



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

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



### 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.

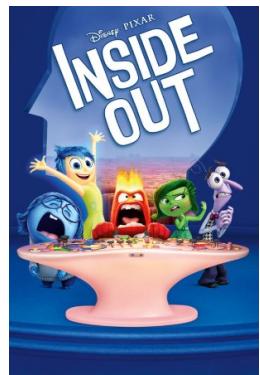
**Film:** Inside Out

**Date:** Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> 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 term's after school clubs will start next week, (week commencing 12<sup>th</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup> December** through your **Arbor App / Parent Portal** and bookings will close on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> 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@holdencloough.victoriusmat.org](mailto:attendance@holdencloough.victoriusmat.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 <sup>nd</sup> and Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September 2025 - Children not in school	Thursday 4th 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 2025	
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 1<sup>st</sup> September 2026, proposed pupil start date Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 <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
<b>Total Days</b>				<b>190</b>
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