



27th February 2026

Holden Clough Newsletter

This week in 5WB



Inspired by Alberto Giacometti, 5WB sculpted elongated clay figures, exploring proportion and texture. They experimented with shaping, refining and evaluating their work, showing resilience and fantastic artistic focus throughout the project.

What's happening

| Stars of the Week | |
|-------------------|-------|
| Bonnie P & Lucas | Rec |
| Ollie & Savannah | 1DH |
| Ivy & Zachary | 2CQ |
| Hashim & Willow | 3CH |
| Adam & Zahra | 3/4GG |
| Farhan & Layla | 4GE |
| Issa & Musa | 5DL |
| Amy & Elijah | 5WB |
| Olly & Salih | 6AH |
| Rameen & Sneha | 6JH |



Dates to remember

- 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
- 22.05.06 - School closes for Half Term Holiday
- 08.06.26 - School opens for Summer Term 2

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 Anabia
- ☆ 2CQ Noah
- ☆ 3CH Willow
- ☆ 3/4GG Nishil
- ☆ 4GE Zayaan
- ☆ 5DL Amber
- ☆ 5WB Alice
- ☆ 6AH Salih
- ☆ 6JH Ellie



World Book Day – Let the Debates Begin!

Hello everyone,

Next Thursday (5th March) is World Book Day, and this year our theme is all about debate and discussion!

To celebrate, children are invited to come to school dressed as either:

 Their favourite word (e.g., brave, sparkly, curious)

or

 Their favourite book character

Throughout the day, children will have the chance to debate, persuade, or simply explain why their chosen word or character is so wonderful.

Older pupils may take part in a mini-debate or persuasive speech.

Younger children will share a short explanation in their own way.

 Dressing up is completely optional – children are more than welcome to come in their usual school uniform if they prefer.

We're looking forward to a fun-filled, creative day full of fantastic words, characters, and confident speakers!  

World Book Day

On Thursday 5th March we will be having a themed lunch to celebrate World Book Day. The choices are as follows:

Main Choices

-  Beef Spaghetti with the Yeti Bolognaise
-  Halal Beef Spaghetti with the Yeti Bolognaise
-  Ratatouille Pasta
-  Curious George and the Pizza Wrap Party
-  Supertato Jacket Potato with a choice of filling

Desserts

- *Matilda's Chocolate Cake
- *Smart Cookie
- *When Ice Cream had a Meltdown
- *Kitchen Disco Fruit

Meal Selection via Arbor

All options are available to choose in Arbor.

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.

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.

Packed Lunch Option

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

Ramadan

Please ensure that your child's meal has been amended within the Arbor App to Packed Lunch from Home on the days that your child will be fasting.

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 9th February 2026

1st - 6AH & 6JH 100%

2nd - 5WB 97.78%

3rd - 3CH 97.00%



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 |
| Pupils are required to be in school for 190 days per academic year. | | | | |