

HOLLY GROVE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

19TH OF DECEMBER 2025

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Message from our Head Teacher

On behalf of all the staff at school we would like to thank you for all your support this term. We have had a very busy first term, finished off with some wonderful Christmas activities in school. I am especially proud of our lower school children who have been amazing in their nativity. I would like to wish all our families a wonderful, peaceful festive break and a very Happy New Year and we look forward to welcoming all the children back on Monday, 5th January.

Eve Taylor

Message from our Chair of Governors

Wishing all the Holly Grove Community, including pupils, staff, parents and carers, governors and everyone involved in our fantastic school, a wonderful Christmas. I want to thank all of you for your hard work and commitment in supporting our pupils to become the best they can be.

Happy Christmas and here's to a 2026 full of achievement, fun and happiness

★★★★★
Nicola

Staff Development



Wednesday 7th January

Whole school meeting/Class Teams

Wednesday 14th January

Sharing your Why/Beacon Well

Wednesday 21st January

Julia Dyer-Teachers/TA3

Wednesday 28th January

Online Safety Updates



Chill and Chat



We are holding our next Chill and Chat group on

TUESDAY 27TH JANUARY 2026
FROM 1-33 PM

This is an informal group for our parent's/carer's and you are welcome to attend, have a brew and a chat.

Michelle Grimshaw (Communication Lead) at the group this week.

PLEASE FEEL FREE TO BRING IN ANY SNACKS TO SHARE.



MERRY CHRISTMAS

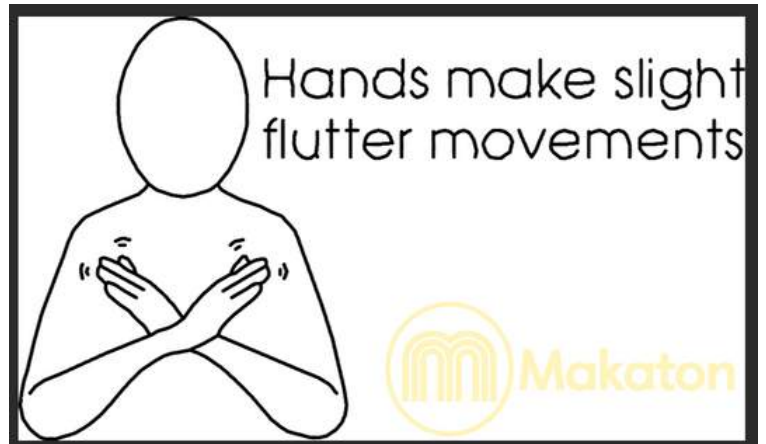


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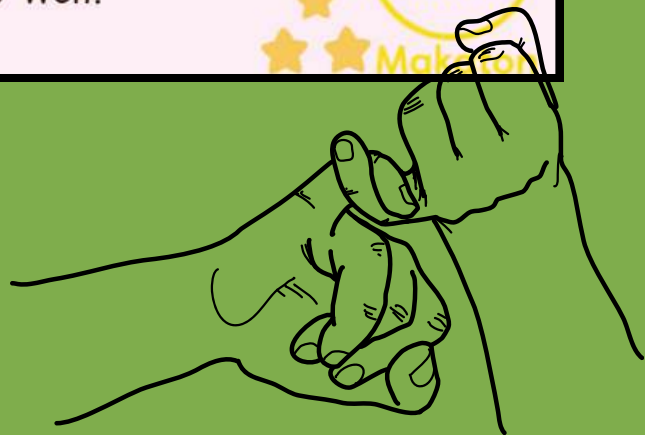
Nativity



Angel



PROUD



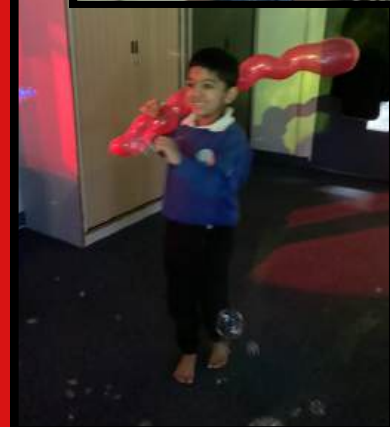
HOLLY GROVE SCHOOL COMMUNICATION

AUTUMN TERM

It has been a busy and productive Autumn term in school, and we would like to share some of the wonderful communication progress taking place across Holly Grove School.. Communication is at the heart of everything we do, and we are extremely proud of the steps our children are making as they continue to develop their communication skills. Their growing confidence, engagement, and ability to express themselves are achievements worth celebrating, and we look forward to continuing this progress throughout the year.



