



16th January 2026

Holden Clough Newsletter

This week in 3CH



In DT we have been constructing castles based on our designs. We thought about the important features like battlements, drawbridges etc. Afterwards, we spent some time evaluating our work and suggesting improvements. Everyone worked brilliantly in their groups. We love our castles!

What's happening

Stars of the Week

	Rec
Noor-Al-Haya & Safina	1DH
Adam T & Amayah	2CQ
Ariba & Laurie	3CH
Lucas & Nikhil	4GE
Ivy & Jalal	5DL
Fahameh & Zayyaan	5WB
Jada & Shay	6AH
Curtis & Harry	6JH
Noah & Zahra	
Dominion & Ismaeel	



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 Aayah
- ☆ 2CQ Sulaiman
- ☆ 3CH Ivy
- ☆ 3/4GG Melody
- ☆ 4GE Lucas
- ☆ 5DL Minal
- ☆ 5WB Ella
- ☆ 6AH Isaac
- ☆ 6JH Amaalia



KS2 Theatre Trip - Horrible Histories: The Concert

We are excited to inform you that children in Years 3–6 will be visiting the Opera House on Friday 6th February to watch *Horrible Histories: The Concert*. This promises to be a fantastic experience that brings history to life in an engaging and entertaining way.

Children will travel by coach to and from the venue, and the trip will take place during the normal school day. All KS2 staff will be accompanying the children to ensure they are well supervised and supported throughout the visit.

The school is heavily subsidising the cost of this trip; however, we kindly ask for a contribution of £22 per child to enable the visit to go ahead. Please provide your consent by making this payment via your Arbor account by Thursday 5th February.

Children will need to bring a packed lunch for the day unless they are eligible for Pupil Premium Free School Meals, in which case a packed lunch will be provided by school.

A note for Year 6 parents:

We appreciate that this trip falls the day after the visit to the Air Raid Shelter, and we apologise that the two trips are in such close proximity. Unfortunately, there was only a Friday or weekend performance available for the theatre trip, and we didn't want the children to miss out on this unique opportunity. Our hands were somewhat tied regarding the Air Raid Shelter visit, as there is currently a two-year waiting list for bookings. Thank you for your understanding.

If you have any questions, please speak to your child's class teacher or contact the school office.



🎬 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.

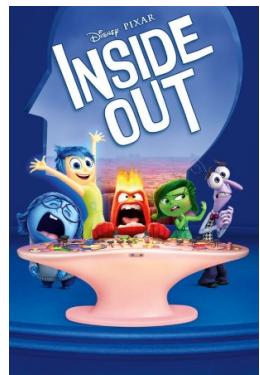
Film: Inside Out

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

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

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 6th January 2026

1st - Nursery & 3/4GG 100%

2nd - Reception & 2CQ 99.17%

3rd - 6AH 97.5%



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 4th 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 2025	
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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