



23rd January 2026

Holden Clough Newsletter

This week in 2CQ



This week in Year 2 has been a very busy and exciting one! In maths, we continued our unit on money and explored how to make the same amount in different ways, building confidence and problem-solving skills. In English, the children began writing their setting descriptions, using lots of interesting and imaginative describing words to bring their ideas to life. We also enjoyed some science learning, where we observed woodlice and discovered that they prefer damp environments over dry ones. It was a super fun week full of great learning and curiosity! □

What's happening

Stars of the Week

	Rec
Aadam & Dollie	1DH
Idrees & Sulaiman	2CQ
Almas & Zack	3CH
Joshua & Leo	3/4GG
Ava & Ruqaiyah	4GE
Amaya & Charlotte	5DL
Ahmed & Ella	5WB
Amalee & Harrison	6AH
Jack & Sneha	6JH



Dates to remember

- 05.02.26 - Year 6 trip to Stockport Air Raid Shelter
- 06.02.26 - KS2 trip to The Opera House
- 11.02.26 - Wear Red for Lunar New Year (non-uniform)
- 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
- 27.03.26 - Deadline for completion of London payment plan (Year 6)
- 27.03.26 - School closes for Easter Holidays
- 13.04.26 - School opens for Summer Term 1
- 15.04.26 - Class photographs

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 Amaya M
- ☆ 2CQ Harry
- ☆ 3CH Oliver
- ☆ 3/4GG Ivy
- ☆ 4GE Maryam
- ☆ 5DL Charlie
- ☆ 5WB Tilly
- ☆ 6AH Noah
- ☆ 6JH Archie



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.



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 12th January 2026

1st - 3/4GG 100%

2nd - 2CQ 98.67%

3rd - 1DH 97.93%



Term Dates 2025-2026



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 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)

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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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