Christmas Party



Positive Gossip

Ollie for being
an amazing
GRUMBLE! ♥

Alex T for
amazing PECS work
and starting his
toileting journey.

David [REDACTED]

For some
amazing talking
Top Man!

Martha [REDACTED]
for absolutely
SMASHING walking
by herself.
We are so proud
you! 😊

Bhryss
for his number
bond work ✨

Axl - much better
with transitioning 😊

Henry S
for amazing
kicking in
swimming. 😊

Anabaya.
always
smiling

Sophie Hutchinson
for being her wonderful

Aadam for
the best smile
and hugs!

Freddie II.
for being a
brainiac in
Science-Supersta
On

Makaton choir
for their amazing
Performance at
brass band! ♥



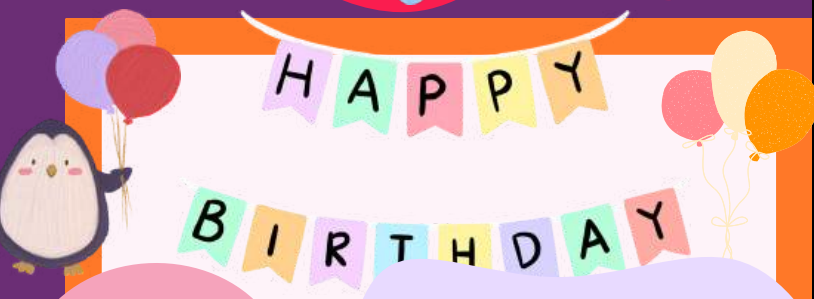
We really welcome any positive comments or suggestions you may have about Holly Grove School. Please click the link to share your views with us. Please note this is for comments and suggestions only and although checked regularly will not be checked daily. Any queries, concerns or complaints should be submitted in the normal way by contacting your child's class teacher, a member of SLT or by following the Procedure for Handling Complaints Policy which can be found on our school website or by requesting a copy from the school office.

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18TH DECEMBER Christmas Party
19TH DECEMBER Christmas Jumper Day
 Half term
5TH JANUARY School reopens

You can access all our policies and privacy notices on the school website
www.holly-grove.lancs.sch.uk



Staff

15th Nicole
 20th Samantha
 23rd Lauren
 27th Joanne.C
 28th Gary
 31st Rebecca. W

2nd Jan Katie. W,
 Saska

Children

16th Leighton.P
 25th Minnie
 27th Oliver. W
 29th Sophie. E
 31st Zach

4th JAN Edward

HOLLY GROVE HEROES



Aisling's Class- Everyone

Katie's Class - Freddie P

Samantha's Class- Ebony

Leah's Class- Tia

Josh's Class- Autumn

Courtney's Class - Ahyan

Laura's Class - Aminha

Julie's Class - Hussain

Adam's Class -

Libby's Class - Bhryss

Jenny's Class- Scarlett

Michael's Class- Theo





PANTO



Robin Hood

Monday 22nd December 11am - 3pm
New Town Mill, Queens's Lancashire Way,
Burnley, BB11 1LY



- 11 - 11:30am - Registration**
- 11:30 - 12:15 - Family craft activities**
- 12:15 - 1pm - Lunch provided**
- 1 - 1:30pm - Seating**
- 1:30 - 3pm - Pantomime**



Children and Family Wellbeing Service Burnley presents



WINTER FUN TASTIC



Monday 29th December
11am - 3pm
Burnley Family Hub & Zone,
Whittam Street, BB11 1LW



