

# HOLLY GROVE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

30<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2026



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**REMINDER**

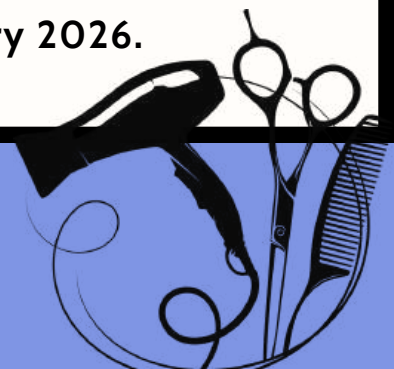
The hairdresser will be in school on Monday, 2nd February, and possibly Monday, 9th February if required.

If you would like your child to have their haircut, please contact the office.

The cost of the haircut is £10.00.

Please send a cash payment into school in an envelope with your child, and include their name on it.

Please send this in no later than Friday 30th January 2026.



## Staff Development



Wednesday 28th January

Online Safety Updates

Wednesday 28th January

Online Safety Updates

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> February

Evidence me



## Chill and Chat



We are holding our next Chill and Chat group on

**TUESDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2026  
FROM 1-3 PM**

This month's speaker will be **Connor Moffatt (Assistant Head Teacher)**. Connor will be discussing behaviour and regulation.

**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)



## We are incredibly proud of Mackenzie!

Mackenzie has shown outstanding courage and determination this weekend. This weekend, Mackenzie achieved something truly amazing by overcoming his fears and walking out onto the pitch at Turf Moor, in front of around 20,000 supporters. He handled the experience brilliantly, taking everything in his stride — what an achievement!

To make the day even more special, the player Mackenzie walked out with, Axel Tuanzebe, went on to score his first-ever goal for Burnley FC. As if that wasn't enough, Mackenzie has also been celebrating success at Cubs, where he was awarded two teamwork badges and achieved his personal badge at Level 4! Well done, Mackenzie — you should be extremely proud of yourself.

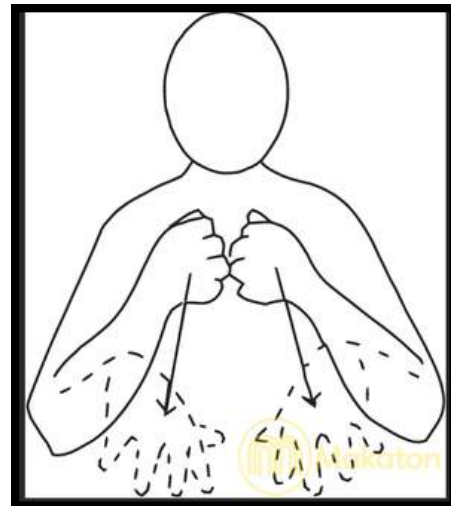


# Sign's of the week

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Finished



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

**LUCY.J**

FOR ALWAYS REMEMBERING THE  
SIGNS AND JOINING IN SO  
ENTHUSIASTICALLY.

