive costumes. All they have to do to take part is wear odd socks to school, it couldn't be simpler! There's a serious message behind the fun: let's pull on odd socks to show we're ALL unique and different, and let's be kind to each other and respect each other's individuality. This will be the theme of our assembly.

Throughout the week all classes will be working on friendship / anti-bullying issues and be completing work in various forms. For example, they may be:

- _ making posters to encourage kindness and asking for help / reaching out
- _ small acts of kindness / chains of kindness
- _ role playing scenarios
- _ reinforcing the terms empathy, equality and respect
- _ recognising and celebrating differences / individuality
- _ participating in circle time
- _ producing art work
- _ sharing the school's Child-Friendly Anti-Bullying Policy
- _ using P.S.H.E. to discuss different aspects of this year's theme
- _ reading / writing stories / poems / pledges / campaigns / reflection journals
- _ making displays to promote friendships and positive attitudes



The following websites offer further information, help and support on this important issue.

<https://www.anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/>

<https://anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/anti-bullying-week>

<https://www.childline.org.uk/>

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/services-and-resources/childline/>

<https://www.bullying.co.uk/anti-bullying-week/>

If you have any questions about the week, please speak to your child's teacher.

Regards,

Miss Hendry

(PSHE Co-ordinator)



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 13th October 2025

1st - 3/4GG 99.35%

2nd - 5WB 98.57%

3rd - 2CQ 96.67%





Friends Of
Holden Clough

HOLDEN CLOUGH PRIMARY SCHOOL

welcomes you to its upcoming

WINTER FAIR

THIS IS YOUR OFFICIAL
SAVE THE DATE INVITE

DATE: FRIDAY 5TH DECEMBER

TIME: 3:30-5:30



LOTS OF EXCITING THINGS TO LOOK FORWARD TO:



GIANT FUN SNOW GLOBE
CHRISTMAS GROTTO
BOTTLE AND CHOCOLATE TOMBOLA
GRAB A BAGS - FUN GAMES
YUMMY FOOD AND DRINKS!



YOU ARE ALL INVITED!



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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.