

HOLLY GROVE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

6TH FEBRUARY 2026



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REMINDER

A polite reminder that school closes for half-term at the end of school on Friday, 13th February and will re-open on Tuesday, 24th February.



Staff Development



Wednesday 4th February

Evidence me

Wednesday 25th February

PREVENT

Wednesday 4th March

Class Teams



Chill and Chat

We are holding our next Chill and Chat group on

**TUESDAY 24TH FEBRUARY 2026
FROM 1-3 PM**



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



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



Stay and Play

Please see attached a list of each class' stay and play sessions for the Spring Term. You are very welcome to attend the session of the class your child belongs to. Our focus this term is 'Sensory Stories' to fit in with our Year of Reading initiative.

Aisling's Class	25.3.26 at 1.30pm
Katie's Class	11.3.26 at 1.30pm
Samantha's Class	26.3.26 at 1.30pm
Josh's Class	3.3.26 at 1.30pm
Leah's Class	17.3.26 at 1.30pm
Laura's Class	19.3.26 at 2pm
Courtney's Class	11.2.26 at 1.30pm
Adam's Class	12.3.26 at 1.30pm
Julie's Class	11.3.26 at 1.30pm
Jenny's Class	11.3.26 at 2pm
Libby's Class	17.3.26 at 1.30pm
Michael's Class	24.3.26 at 1.30pm

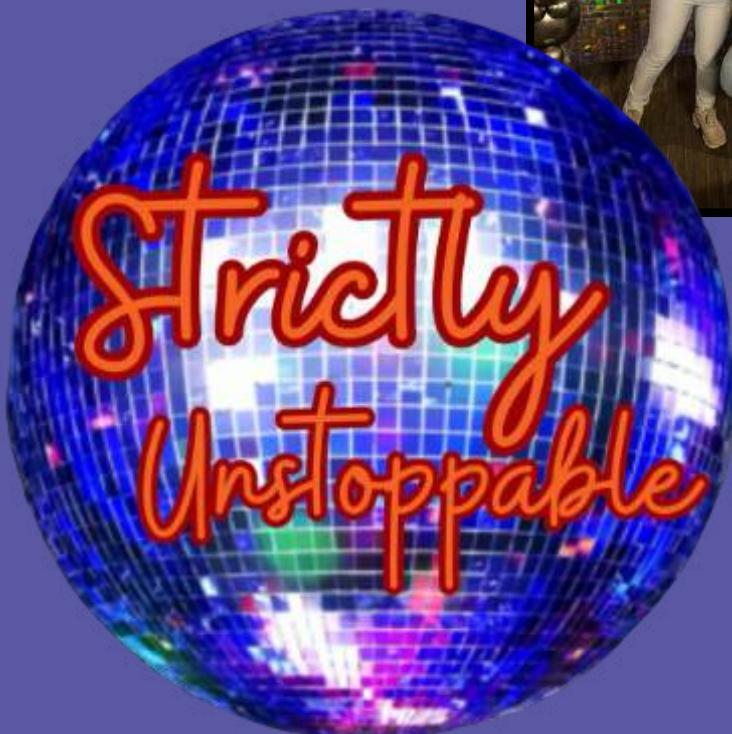
Exciting News from Holly Grove!

We are so proud to share that three of our fantastic Holly Grove children have now been announced as participants in Strictly Unstoppable!

We're also thrilled that our Headteacher, Eve Taylor, will be taking on the role of judge, and our Assistant Head, Connor Moffatt, will be joining the event as a guest speaker! As a school, we will be supporting all three children as they work to raise money for their individual pots after the February half-term.

More details to follow very soon, so keep your eyes peeled!

Let's show them all the Holly Grove support!



SATURDAY 18TH APRIL
BURNLEY MECHANICS THEATRE

**Calling all SEND parents
& carers**

**We're so excited to
announce our very first
SEND session at Leaping
Lizards Play Centre**



**LEAPING LIZARDS
Play Centre**

**Tuesday 17th February (Half Term)
9:00 am – 11:00am**

With 14 years' experience at Holly Grove School, I know how valuable these sessions are for both children and parents. Enjoy a coffee, connect with other parents, and relax while your child plays safely at their own pace.

