



30th January 2026

Holden Clough Newsletter

This week in 1DH



What a wonderfully busy week of learning we've had in Year 1! The children have been exploring new vocabulary through drama linked to "Where the Wild Things Are," and they have used this exciting learning to help write their own character descriptions. We've also been developing our geography skills by using atlases to locate the four countries of the United Kingdom.

In maths, the children have been working hard to compare and order numbers to 20. We are very proud of their enthusiasm and growing confidence across all areas of learning!

What's happening

Stars of the Week

	Rec
Jacob & Tyler	1DH
Euan & Jax	2CQ
Brooke & Mustafa	3CH
Christian & Zikra	3/4GG
Leah & Subhan	4GE
Aaliyah & Inaya	5DL
Sanika & Waleed	5WB
Lilly & Vihan	6AH
Isabella & Lucas	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 Hayton
- ☆ 2CQ Ivy
- ☆ 3CH Scarlett
- ☆ 3/4GG Lily
- ☆ 4GE Layla
- ☆ 5DL Amaya
- ☆ 5WB Minnah
- ☆ 6AH Hibbah & Mariyah
- ☆ 6JH Dominion



Upcoming Trips

On Thursday 5th February, year 6 will be visiting Stockport Air Raid Shelter as part of their work on the second world war. The shelters opened in 1939 and were the largest purpose-built civilian air raid shelters in the country. This labyrinth of tunnels, nearly a mile long, were carved out of the red sandstone hills on which Stockport stands. During the Blitz they provided shelter and a way of life for families in and around Stockport. Please complete the payment in Arbor by Wednesday 4th February.



All 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.



Year 6 will be visiting London for a two night stay in May. Whist there, they will experience a theatre performance, the London Eye, Tower of London, Harry Potter Studio, a river cruise and either Sea Life or Shrek's Adventure. For those that paid the deposit last year the payment plan is live in Arbor and there are 8 weeks left to pay the remaining balance.



Robinwood - October 2026



Next year's Year 5 children (currently in Year 4) have the exciting opportunity to visit the Robinwood Activity Centre in Wrexham for an action-packed three-day, two-night residential. All activities take place on site and include climbing, canoeing, problem-solving and a wide range of team-building challenges designed specifically for KS2 pupils.

Our next visit will take place from **Monday 19th October to Wednesday 21st October 2026**.

The total cost of the trip is **£281**, which includes coach travel, all meals and all activities.

If your child is currently in Year 4 and would like to take part in this fantastic experience, please secure their place by paying the **£31 deposit** via Arbor by **Friday 13th February**. The remaining balance of **£250** will be collected between the end of February and the beginning of July.

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 19th January 2026

1st - 3/4GG 99.03%

2nd - 2CQ 99.00%

3rd - 1DH 98.97%



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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