11 - 11:30am - Registration
11:30 - 12:15 - Family craft activities
12:15 - 1pm - Lunch provided
1 - 2:30pm - Children's Entertainer

PRIORITY BOOKING FOR CHILDREN ELIGIBLE FOR FREE SCHOOL MEALS

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL 01282 470707

CHILDREN AND FAMILY WELLBEING SERVICE BURNLEY PRESENTS

Christmas Wonderland

Lancashire
County Council



Tuesday 23rd December 11am - 3pm
Burnley Family Hub & Zone,
Whittam Street, BB11 1LW

LANCASHIRE
**FAMILY
HUBS**
NETWORK
BURNLEY

11 - 11:30am - Registration
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For more information call 01282 470707

Priority booking for children eligible for free school meals using the
code issued by your child's school

ESOL Classes



**Every Tuesday at 10.30am
from 6th January 2026
Down Town
Charter Walk Shopping Centre
Burnley, BB11 1QJ**

**To register your interest, please scan the
QR code below or email
LRITesolandcareers@lancashire.gov.uk**



Help your child with **reading**

I spy

...play I spy games.
Can you find words beginning with...? Can you find a picture of a....? How many can you see?

Ask questions

...ask questions about the story as you read it i.e. What is the story about? Why do you think they made that choice? Was it a good choice? Why did that happen? What do you think will happen next? What was your favourite part of the story? Why?

Make it fun

...enjoy reading together. Give characters funny voices and engage with the pictures. Make a game out of finding words that rhyme or start with the same sound.

Create

...use reading to inspire drawings or new stories.

Be seen

...make sure you are seen reading. Keep books and magazines at easy reach.

Get out

...go to your public library regularly. Find the books you loved as a kid to read together.

Go online

...look online & in app stores for appropriate word & spelling games.

Make space

...have a special place or a certain time when you read together.

Read everything out loud.

Books, poems, nursery rhymes, newspaper & magazine articles, food labels...
anything that is close to hand!

Parents and Carers, tell us about your experience of using childcare in Lancashire



Scan the QR code to
access our short survey

lancashire.gov.uk/childcare



BE A HOLLY GROVE HERO



HERE

EVERYDAY

READY

ONTIME

Greatest chance of success

Greatest chance of success

On time
everyday

0 days of
learning lost

5 minutes
late daily

3 days of
learning lost

10 minutes
late daily

6 ½ days of
learning lost

15 minutes
late daily

10 days of
learning lost

20 minutes
late daily

13 days of
learning lost

25 minutes
late daily

19 days of
learning lost

0 days
absence

190 days in
school

100%
attendance

10 days
absence

180 days in
school

95%
attendance

19 days
absence

171 days in
school

90%
attendance

29 days
absence

161 days in
school

85%
attendance

38 days
absence

152 days in
school

80%
attendance

47 days
absence

143 days in
school

75%
attendance



BE A HOLLY GROVE HERO



HERE EVERYDAY READY ON TIME

Absences- If your child is going to be absent from school, you must contact the school office before 9.30 am to provide a reason for absence

Punctuality- The school day starts at 8.50 am and finishes at 3.15 pm except on Wednesday where we finish at 2.45 pm.

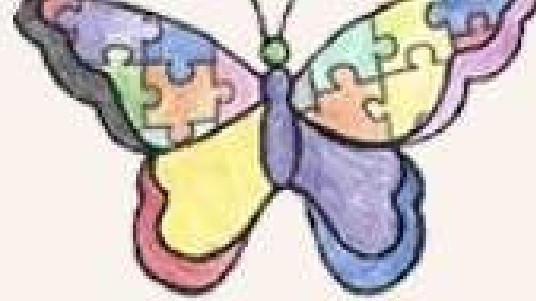
If your child arrives at school after registration closes (9.20 am), your child will be marked as an unauthorised absence for that morning.

Medical Evidence- If your child is absent from school and is at risk of becoming persistently absent (at risk of falling below 90%) you may be required to provide medical evidence for your child absences.

