

# HOLLY GROVE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

16<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2026



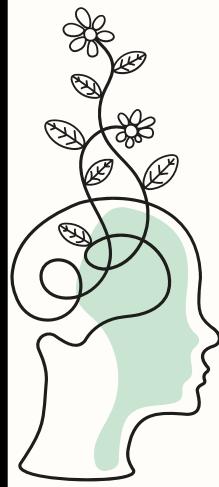
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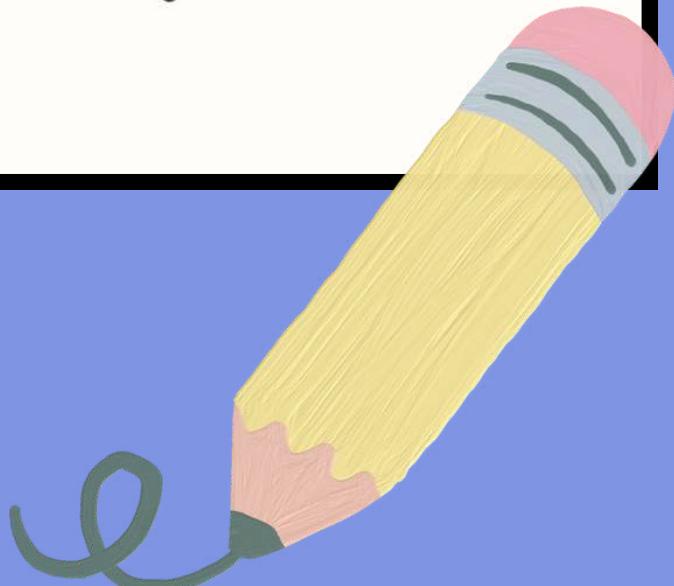
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You don't have to  
fix everything today.



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# Staff Development



Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> January

Sharing your Why/Beacon Well

Wednesday 21st January

Julia Dyer-Teachers/TA3

Wednesday 28th 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/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](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





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



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



HAPPY

BIRTHDAY

Children

18th Mia

Staff

12th Michael.  
S & Julie. A

**HOLLY GROVE HEROES**



No Assembly  
due to staff  
training

Adam's Class

Libby's Class -

Jenny's Class -

Michael's Class -

**SUPER!**

# 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**

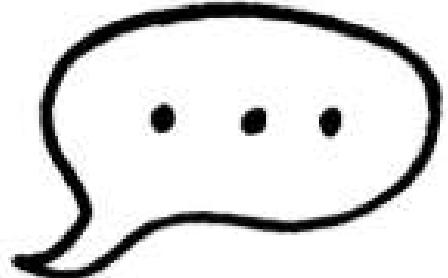
**SENDIAS**

**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

## For ages 13 - 18

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

10.30am - 12pm

Spaces are limited, Book on by emailing:

stoneyholmecommunityproject@gmail.com

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**  
County  
Council



[lancashire.gov.uk/SEND](http://www.lancashire.gov.uk/SEND)

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**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

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- ✉️ [office@ridgewood.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:office@ridgewood.lancs.sch.uk)
- 📍 Eastern Ave. Burnley, BB10 2AT

# 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

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*Butterfly Ball*

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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

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

SUNDAY



1	Find three things to look forward to this year
2	Make time today to do something kind for yourself
3	Do a kind act for someone else to help brighten their day
4	Write a list of things you feel grateful for and why
5	Look for the good in others and notice their strengths
6	Take five minutes to sit still and just breathe
7	Learn something new and share it with others
8	Say positive things to the people you meet today
9	Get moving. Do something active (ideally outdoors)
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 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**