



9th January 2026

Holden Clough Newsletter

This week in 4GE

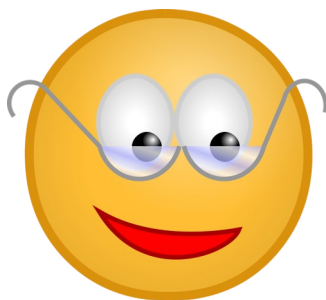


4GE have had a fantastic start to the term! In maths, the children have enjoyed lots of practical activities to consolidate their understanding of the 11, 4, 8, 3, and 6 times tables. They are making brilliant progress with their times tables knowledge! In English, the class worked hard to rewrite the opening chapter of *The Iron Man*, using techniques such as mystery, action, and description to hook the reader. The finished pieces were creative, engaging, and full of imagination! In PE, the children began their new dance unit. Over the next six weeks, they will be sequencing actions and movements to create a final dance routine to perform at the end of the half term. Art lessons have also got off to an exciting start. The children explored the work of Clarice Cliff and experimented with the colours, shapes, and techniques she used. Over the coming weeks, they will be working with clay to design and create their own Clarice Cliff-inspired plates.

What's happening

Stars of the Week

Harriet & William	Rec
Esa & Mirha	1DH
Aayan & Zubaria	2CQ
Saad & Sulaiman	3CH
Jonah & Zachariah	3/4GG
Alex & Ayat	4GE
Amber & Shay	5DL
Jaysal & Tilly	5WB
Isaac & Olly	6AH
Chris & Oscar	6JH



Dates to remember

- 09.01.26 - 2CQ trip to the Fire-ground Museum
- 19.01.26 - 3/4GG & 4GE trip to Chester
- 05.02.26 - Year 6 trip to Stockport Air Raid Shelter
- 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
- 05.03.26 - Film Night

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 Haiqa
- ☆ 2CQ Maliha
- ☆ 3CH Coco
- ☆ 3/4GG Sam
- ☆ 4GE Amira
- ☆ 5DL Ollie
- ☆ 5WB Heidi
- ☆ 6AH Olly
- ☆ 6JH Ariba



🎬 Film Night – Thursday 5th March 2026 🎬

Our Wellbeing Ambassadors are excited to organise a special Film Night to help raise funds for further developing our mental health and wellbeing provision across the school.

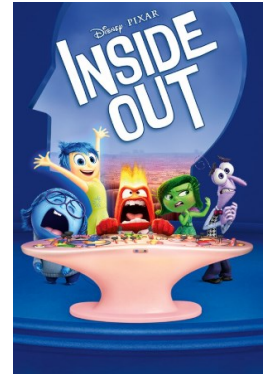
Film: Inside Out

Date: Thursday 5th March 2026

Time: 3:20 PM – 5:10 PM

Cost: £5 (payable on Arbor)

Year groups: children from Reception to Year 6 are welcome!



Children can bring blankets, teddies, and snacks for a cosy movie experience. We'll also provide popcorn and juice!

At the end of the school day, children will be taken from their classrooms to the hall, and must be collected from the hall at 5:10 PM.

The payment window will be open in Arbor (School Shop) from 6.00pm on Monday 12th January until 6.00pm on Wednesday 4th March. All money raised will go towards creating a Wellbeing Garden that children can access during break and lunch times.

Thank you for supporting this important initiative! 🌱💖

Mr Ellison

After School Clubs - Spring Term 1

This terms after school clubs will start next week, (week commencing 12th January) and they will run for the remaining duration of this half term which is 5 weeks. All clubs will run from **3:10 pm – 4:00 pm**

Monday

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

Tuesday

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

Wednesday

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

Thursday

- Cooking Club (Years 5 & 6) – Mrs Fairfoull, School Cook - **Full**
- Jigsaw Club (Years 3–6) – Mrs Davies - **Spaces available**

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.

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.

Reporting Absence

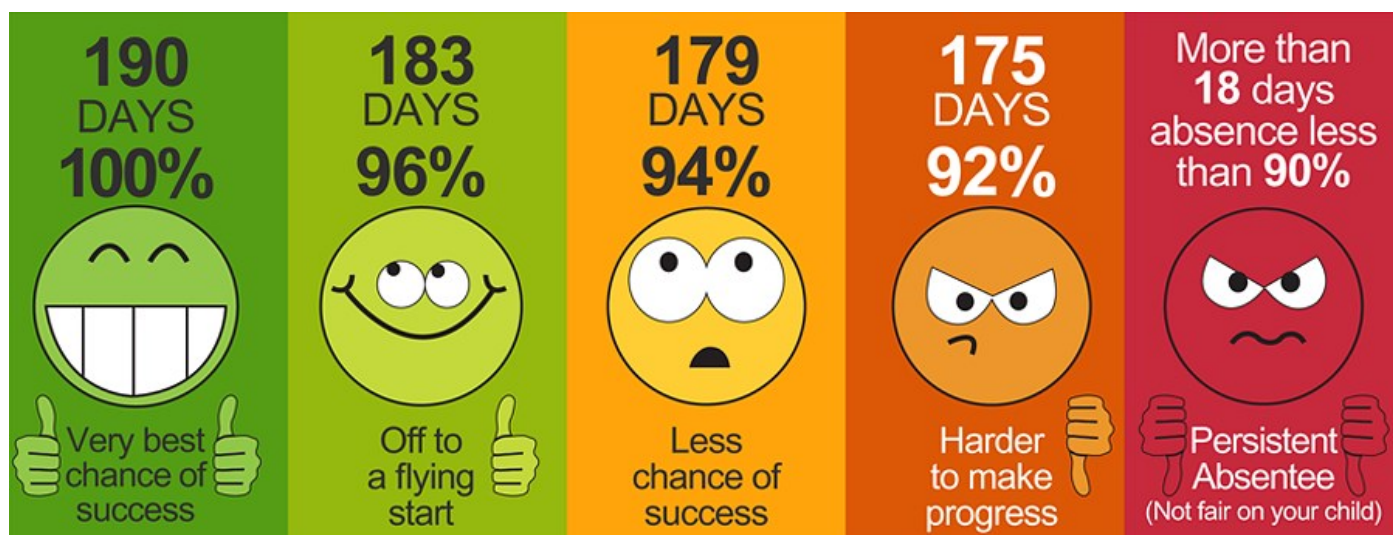
If your child is absent from school please ensure you report their absence to the school office as soon as possible on the **first day and each day thereafter detailing the reason for their absence.**

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 12th December 2026

1st - 2CQ 96.67%

2nd - 5WB 95.56%

3rd - 6AH 94.4%



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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