Fines/Holidays- Holidays intermtime are not authorised by the school. Unauthorised absence due to holidays may result in a fine being issued by Lancashire County Council.

Support- If you need support with your child's attendance, please reach out to a member of the Family Support Team.





THE GEORGIA FOURIE

Butterfly Ball 2026

Do you know anyone – or any business – who would love to support our charity by donating a raffle prize for the Butterfly Ball 2026? 💜 Prizes could be vouchers, hampers, beauty items, or bottles – big or small, every donation makes a difference!

If you can help, please drop prizes at the school office or contact Courtney Fourie.

Thank you for helping us make next year's ball truly magical! 🌸

06.06.26

Save the Date

The Georgia Fourie Butterfly Ball

6TH JUNE 2026 - 7PM
BURNLEY FOOTBALL CLUB

December Kindness 2025

MONDAY

1 Spread kindness and share the December calendar with others

TUESDAY

2 Contact someone you can't be with to see how they are

WEDNESDAY

3 Offer to help someone who is facing difficulties at the moment

THURSDAY

4 Support a charity, cause or campaign you really care about

FRIDAY

5 Give a gift to someone who is homeless or feeling lonely

SATURDAY

6 Leave a positive message for someone else to find

SUNDAY

7 Give kind comments to as many people as possible today

8 Do something helpful for a friend or family member

9 Notice when you're hard on yourself or others and be kind instead

10 Listen wholeheartedly to others without judging them

11 Buy an extra item and donate it to a local food bank

12 Be generous. Feed someone with food, love or kindness today

13 See how many different people you can smile at today

14 Share a happy memory or inspiring thought with a loved one

15 Say hello to your neighbour and brighten up their day

16 Look for something positive to say to everyone you speak to

17 Give thanks. List the kind things others have done for you

18 Ask for help and let someone else discover the joy of giving

19 Contact someone who may be alone or feeling isolated

20 Help others by giving away something that you don't need

21 Appreciate kindness and thank people who do things for you

22 Congratulate someone for an achievement that may go unnoticed

23 Choose to give or receive the gift of forgiveness

24 Bring joy to others. Share something which made you laugh

25 Treat everyone with kindness today, including yourself!

26 Get outside. Pick up litter or do something kind for nature

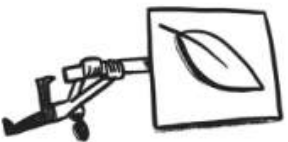
27 Call a relative who is far away to say hello and have a chat

28 Be kind to the planet. Eat less meat and use less energy

29 Turn off digital devices and really listen to people

30 Let someone know how much you appreciate them and why

31 Plan some new acts of kindness to do in 2026



ACTION FOR HAPPINESS

Happier · Kinder · Together

Feel Good Fridays

@ Holly Grove

Relaxed • Friendly • Supportive •
By Parents for Parents

Come and join us for a warm drink, a chat, and a chance to share stories, worries, tips, and laughter with other Holly Grove parents.

Location:

Upper School Dinner Hall

(Enter via the Main Turning Circle entrance)

Time: 9 am - 11 am

Dates for 2025-2026:

3rd October

7th November

5th December

9th January

6th February

6th March

17th April

1st May

5th June

3rd July





Pupil Holiday Dates – 2025/2026

Autumn Term 2025

Re-open		Wednesday 3 September 2025
Half Term	5 days	Monday 27 October Friday 31 October (inclusive)
Re-open		Monday 3 November

Christmas - Closure after school on Friday 19 December 2025

Spring Term 2026

Re-open		Monday 5th January 2026
Half Term	5 days	Monday 16 February to Friday 20 February (inclusive)
Re-open		Tuesday 24 February

Easter - Closure after school on Friday 27 March 2026

Summer Term 2026

Re-open		Monday 13 April 2026
May Day	1 day	Monday 4 May
Half Term	5 days	Monday 25 May to Friday 29 May (inclusive)
Re-open		Tuesday 2 June

Summer - Closure after school on Friday 17 July 2026