What to expect:
• Quieter, relaxed session

- Limited numbers for a calmer experience
 - SEND-trained, understanding staff
 - A safe, inclusive space for all SEND families
 - No diagnosis needed
 - Siblings welcome

Limited availability – numbers are intentionally capped to ensure everyone can fully enjoy the session.

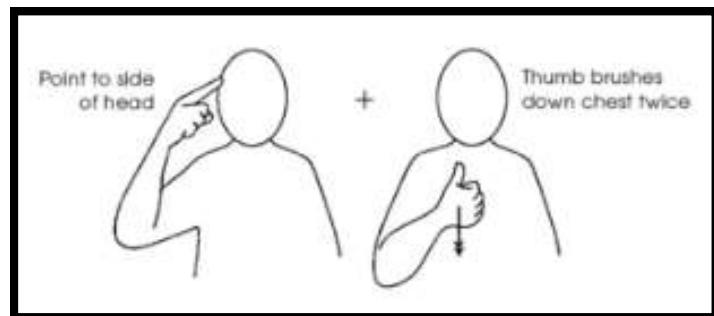
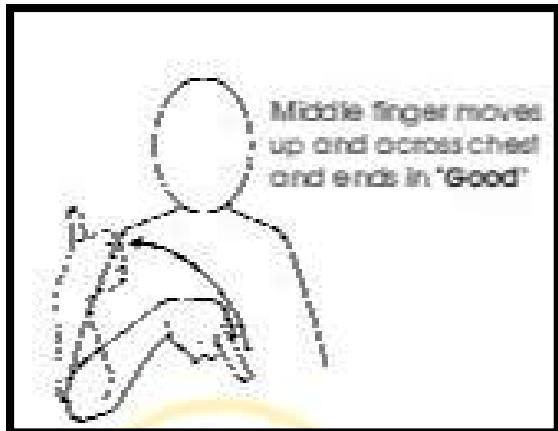
Book <https://bookwhen.com/leapinglizardsplay>
We can't wait to welcome you and your amazing families



Sign's of the week

Kind

Mental Health



Makaton Star of the week is..



AMNA

For always singing and signing with a huge smile !

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-1cISF5rlYZBfDNltKBx3WfQ/viewform?usp=header>

Dates for your diary



6TH FEBRUARY
NSPCC NUMBER DAY

16TH - 20TH FEBRUARY
HALF TERM

23RD FEBRUARY
INSET DAY

24TH FEBRUARY
SCHOOL REOPENS

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HAPPY

BIRTHDAY

Staff

3rd Jenna

Children

5th Aayan. A
8th Louie



HOLLY GROVE HEROES



Aisling's Class- Caleb-Jon

Katie's Class - Amira

Samantha's Class-Avery

Leah's Class- Lucie

Josh's Class- Tommy

Courtney's Class - Henry

Laura's Class - Zulekha

Julie's Class - Hussain

Adam's Class -Lexie-May

Libby's Class - Mackenzie

Jenny's Class- Edward

Michael's Class- Isaac

SUPER!



