



13th February 2026

Holden Clough Newsletter

This week in 6JH



We've had another busy and exciting week in 6JH! We began by celebrating Lunar New Year. The children took part in a special assembly where they learned about the traditions of the festival and its importance around the world. They enjoyed discovering which animal represents their birth year, and we discussed the character traits linked to each zodiac sign. The class then created their own Lunar New Year bookmarks, even practising writing their names in Chinese. They showed great care and focus, and the results were fantastic!

We also celebrated World Mental Health Week, exploring the theme of belonging. The children had thoughtful discussions about what it means to feel included and connected. To express this visually, they designed their own "belonging islands," filling them with the people, places, and moments that help them feel safe, valued, and part of something special. It has been a rich and meaningful week of learning, creativity, and community. The children should be very proud of everything they achieved.

Hope everyone has a lovely restful half-term!

What's happening

Platinum Stars	
Ayaan & Yousaf	Rec
Dollie & Harper	1DH
Aaminah & Harry	2CQ
Florence & Safia	3CH
Oscar & Stella	3/4GG
Friya & Ruby	4GE
Charlotte & Shay	5DL
Alice & Eliza	5WB
George & Vihan	6AH
Tahlia & Iris	6JH



Dates to remember

- 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
- 24.04.26 - 3CH trip to Manchester Museum
- 18.05.06 - Year 6 Residential trip to London

Barriers to Attendance

We are currently reviewing the ways we support children and families with school attendance.

We would be extremely grateful if you could take a few minutes to complete a short survey. Your feedback is invaluable and will help us better understand the support our families need, as well as strengthen the systems we already have in place.

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=6XTAJqlUYkiK-ngEpWHrAluKtkt3f3ZErUCUmyxosvxUREJOSFgyWjh-WOU4WTIVMEQwTjZOO1pKQi4u>

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Nursery Applications (Age 3/4) Still Open!

We're delighted to let families know that applications for our nursery September 2026 intake are still open. If you have a child who is ready to begin their early learning journey, we'd love to welcome you into our school community.

Our Nursery Hours

Our nursery runs Monday to Friday, 8.40am – 11.40am, offering a total of 15 funded hours per week.

These morning sessions give children a consistent routine, plenty of time for play-based learning, and a gentle, nurturing start to their school day.

Why Choose Our Nursery?

A warm, caring environment where every child is known and valued

Experienced staff who support children to grow in confidence, independence and curiosity

A strong focus on early communication, social skills and wellbeing

Lots of opportunities for outdoor learning and creative play

How to Apply

Application forms are available from the school office or can be requested via email. If you'd like to come and have a look around, we're always happy to arrange a visit so you can see our nursery in action.

We can't wait to meet our new families and support your child as they take their first steps into school life.

Arbor App



Please could everyone check their Arbor app and make sure all phone numbers, email addresses, home addresses, and emergency contact details are up to date and correct.

Thank you.

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@holdenclough.victoriousmat.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 2nd February 2026

1st - 6AH & 6JH 100%

2nd - 3/4GG 98.71%

3rd - 4GE 95.83%





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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 4 th 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)

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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