

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



PLEASE FEEL FREE TO BRING IN ANY SNACKS TO SHARE.



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.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

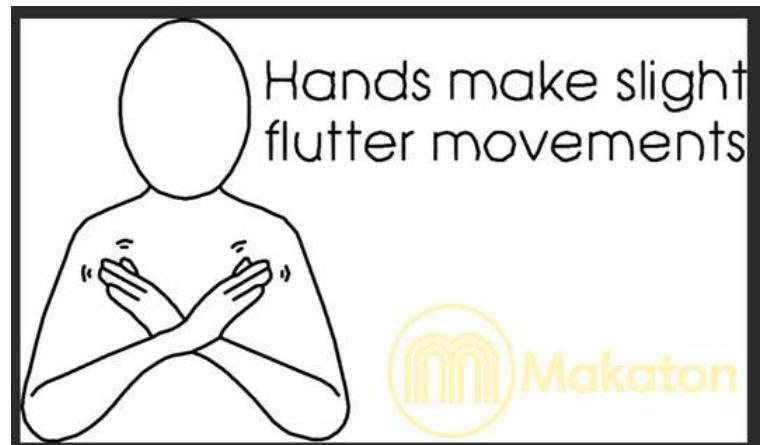


Sign's of the week

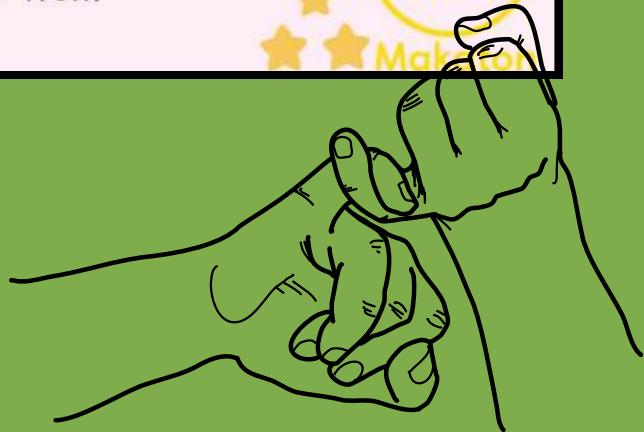
Nativity



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

Olly 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 Walki
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 [REDACTED]
for being a
brainiac in
Science - Supersta

Makaton choir
for their amazing
Performance at
bras 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.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfTyPviLN3pzurXOkyakrxOY-1cISF5rlYZBfDNltKBx3WfQ/viewform?usp=header>

Dates for your diary



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

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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

SUPER!



PANTO

Robin Hood

Monday 22nd December 11am - 3pm
New Town Mill, Queen'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**

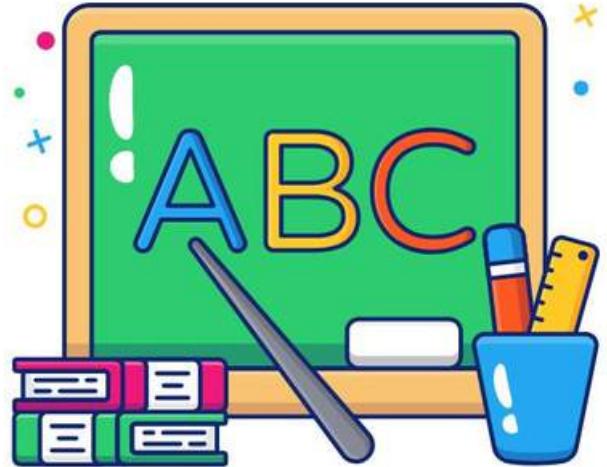
LANCASHIRE
FAMILY
HUBS
NETWORK
BURNLEY

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**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
LRICTesolandcareers@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.