Children and Family
Wellbeing Service Burnley
Presents

Sensory SEND

An event for children with special
educational needs or disabilities

Arts and Crafts

Fun and Games

Friday 20th February

1:00pm-2:30pm

Burnley Wood Family Hub
33 Brunswick Street, BB11 3NY

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FAMILY HUB
NETWORK
BURNLEY

Children and Family Wellbeing Burnley Presents

Circus FUNTASTIC

Fun and Games

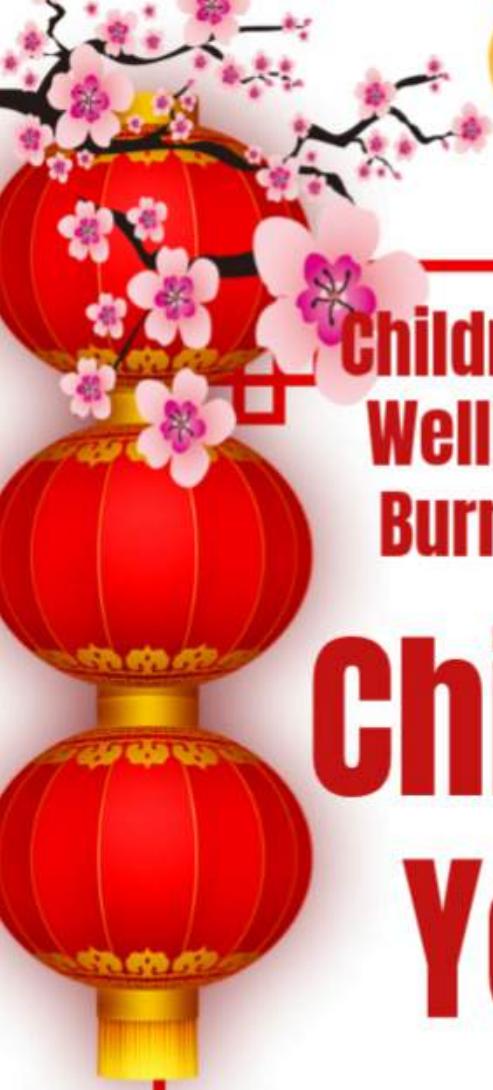
Arts and Crafts



Wednesday 18th February

10:00am-11:30am

★ Chai Centre, Hurtley Street
Burnley, BB10 1BY ★



Children and Family
Wellbeing Service
Burnley Presents

Chinese New Year Party

Arts and Crafts
Fun and Games



Tuesday 17th February

10:00am-12noon

Burnley Wood Family Hub

33 Brunswick Street, BB11

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Children and Family Wellbeing