**Well Done**

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>



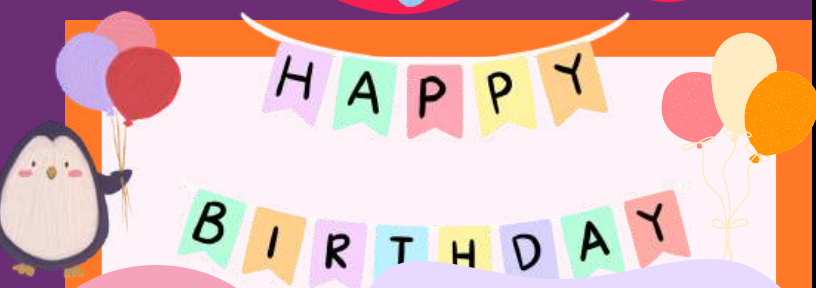
**6TH FEBRUARY**  
**NSPCC NUMBER DAY**

**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)



**Staff**

**Children**

**29<sup>th</sup> Theo**  
**Stevenson**  
**31<sup>st</sup> Freddie**  
**& Tiq**



## HOLLY GROVE HEROES



**Aisling's Class-**

**Katie's Class** - Rahma

**Samantha's Class**-David

**Leah's Class**- Evie

**Josh's Class**- Mason

**Courtney's Class** - Ariz + Hunter

**Laura's Class** - Eva

**Julie's Class** - Essa

**Adam's Class** -Roza

**Libby's Class** - Sofia

**Jenny's Class**- Jibreel

**Michael's Class**- Jacob





# The Cuppa Club



**JOIN US EVERY MONDAY**

**1.30pm - 3pm**

Come and join us for a warm drink in a warm, friendly and safe environment.

Our Place of Welcome is available to everyone! Enjoy a cuppa, biscuit, chat, and free activities such as

board games, reading and learning.

Stay connected, share experiences, and make new friends—or bring a friend along too!

Located near the Town Centre with a car park.  
Children's toys and books available to entertain the little ones.

**Contact Us:**

**New Era**

**Chapel Annexe, Chapel Place,  
Hammerton Street, Burnley BB11 1LE**

**Call or text 07877 714693**

**[www.neweraburnley.co.uk](http://www.neweraburnley.co.uk)**





# Annexe Outdoors

*A new outdoor wellbeing space in Burnley*

Join us in our beautiful outdoor space.

A welcoming, sensory, reflective, and restorative place to relax, connect with nature, and nurture your wellbeing.

Open Mondays, Tuesdays & Wednesdays  
10.30am - 2.30pm

Tuesdays are Activity Days!

Enjoy free events, creative sessions, and wellbeing activities, there's something for everyone.

Come along, unwind, meet others  
and enjoy the outdoors!

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For full details  
and to book  
your free  
place, visit our  
website

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era  
north west



Burnley  
.gov.uk



BURNLEY PENDLE  
& ROSSENDALE  
COUNCIL FOR VOLUNTARY SERVICE



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LANCASHIRE  
COMBINED COUNTY  
AUTHORITY



OUTDOOR WELLBEING SPACE

# Annexe Outdoors

JAN 20	MAKE A WIND CHIME	FEB 24	BUILD A NESTING BOX
JAN 27	MINDFUL COLOURING	MAR 3	AIR DRY CLAY PLANTER
MAR 3	MAKE A BIRD FEEDER	MAR 10	PRESSED WILD FLOWER SEED HEART
FEB 10	MAKE A SPRING PLANT POT	MAR 17	A NATURE SPRING WALK
FEB 17	CREATE A NATURE LANTERN	MAR 24	PLANT A HERB GARDEN
1PM - 2.30PM		MAR 31	CREATE A MINDFUL CANVAS (FOR OUR GARDEN)

LIMITED SPACES  
TEXT OR PHONE 07877 714693



# Midweek Moments

Join us on Wednesday's.  
Chat, listen, try something new, or  
just enjoy a brew.

**January - March 2026**

**1pm-2.30pm**

**Come along to any - or all!**

**JAN  
14**

**Wrapping 'Winter Wellbeing' packs for  
young people across our community**

**JAN  
28**

**Community Bookshelf - Supporting  
National Year of Reading 2026**

**FEB  
11**

**Creative Arts Health Activities led by  
Neil of Colourful Memories**

**FEB  
18**

**Community Bookshelf - Supporting  
National Year of Reading 2026**

**FEB  
25**

**Creative Arts Health Activities led by  
Neil of Colourful Memories**

**MAR  
4**

**AI OK or not? Come along and  
join the conversation. 50+**

Connect with us   

For more details and updates about these events,  
please visit our website or follow us on social media



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New Era, Chapel Annexe, Chapel Place  
Hammerton Street, Burnley BB11 1LE



