



5th December 2025

# Holden Clough Newsletter

## This week in 6AH

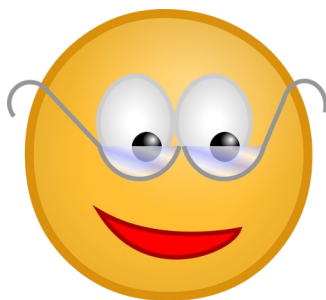


6AH have had an exciting and productive week of learning in Science! This week, we have been exploring the fascinating concepts of refraction and the ways in which mirrors can be used. The students have engaged in hands-on investigations, observing how light changes direction and reflects, and have developed a deeper understanding of these important scientific principles. It has been wonderful to see their curiosity and enthusiasm in action as they experiment and ask thoughtful questions!

## What's happening ....

### Stars of the Week

Harry & Yakub	Rec
Buddy & Daisy	1DH
Georgia & Willow	2CQ
Aisha & Samarth	3CH
Leon & Melody	3/4GG
Leon & Miyreah	4GE
Haider & Shay	5DL
Jack & Maham	5WB
Haifa & Zahra	6AH
Rameen & Amarah	6JH



### Dates to remember

- 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
- 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

## 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 Harriet
- ☆ 2CQ Ivy
- ☆ 3CH Lucas
- ☆ 3/4GG Sam
- ☆ 4GE Ismail
- ☆ 5DL Charlie
- ☆ 5WB Jack
- ☆ 6AH Amalee
- ☆ 6JH Chris & Lewis



## Christmas Dinner – Thursday 11th December

On Thursday 11th December we will be having our Christmas Dinner. It is also Christmas Jumper Day!

### Main Choices

- \*Roast turkey with a pork chipolata sausage and gravy (Red)
- \* Roast Halal turkey with a Halal chicken sausage and gravy (Blue)
- \*Vegan sausage with vegan gravy (Green)
- \*Ham roll (Purple)
- \*Jacket potato with a choice of filling (Yellow)

### Sides

- \*Roast potatoes
- \*Mashed potatoes
- \*Stuffing, carrots, peas and sprouts

### Desserts

- \*Chocolate fudge cake
- \*Iced shortbread biscuit
- \*Choc ice|
- \*Minced pie

### Meal Selection via Arbor

All options are available to choose in Arbor and will replace the standard meal choices for that day. If you've already selected a meal for Thursday 11th December, it will have automatically updated to reflect the new menu. Please check and amend your selection if needed.

### To Change Your Meal Selection

- Go to the meal you wish to change.
- Open the drop-down menu and select NO CHOICE SELECTED, then click Proceed.
- Reopen the drop-down menu, select your new meal, and click Proceed again. Your changes will now be saved.

### Payment Information

Please ensure your Arbor account has a minimum credit of £2.95 if your child is in Years 3, 4, 5 or 6 and you wish to order a meal. No payment is required for children in Reception, Year 1, Year 2, or those eligible for Pupil Premium benefit-related school meals.

### Packed Lunch Option

If your child will be bringing a packed lunch from home, please kindly select Packed Lunch from Home in Arbor.

## 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:

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 Monday 15th December – Year 1 & Year 2

 Time: 2:30 PM

 Tickets: 2 per family

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 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)

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 Wednesday 17th December – EYFS (Nursery & Reception)

 Time: 9:30 AM

 Tickets: 2 per family

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 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)

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 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto: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 - 6AH 99.6%

2nd - 6JH 99.13%

3rd - 2CQ 98.67%



# 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 <sup>nd</sup> and Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September 2025 - Children not in school	Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> September 2025	Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> October 2025	37
Autumn Half Term Holiday		Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> October 2025	Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> October 2025	
Autumn Term 2		Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November 2025	Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> December 2025	35
Christmas Holiday		Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December 2025	Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> January 2026	
Spring Term 1	INSET DAY Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> January 2026 Children not in school	Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> January 2026	Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> February 2026	29
Spring Half term Holiday		Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> February 2026	Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> February 2026	
Spring Term 2		Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February 2026	Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March 2026	25
Easter Holiday		Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> March 2026	Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> April 2026	
Summer Term 1	BANK HOLIDAY Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> May 2026 Children not in school	Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> April 2026	Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May 2026	29
Summer Half Term Holiday		Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> May 2026	Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> June 2026	
Summer Term 2	INSET DAYS Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> July 2026 Children not in school	Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> June 2026	Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2026.

# Term Dates 2026-2027



250609 - V1

## 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 <sup>nd</sup> and Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September 2026 (Children not in school)	Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> September 2026	Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October 2026	36
Autumn Half Term Holiday		Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> October 2026	Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> October 2026	
Autumn Term 2		Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November 2026	Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> December 2026	35
Christmas Holiday		Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> December 2026	Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> January 2027	
Spring Term 1	INSET DAY Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> January 2027 (Children not in school)	Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> January 2027	Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> February 2027	29
Spring Half term Holiday		Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> February 2027	Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> February 2027	
Spring Term 2		Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February 2027	Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> March 2027	24
Easter Holiday		Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> March 2027	Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> April 2027	
Summer Term 1	BANK HOLIDAY Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May 2027 (Children not in school)	Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> April 2027	Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> May 2027	34
Summer Half Term Holiday		Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> May 2027	Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> June 2027	
Summer Term 2	INSET DAYS Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> and Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> July 2027 (Children not in school)	Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> June 2027	Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> July 2027	32
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