

# HOLLY GROVE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

6<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2026



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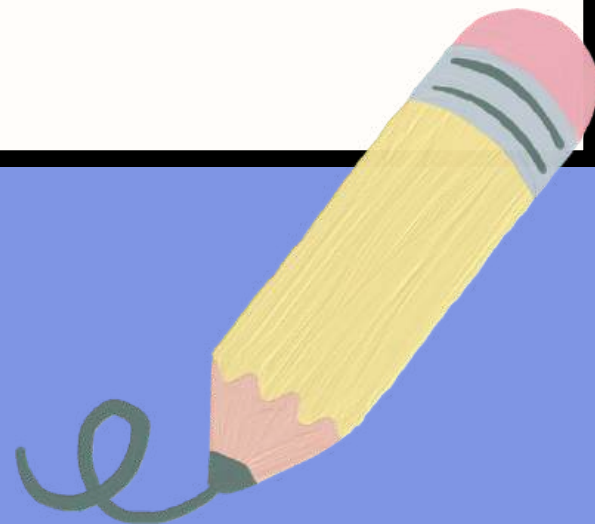


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**REMINDER**

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 4<sup>th</sup> February

Evidence me

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> February

PREVENT

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March

Class Teams



# 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)



# 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 18<sup>TH</sup> 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.**

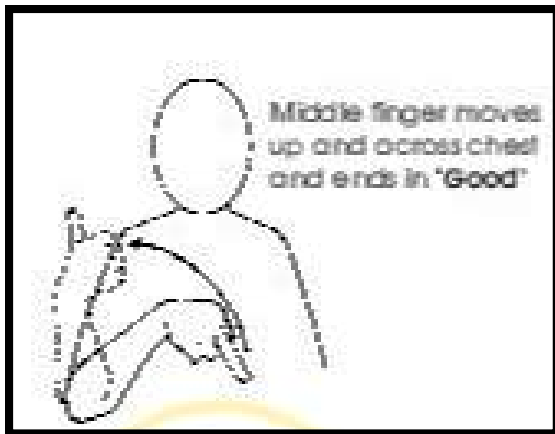
**Book <https://bookwhen.com/leapinglizardsplay>  
We can't wait to welcome you and your amazing families**



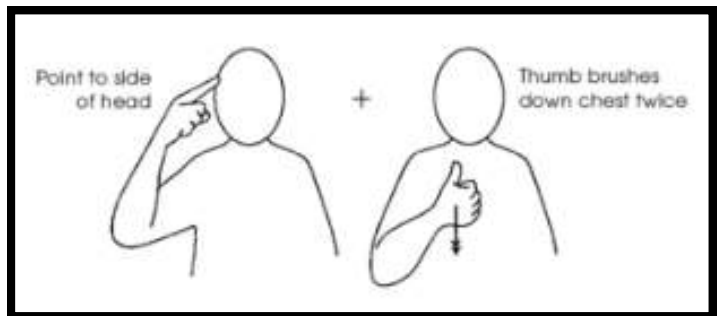


# Sign's of the week

Kind



Mental Health



**Well Done**

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



**AMNA**

For always singing and signing with a huge smile !

**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>



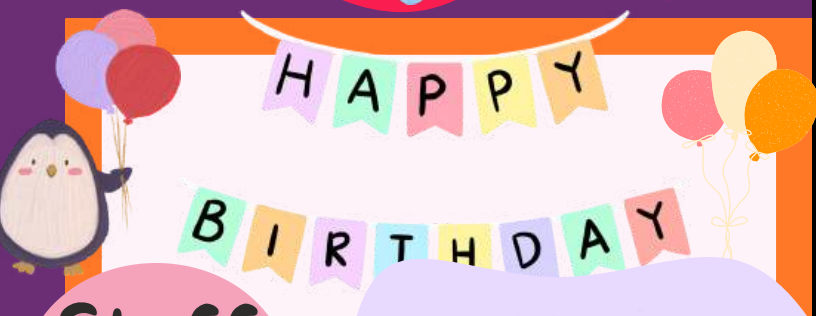
**6TH FEBRUARY**  
**NSPCC NUMBER DAY**

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

**23RD FEBRUARY**  
**INSET DAY**

**24TH FEBRUARY**  
**SCHOOL REOPENS**

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**Staff**

**3rd Jenna**

**Children**

**5th Aayan. A**  
**8th Louie**



## HOLLY GROVE HEROES



**Aisling's Class**- Caleb-Jon

**Katie's Class** - Amirah

**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





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





Children and Family Wellbeing Burnley Presents

# Circus FUNTASTIC

Fun and Games

Arts and Crafts



Wednesday 18th February

10:00am-11:30am

★ Chai Centre, Hurlley 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**  
**3NY**







# 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:

- 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**



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**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.

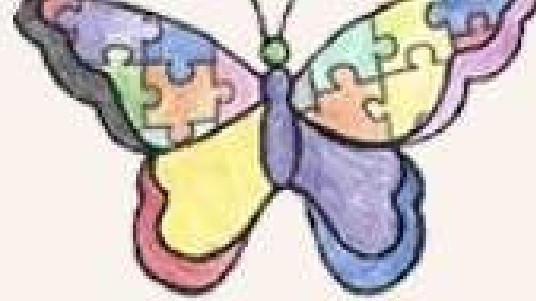
**Absences**- If your child is going to be absent from school, you must contact the school office before 9.30 am to provide a reason for absence

**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*

6<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2026 - 7PM  
BURNLEY FOOTBALL CLUB

# Friendly February 2026

MONDAY

TUESDAY

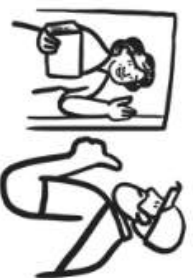
WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

SUNDAY



2 Ask a friend how they have been feeling recently

3 Do an act of kindness to make life easier for someone

4 Invite a friend over for a 'tea break' (in person or virtual)

5 Make time to have a friendly chat with a neighbour

6 Get back in touch with an old friend you've not seen for a while

7 Show an active interest by asking questions when talking to others

8 Share what you're feeling with someone you really trust

9 Thank someone and tell them how they made a difference for you

10 Look for good in others, particularly when you feel frustrated with them

11 Send an encouraging note to someone who needs a boost

12 Focus on being kind rather than being right

13 Smile at the people you see and brighten their day

14 Tell a loved one or friend why they are special to you

15 Support a local business with a positive online review or friendly message

16 Check in on someone who may be struggling and offer to help

17 Appreciate the good qualities of someone in your life

18 Respond kindly to everyone you talk to today, including yourself

19 Share something you find inspiring, helpful or amusing

20 Make a plan to connect with others and do something fun

21 Really listen to what people say, without judging them

22 Give sincere compliments to people you talk to today



23 Be gentle with someone who you feel inclined to criticise

24 Tell a loved one about the strengths that you see in them

25 Thank three people you feel grateful to and tell them why

26 Make uninterrupted time for your loved ones

27 Call a friend to catch up and really listen to them

28 Give positive comments to as many people as possible today



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