Service Burnley Presents

Animal Madness



Arts and
Crafts
Fun and
Games

Thursday 19th February @10:00am-11:30am

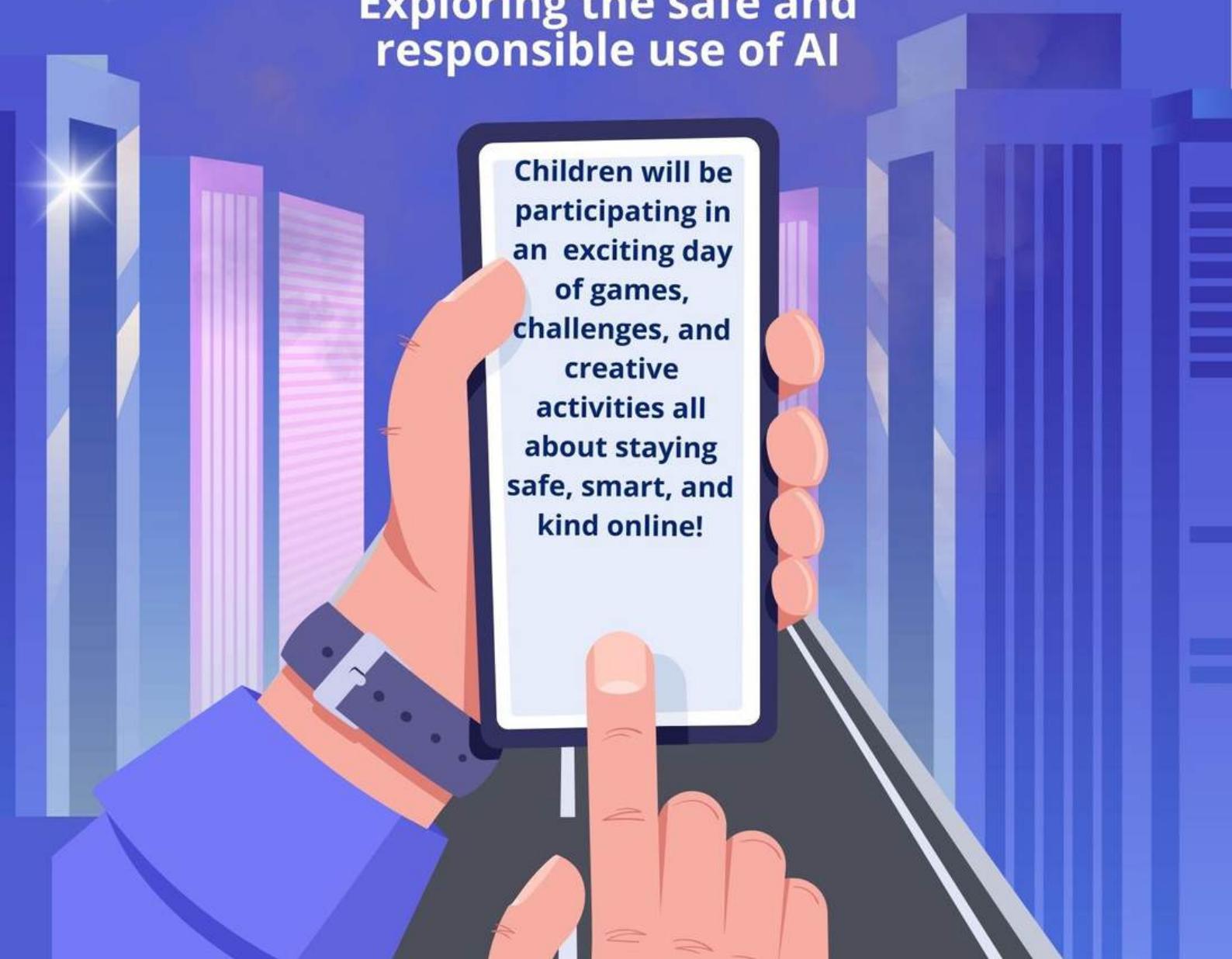
Ightenhill Centre, Oak Street, BB12 6QZ



Safer Internet Day

10th February 2026

Smart tech, safe choices -
Exploring the safe and
responsible use of AI



Children will be participating in an exciting day of games, challenges, and creative activities all about staying safe, smart, and kind online!

Holly Grove Celebrates The Year of Reading!

Join the Fun!

Exciting
Reading
Competitions
Coming Soon!



Read, Explore & Enjoy!

Discover New
Adventures!



Share Your
Favourite Books!



Let's Make the Most of Reading!

Inspiring a Love of Books
& Stories!

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

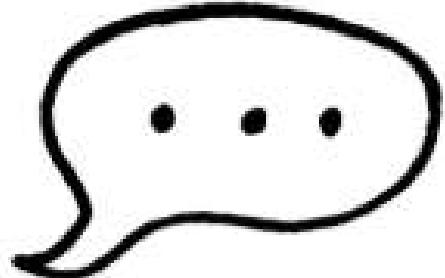
SENDIAS

28/04/26

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

19/05/26

Period coach Sam Wright (second visit)





SEN PARENT SUPPORT

Because your voice matters!

Join us Wednesdays 9:15-11am

2026 Dates for your diary:

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

BE A HOLLY GROVE HERO



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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 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! 🌸

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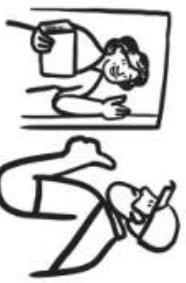
Save the Date

The Georgia Fourie Butterfly Ball

6TH JUNE 2026 - 7PM
BURNLEY FOOTBALL CLUB

Friendly February 2026

MONDAY



TUESDAY



WEDNESDAY



THURSDAY



FRIDAY



SATURDAY

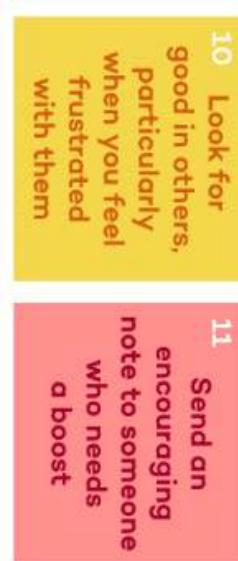
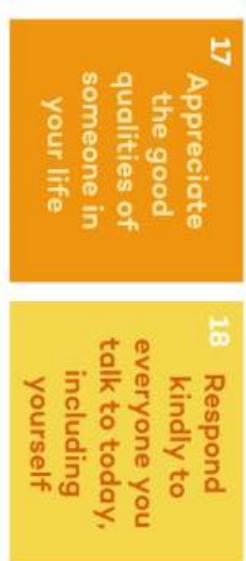


SUNDAY



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