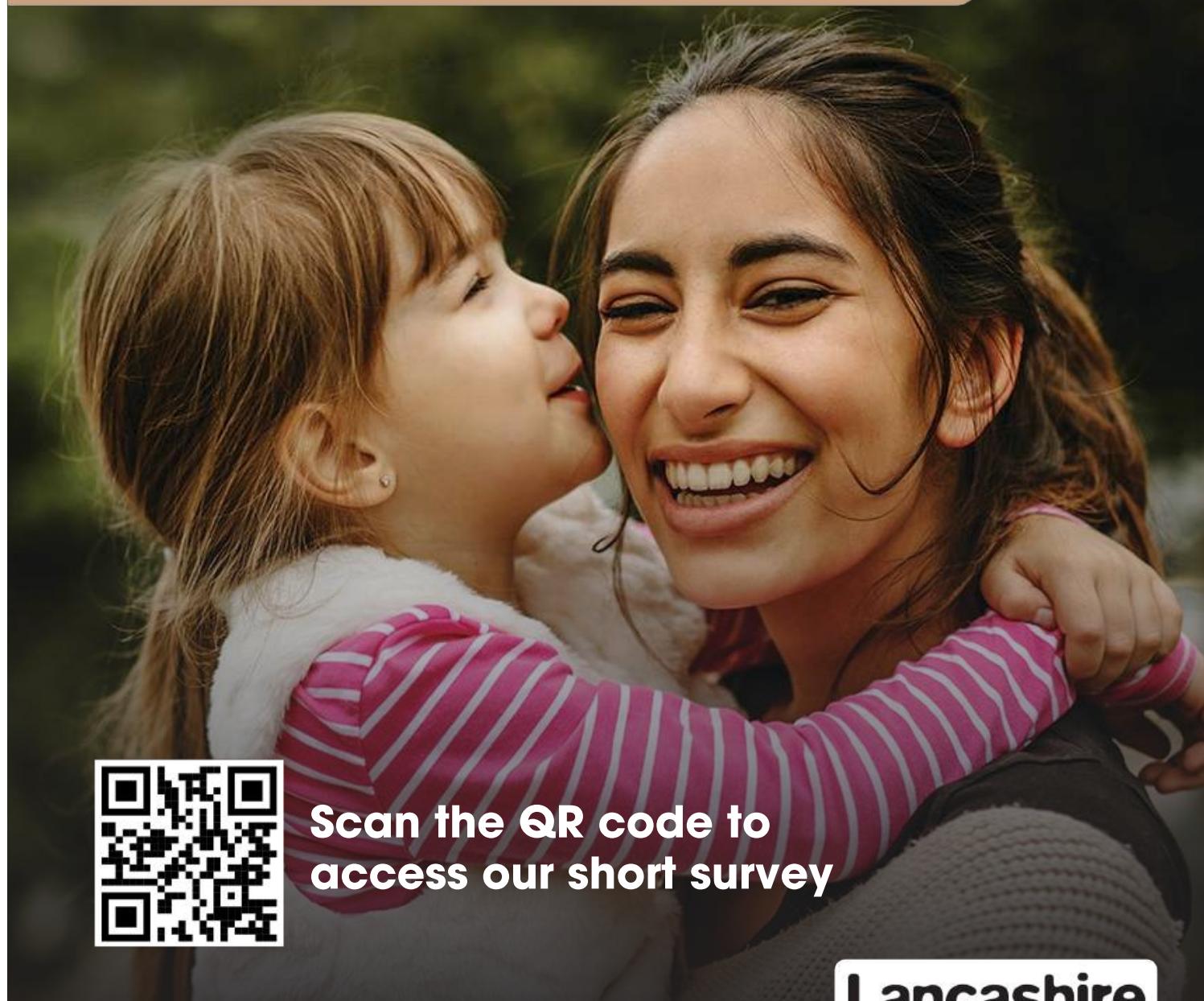
Make space

...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

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BE A HOLLY GROVE HERO



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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 1/2 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



H E R E
E V E R Y D A Y
R E A D Y
O N T I M E



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 intertime 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

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

SUNDAY



ACTION FOR HAPPINESS

Happier · Kinder · Together

1 Spread kindness and share the December calendar with others

8 Do something helpful for a friend or family member

15 Say hello to your neighbour and brighten up their day

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

22 Congratulate someone for an achievement that may go unnoticed

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

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

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

29 Turn off digital devices and really listen to people

23 Choose to give or receive the gift of forgiveness

10 Listen wholeheartedly to others without judging them

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

30 Let someone know how much you appreciate them and why

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

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

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

31 Plan some new acts of kindness to do in 2026

25 Treat everyone with kindness today, including yourself!

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

6 Leave a positive message for someone else to find

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

19 Contact someone who may be alone or feeling isolated

13 See how many different people you can smile at today

7 Give kind comments to as many people as possible today

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

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

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

8 Appreciate kindness and thank people who do things for you

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

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

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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 8th January 2026
Half Term	5 days	Monday 19 February to Friday 23 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