



12th December 2025

Holden Clough Newsletter

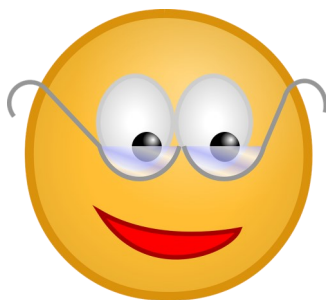
This week in 5DL



In this gymnastics unit, 5DL have learnt how to control their bodies through a variety of balances and jumps. They practise holding still shapes—such as one-point, two-point, and partner balances—while focusing on body tension, core strength, and good posture. Students also explore different types of jumps, including straight, tuck, star, and half-turn jumps, working on taking off and landing safely with bent knees and controlled movement. Throughout the unit, pupils created short sequences that link balances and jumps smoothly, showing creativity, coordination, and confidence!

What's happening

Platinum Stars	
Bonnie H & Zaydan	Rec
Charlotte & George	1DH
Emily & Yusuf	2CQ
Durva & Gracie-Rose	3CH
Logan & Shivani	3/4GG
Maryam & Ruqaiyah	4GE
Charlie & Everett	5DL
Sanika & Yash	5WB
Charlotte & Zaara	6AH
Kareena & Oscar	6JH



Dates to remember

- **19.12.25** - School closes for Christmas Holidays
- **05.01.26** - INSET Day - School closed for children
- **06.01.26** - School opens for Spring Term 1
- **19.01.26** - 3/4GG & 4GE trip to Chester
- **06.02.26** - KS2 trip to The Opera House
- **13.02.26** - Choir attending Young Voices
- **13.02.26** - School closes for Half Term Holiday
- **23.02.26** - School opens for Spring Term 2

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 Mirha
- ☆ 2CQ Laurie
- ☆ 3CH Aisha
- ☆ 3/4GG Haider
- ☆ 4GE Farhan
- ☆ 5DL Noah
- ☆ 5WB Aadam A
- ☆ 6AH Noah
- ☆ 6JH Jack





DAYS UNTIL
CHRISTMAS BREAK

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After School Clubs - Spring Term 1

We are excited to share our after-school club offerings starting after the Christmas break. These clubs aim to provide a more diverse range of activities, as requested in recent parent surveys.

All clubs will run from **3:10 pm – 4:00 pm** and will begin in the **week commencing 12th January** which is the **second week back** after the Christmas holidays and they will run for 5 weeks. Please see the schedule below:

Monday

- LEGO Club (Years 1 & 2) – Miss Bailey

Tuesday

- Music Club - Glockenspiel (Years 1–6) – Mr Cummings
- Dodgeball Club (Years 3–6) – Mr Porter
- Debate Club (Years 3–6) – Miss Hollingworth

Wednesday

- Football Club (Years 1 & 2) – Delivered by Curzon Ashton

Thursday

- Cooking Club (Years 5 & 6) – Mrs Fairfoull, School Cook (Please note: Cooking Club will be offered to Years 3 & 4 after February half-term)
- Jigsaw Club (Years 3–6) – Mrs Davies

Important Information:

- Clubs are charged at £15 per child, which is £3 per session.
- Places can only be secured by payment prior to the club commencing.
- Pupil Premium children are eligible for one free after-school clubs per half term. Please secure your child's place by making the required payment. A refund will then be issued once the sign-up window has closed. Please contact the school office to check your child's eligibility.

Booking Information:

Clubs will be available to book as of 6.00pm on **Monday 15th December** through your **Arbor App / Parent Portal** and bookings will close on Sunday 18th January at 6.00pm.


Christmas Concerts and EYFS Nativity – Dates, Times & Ticket Information


Dear Parents and Carers,


We are delighted to invite you to our Christmas concerts this December! Each year group has been working hard to prepare a festive performance, and we can't wait to share their efforts with you.

Please find below the schedule for each performance:

 Monday 15th December – Year 1 & Year 2

 Time: 2:30 PM

 Tickets: 2 per family


 Tuesday 16th December – Year 3 & Year 4


Due to capacity, there will be two showings:


 Morning Performance: 9:30 AM

 Afternoon Performance: 2:30 PM

 Tickets: 2 per family (choose one showing)

 Wednesday 17th December – EYFS (Nursery & Reception)

 Time: 9:30 AM

 Tickets: 2 per family


 Thursday 18th December – Year 5 & Year 6


Due to capacity, there will be two showings:

 Morning Performance: 9:30 AM

 Afternoon Performance: 2:30 PM

 Tickets: 2 per family (choose one showing)

 We kindly ask that you stick to the ticket limit to ensure all families can attend comfortably.

