

HOLLY GROVE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



9TH JANUARY 2026



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**WELCOME
BACK TO SCHOOL**

Welcome back!

We hope all our children, parents and carers had a lovely Christmas break and enjoyed some special time together.

It's wonderful to welcome everyone back to school, and we are really looking forward to an exciting 2026.

Here's to an amazing year ahead! 🌟



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 1-3 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.



We're pleased to let families know that a buggy is available to loan here at school. This buggy was kindly donated by one of our parents, and we're very grateful for their generosity. If you would like to book the buggy to loan, please contact c.mills@holly-grove.lancs.sch.uk



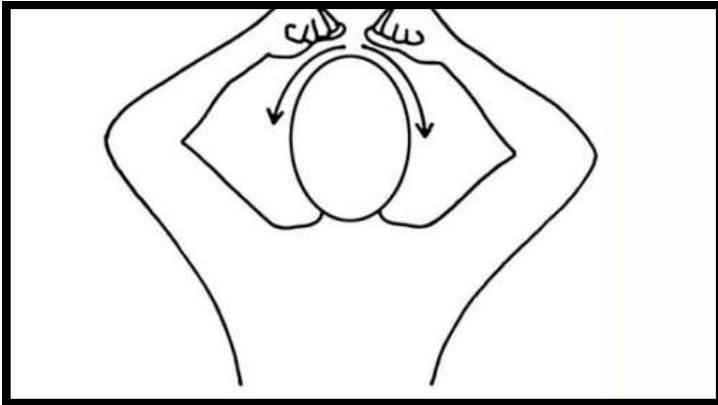
100 Club

Well done to our January 100 club winners.
First prize £50 number 74 - Marc Holmes
Second prize £25 number 14 - Samantha Wilson.
Your cheques are on the way!

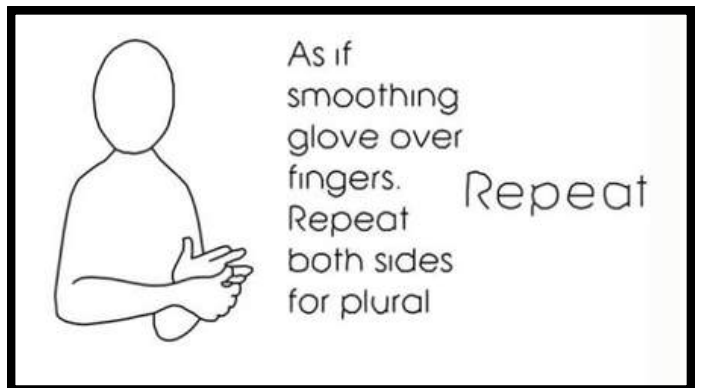


Sign's of the week

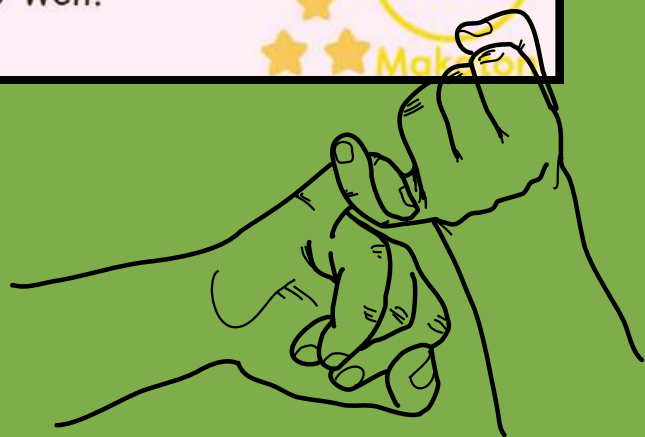
Hat



Gloves



PROUD





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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30TH JANUARY

MATP PRESENTATION FOR PARENTS (AM)

