

# HOLLY GROVE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

16<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2026



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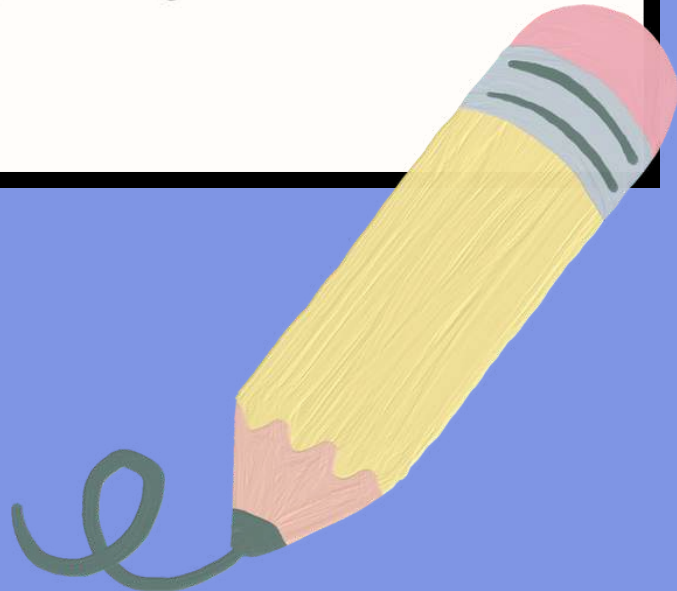
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You don't have to  
fix everything today.



ABC



# Staff Development



Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> January

Sharing your Why/Beacon Well

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> January

Julia Dyer-Teachers/TA3

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> January

Online Safety Updates

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## Chill and Chat



We are holding our next Chill and Chat group on

**TUESDAY 27<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2026  
FROM 1-3 PM**

This is an informal group for our parent's/carers 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](mailto:c.mills@holly-grove.lancs.sch.uk)



Libby's class, enjoyed getting hands-on across subjects while exploring volcanoes. In Food Technology, we created a volcano using mashed potato, with beans flowing like lava — learning through creativity (and fun!). In Geography, we labelled the parts of a volcano and deepened our understanding of how volcanoes work. The excitement continued with a classic science experiment, using vinegar and bicarbonate of soda to create a volcanic eruption.

# Sign's of the week

Look



Look

Play



Play

**Well Done**

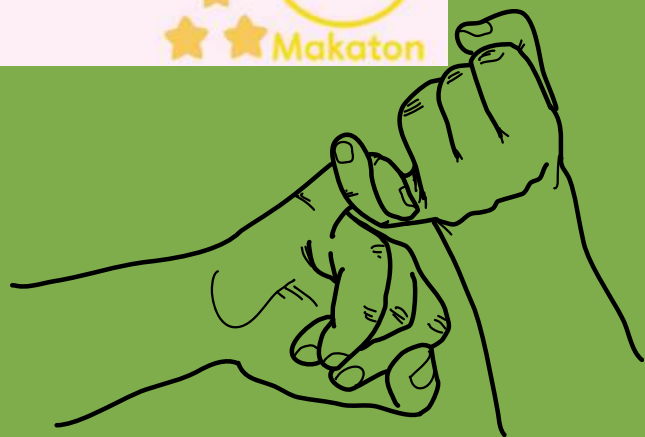
**Makaton Star of the week is..**

**Zaki**

For joining the choir and impressing everyone with his beautiful singing and signing.

 Makaton

**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.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfTyPviLN3pzurXOkYakrxOY-1clISF5rLYZBfDNltKBx3WfQ/viewform?usp=header>



**30TH JANUARY**

**MATP PRESENTATION FOR PARENTS (AM)**

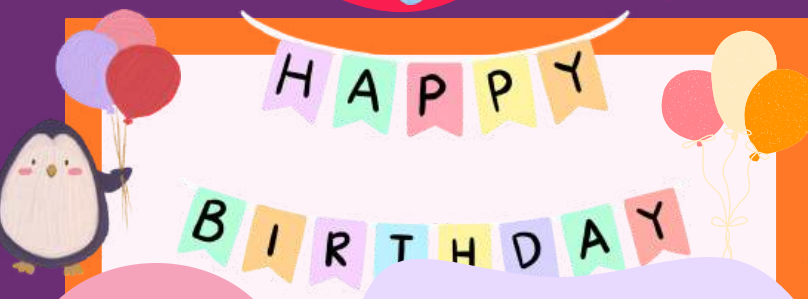
**6TH FEBRUARY  
NSPCC NUMBER DAY**

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

**23RD FEBRUARY  
INSET DAY**

**24TH FEBRUARY  
SCHOOL REOPENS**

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[www.holly-grove.lancs.sch.uk](http://www.holly-grove.lancs.sch.uk)



**Staff**

**12<sup>th</sup> Michael.  
S & Julie. A**

**Children**

**18<sup>th</sup> Mia**



**HOLLY GROVE HEROES**



**No Assembly  
due to staff  
training**

**Adam's Class**

**Libby's Class -**

**Jenny's Class-**

**Michael's Class-**



UP COMING SPEAKERS AND  
SESSIONS

# CHILL AND CHAT

**27/01/26**

**Communication with  
Communication Lead Michelle Grimshaw.**

**24/02/26**

**Behaviour + Regulation with  
Assistant Head Connor Moffatt.**

**24/03/26**

**SENDIAS**

**28/04/26**

**EHCP/Annual Review advice with Head  
Teacher Eve Taylor**

**19/05/26**

**Period coach Sam Wright (second visit)**



#EveryWomanCounts #WellbeingMatters

40 years of

# LANCASHIRE WOMEN

We're excited to share that Lancashire Women will be visiting Holly Grove School on Tuesday 3rd February at 2pm to talk about the amazing services and support they offer to women and families in our community.