 Tickets will be available for purchase from the School Shop in **Arbor** from 6pm on Monday 1st December.

Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to celebrating the festive season with you!

Warm regards,
Miss Joanne Hartley

Reporting Absence

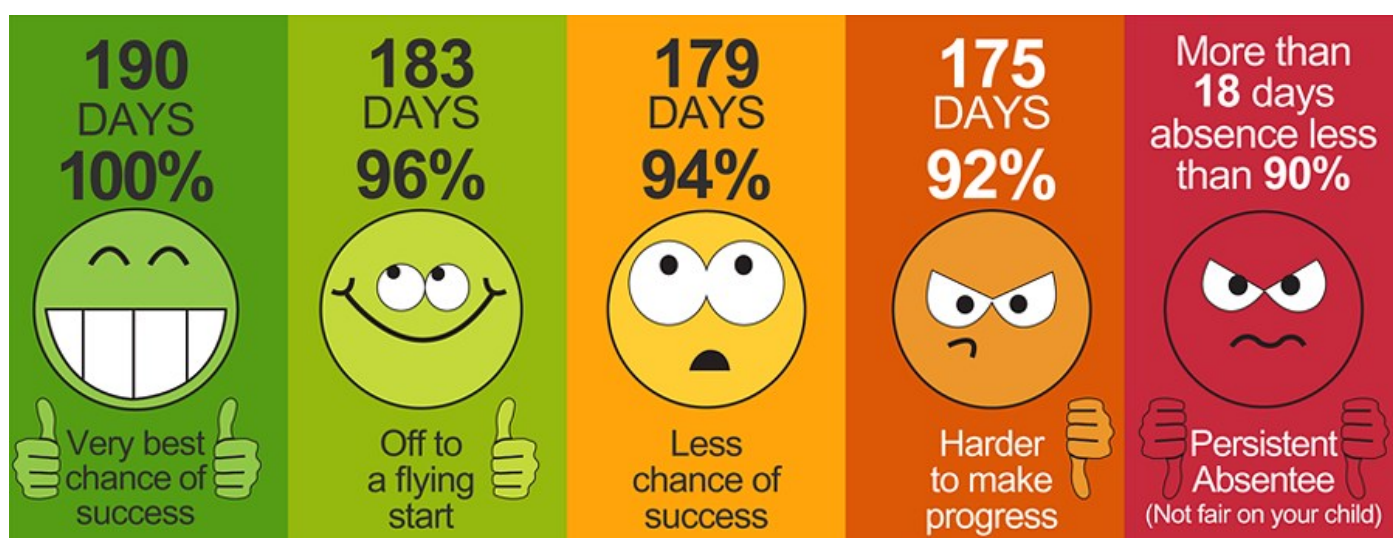
If your child is absent from school please ensure you report their absence to the school office as soon as possible on the **first day and each day thereafter detailing the reason for their absence.**

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 10th November 2025

1st - 3/4GG 98.39%

2nd - 2CQ 98.33%

3rd - 5WB 96.07%



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.

Term Dates 2026-2027



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Term and Holiday Dates for Academic Year 2026/2027 Tameside Schools (January Inset)

Term / Holiday		First Day	Last Day	No of Days
Autumn Term 1	INSET DAYS Wednesday 2 nd and Thursday 3 rd September 2026 (Children not in school)	Friday 4 th September 2026	Friday 23 rd October 2026	36
Autumn Half Term Holiday		Monday 26 th October 2026	Friday 30 th October 2026	
Autumn Term 2		Monday 2 nd November 2026	Friday 18 th December 2026	35
Christmas Holiday		Monday 21 st December 2026	Friday 1 st January 2027	
Spring Term 1	INSET DAY Monday 4 th January 2027 (Children not in school)	Tuesday 5 th January 2027	Friday 12 th February 2027	29
Spring Half term Holiday		Monday 15 th February 2027	Friday 19 th February 2027	
Spring Term 2		Monday 22 nd February 2027	Thursday 25 th March 2027	24
Easter Holiday		Friday 26 th March 2027	Friday 9 th April 2027	
Summer Term 1	BANK HOLIDAY Monday 3 rd May 2027 (Children not in school)	Monday 12 th April 2027	Friday 28 th May 2027	34
Summer Half Term Holiday		Monday 31 st May 2027	Friday 11 th June 2027	
Summer Term 2	INSET DAYS Wednesday 28 th and Thursday 29 th July 2027 (Children not in school)	Monday 14 th June 2027	Tuesday 27 th July 2027	32
Total Days				190
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