



6th February 2026

Holden Clough Newsletter

This week in Reception



It's been Bird Watch Week in Reception!

The children identified different bird species, explored what garden birds like to eat, met a visiting bird expert, made their own bird-friendly biscuits, and spent time spotting birds in our garden area. It's been a wonderful week of curiosity, nature, and hands-on learning.

What's happening

Stars of the Week

	Rec
Amyra & Mareia	1DH
Emaad & Hugo	2CQ
Hugo & Lucy	3CH
Scarlett & Yahya	4GE
Haider & Zahra	5DL
Aisha & Lola	5WB
George & Ranayah	6AH
Rayyan & Ronan	6JH



Dates to remember

- 11.02.26 - Wear Red for Lunar New Year (non-uniform)
- 13.02.06 - Chinese New Year Lunch
- 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 Isaac
- ☆ 2CQ Jack
- ☆ 3CH Nikhil
- ☆ 3/4GG Shivani
- ☆ 4GE Priya
- ☆ 5DL Minal
- ☆ 5WB Sanika
- ☆ 6AH Isabella & Aaliyah
- ☆ 6JH Tahlia





Holden Clough's PTA are organising this years Valentines Disco.

Please follow the links below to purchase a ticket (this is not on Arbor)

Please put your child's name and class in notes box.

Thank you



Reception/KS1:

<https://pay.sumup.com/b2c/Q0M7KDUM>

KS2:

<https://pay.sumup.com/b2c/QBNO36AB>

❶ Chinese New Year Lunch – Friday 13th February ❷

On Friday 13th February we will be having a themed lunch to celebrate Chinese New Year. The choices are as follows:

❶ Main Choices

- ❷ Battered chicken pieces with sweet and sour dipping sauce
- ❸ Battered Halal chicken pieces with sweet and sour dipping sauce
- ❹ Vegetable spring roll
- ❺ Cheese roll
- ❻ Jacket potato with a choice of filling

❺ Sides

- *Chips
- *Rice
- *Prawn crackers

❻ Desserts

- *Chocolate cookie
- *Celebration cake
- *Ice cream

❷ Meal Selection via Arbor

All options are available to choose in Arbor and have replaced the standard meal choices for that day.

If you've already selected a meal for Friday 13th February, it will have automatically updated to reflect the new choices. Please check and amend your selection if needed.

❸ To Change Your Meal Selection

- Go to the meal you wish to change.
- Open the drop-down menu and select NO CHOICE SELECTED, then click Proceed.
- Reopen the drop-down menu, select your new meal, and click Proceed again. Your changes will now be saved.

❹ Payment Information

Please ensure your Arbor account has a minimum credit of £2.95 if your child is in Years 3, 4, 5 or 6 and you wish to order a meal. No payment is required for children in Reception, Year 1, Year 2, or those eligible for Pupil Premium benefit-related school meals.

❻ Packed Lunch Option

If your child will be bringing a packed lunch from home, please select Packed Lunch from Home in Arbor.

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 26th January 2026

1st - 5WB 100%

2nd - 1DH 99.33%

3rd - 6JH 98.7%



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.

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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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