# February 2026

6-week Autism Cygnet courses run regularly



**Online**  
**Early Years Support**  
**Session (0-11y)**  
**6pm - 7:30 pm**



**Online**  
**Autism +**  
**Anxiety/Behaviour**  
**6pm - 8pm**



**Who to turn to for Support?**  
**FH Burnley Wood, Burnley**  
**10:30am - 12pm**



**Online**  
**Autism + Education**  
**10:30am - 12:30pm**



**Understanding Autism**  
**FH Hancock, Blackburn**  
**10am - 11:30am**



**Online**  
**Family Quiz**  
**6pm - 6:30pm**



**Family Session**  
**Snig Hole Park,**  
**Helmshore**  
**11:30am - 1pm**



**Online**  
**Teenage Years Support**  
**10:30am - 12pm**



**Online**  
**Autism + Sensory Processing**  
**6pm - 8pm**



**SCAN HERE**  
**for more information**  
**and self-refer**

# East Lancashire Young People's Mental Health

## Concerned about your Mental Health? Are you under 18 or concerned about someone under 18?

Advice sessions are available on-line via  
'Attend Anywhere'  
Delivered by CYPMH East  
[tinyurl.com/ELCAS-LSCET](https://tinyurl.com/ELCAS-LSCET)



Enter the word "CYPMH East" as the first name and "drop in" as the second name followed by your date of birth.  
You will then enter our virtual waiting area where we will collect you.

Wednesday 4th February 2026  
Wednesday 11th February 2026  
Wednesday 18th February 2026  
Wednesday 25th February 2026

1pm – 3pm  
3pm – 5pm  
5pm – 7pm  
1pm – 3pm

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

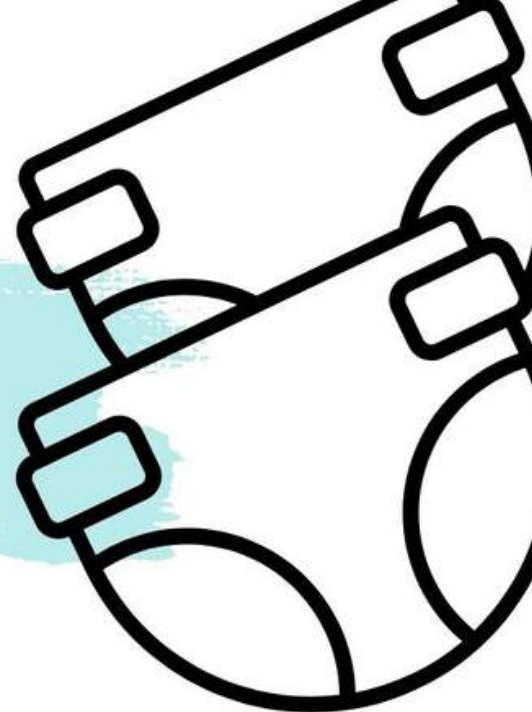
**We're excited to share that Lancashire Women will be visiting Holly Grove School on Tuesday 3rd February at 2pm to talk about the amazing services and support they offer to women and families in our community.**

**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)**



## EAST LANCASHIRE BLADDER AND BOWEL SERVICE



A Specialist Bowel and Bladder team will be attending Holly Grove to talk about bowel health, bladder support, and toilet training, specifically for children with SEND.



4.02.26



9:00 am



Holly Grove



**ELHT&me**  
your local **NHS** hospital charity



# 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**





# 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!

# 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.

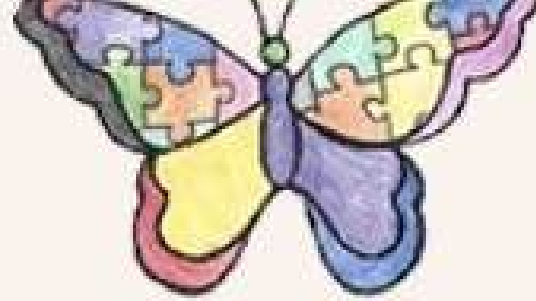
If your child arrives at school after registration closes (9.20 am), your child will be marked as an unauthorised absence for that morning.

**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