If you'd like to attend, please contact Family Support to reserve your place:

[c.mills@holly-grove.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:c.mills@holly-grove.lancs.sch.uk)







# ANXIETY PARENT WORKSHOP



Does your child struggle with anxiety?

Anxiety can make even simple tasks feel big and scary, and children often don't have the words to explain how they feel.

With the right support and coping strategies, children can learn to manage these feelings and build confidence in themselves.

CANW will be visiting Holly Grove School on January 21, 2026, from 1:30 to 2:30 PM for a parent workshop. This session will explore strategies and support for your child.

To reserve your spot, please email Family Support at [c.mills@holly-grove.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:c.mills@holly-grove.lancs.sch.uk)

# Creative Arts Workshop

FREE!



STONEYHOLME COMMUNITY PROJECT  
BY THE COMMUNITY, FOR THE COMMUNITY

Join us at Stoneyholme Community Centre for our new biweekly Creative Arts Group! Spend your weekends trying out new creative skills and meet new friends in a fun environment.



Refreshments Provided!

This pop up group will spend 10 sessions working together with different art forms before showcasing their work at a celebration day at Burnley Youth Theatre in May.



Learn New Skills!

**BURNLEY  
YOUTH  
THEATRE**

Biweekly Saturdays.  
Beginning 10th  
January 2026

Spaces are limited, Book on by emailing:  
[stoneyholmecommunityproject@gmail.com](mailto:stoneyholmecommunityproject@gmail.com)

10.30am - 12pm

Free!

Shah Jalal Mosque, Burleigh street,  
Burnley, BB12 0DA





# SEN PARENT SUPPORT

*Because your voice matters!*

**Join us Wednesdays 9:15-11am**

## 2026 Dates for your diary:

- 21<sup>st</sup> Jan - Harrys Hub
- 25<sup>th</sup> Feb - Lancashire FASD
- 18<sup>th</sup> Mar - Parent Led
- 15<sup>th</sup> Apr - Children & Family Wellbeing
- 13<sup>th</sup> May - Bee Unique
- 10<sup>th</sup> Jun - PAC
- 15<sup>th</sup> Jul - Parent Led
- 9<sup>th</sup> Sep - ADHD Northwest
- 7<sup>th</sup> Oct - Parent Led
- 4<sup>th</sup> Nov - Parent Led
- 9<sup>th</sup> Dec - Parent Led

## What's included:

- ✓ Refreshments
- ✓ Peer-to-Peer Support
- ✓ Advice & Signposting
- ✓ External organisations
- ✓ Friendly Team
- ✓ FREE to access

**NEW**

## Saturday support group!

3rd Saturday of every month!

Runs alongside our weekly **Cheerful Kids** activity club  
Saturdays 10am-12:30pm  
Open to all ages

**£2**





Lancashire  
**SEND**  
Local Offer

Did you know our Local  
Offer provides information  
about SEND support and  
services for families in  
Lancashire?

visit [lancashire.gov.uk/send](http://lancashire.gov.uk/send)







# Strictly Unstoppable

**SATURDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> 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](http://www.lancashire.gov.uk/SEND)**



**or scan:**



[lancashire.gov.uk/SEND](http://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!**

### Contact Information

- ☎ 01282 953 653
- 🌐 [www.ridgewood.lancs.sch.uk](http://www.ridgewood.lancs.sch.uk)
- ✉ [office@ridgewood.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:office@ridgewood.lancs.sch.uk)
- 📍 Eastern Ave. Burnley, BB10 2AT



# BE A HOLLY GROVE HERO



**H**ERE

**E**VERYDAY

**R**EADY

**O**NTIME

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



# 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.

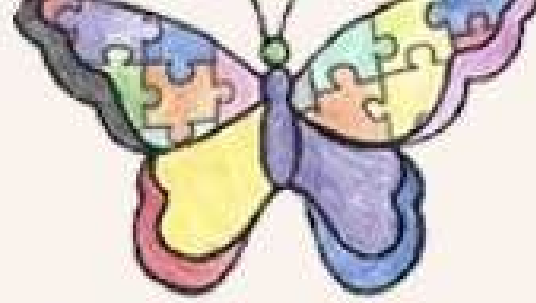
**Medical Evidence-** If your child is absent from school and is at risk of becoming persistently absent (at risk of falling below 90%) you may be required to provide medical evidence for your child absences.

**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*

6<sup>TH</sup> 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