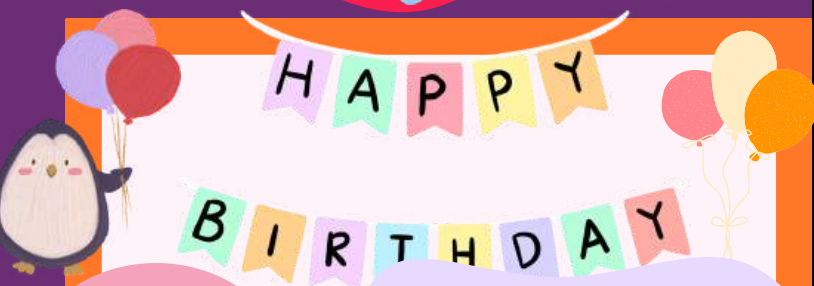
**6TH FEBRUARY
NSPCC NUMBER DAY**

**16TH - 20TH FEBRUARY
HALF TERM**

**23RD FEBRUARY
INSET DAY**

**24TH FEBRUARY
SCHOOL REOPENS**

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



Staff

Children

**7th Archie T
11th Tommy**



HOLLY GROVE HEROES



Aisling's Class-

Katie's Class - Freddie & Alex

Samantha's Class- Freddie S

Leah's Class- Anna

Josh's Class- Amelia

Courtney's Class - Freddie

Laura's Class - Harry

Julie's Class - Sophie

Adam's Class - Martha

Libby's Class - Zaki

Jenny's Class- Mason

Michael's Class- Jamie





Strictly Unstoppable

SATURDAY 18TH APRIL
BURNLEY MECHANICS THEATRE

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!

Break Time

Fun group activities for children and young people with SEND in Lancashire

Don't forget!

Registrations will be open from
Monday 27th October 2025
to
Sunday 18th January 2026

Both new and current members must register!

www.lancashire.gov.uk/SEND



or scan:



lancashire.gov.uk/SEND



Lancashire
County Council





**RIDGEWOOD
COMMUNITY HIGH
SCHOOL**

OPEN EVENING!

**WEDNESDAY 28TH JANUARY
4.30 - 6.30 PM**

WHY CHOOSE RIDGEWOOD?

Our modern campus, with its distinctive infrastructure, includes specialist rooms for multi-sensory activities, music, drama and Art. We offer a caring and safe environment for children and young adults with diverse special educational needs and disabilities.

Our curriculum is broad and ambitious, with high expectations for our pupils; not only to meet their academic goals but encouraging them to meet their potential in all aspects of their lives. We have tailor-made lessons that consider our pupil's interests, making sure our pupils feel safe, secure and a valued part of our school community



Ofsted Rating : Good

"Pupils benefit from the strong and positive relationships that they have with staff in school. They know that they can trust the adults around them to keep them safe....Pupils show respect to others. They accept each other's unique differences." Ofsted report 2023

**Secondary School: 11-19 year olds
Special Needs Education**

**COME ALONG AND
JOIN US!**

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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 $\frac{1}{2}$ 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
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HERE
EVERYDAY
READY
ON TIME**

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.

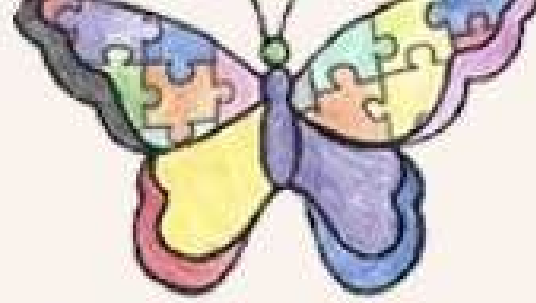
Medical Evidence- If your child is absent from school and is at risk of becoming persistently absent (at risk of falling below 90%) you may be required to provide medical evidence for your child absences.

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

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

Happier January 2026

MONDAY



5 Look for the good in others and notice their strengths

TUESDAY



6 Take five minutes to sit still and just breathe

WEDNESDAY



7 Learn something new and share it with others

THURSDAY

1 Find three things to look forward to this year

FRIDAY

2 Make time today to do something kind for yourself

SATURDAY

3 Do a kind act for someone else to help brighten their day

SUNDAY

4 Write a list of things you feel grateful for and why

10 Thank someone you're grateful to and tell them why

11 Switch off all your tech at least an hour before bedtime

12 Connect with someone near you - share a smile or chat

13 Take a different route today and see what you notice

14 Eat healthy food which really nourishes you today

15 Get outside and notice five things that are beautiful

16 Contribute positively to your local community

17 Be gentle with yourself when you make mistakes

18 Get back in contact with an old friend

19 Focus on what's good, even if today feels tough

20 Go to bed in good time and allow yourself to recharge

21 Try out something new to get out of your comfort zone

22 Plan something fun and invite others to join you

23 Put away digital devices and focus on being in the moment

24 Take a small step towards an important goal

25 Decide to lift people up rather than put them down

26 Choose one of your strengths and find a way to use it today

27 Challenge your negative thoughts and look for the upside

28 Ask other people about things they've enjoyed recently

29 Say hello to a neighbour and get to know them better

30 See how many people you can smile at today

31 Write down your hopes or plans for the future

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