

HOLLY GROVE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



13TH FEBRUARY 2026



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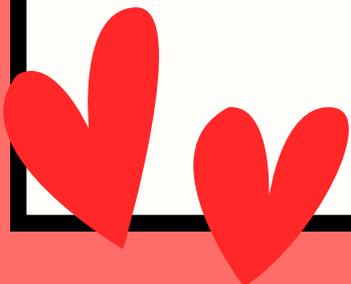
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Please contact newsletter@holly-grove.lancs.sch.uk, if you would like to share any news on the newsletter, or if you would like to view this newsletter in an alternate language.

Although at this time of year, the weather is cold and the days are short, we have still had lots of fun this term at Holly Grove, finishing with a fantastic week of singing and dancing with our amazing 'Big Sing' event and a Valentines disco this afternoon. The pupils really did us proud and sang at the top of their voices! On behalf of all the staff team thank you for your ongoing support and we wish you a safe and happy half term. We look forward to seeing the children on Tuesday 24th February.

Kind Regards

Eve Taylor



Staff Development



Wednesday 25th February

PREVENT

Wednesday 4th March

Class Teams

Wednesday 11th March

Julia Dyer



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.

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



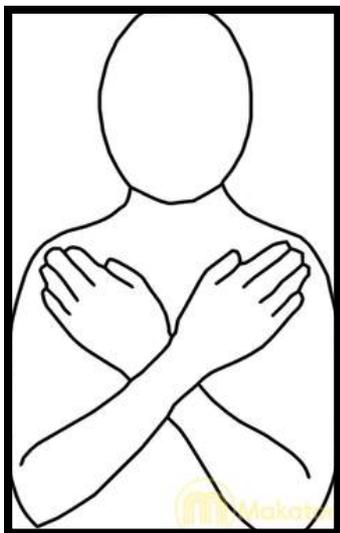
Stay and Play

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.

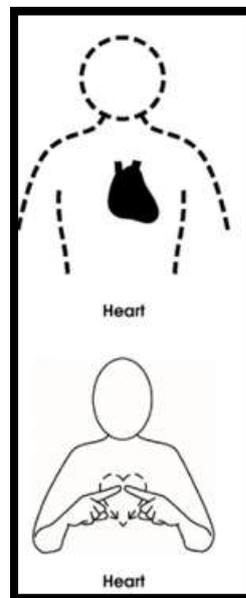
Aisling's Class	25.3.26 at 1.30pm
Katie's Class	11.3.26 at 1.30pm
Samantha's Class	26.3.26 at 1.30pm
Josh's Class	3.3.26 at 1.30pm
Leah's Class	17.3.26 at 1.30pm
Laura's Class	19.3.26 at 2pm
Courtney's Class	11.2.26 at 1.30pm
Adam's Class	12.3.26 at 1.30pm
Julie's Class	11.3.26 at 1.30pm
Jenny's Class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

Sign's of the week

Love



Heart



Makaton Stars of the week is..



For their amazing performance at
'The Big Sing'
You were all wonderful!

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.

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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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Staff

Children

12th Davina & Brandon

9th Shaygan, Hana & Lugmaan

15th Aimee

20th Lucie



HOLLY GROVE HEROES



Aisling's Class -

Katie's Class -

Annabella's Class -

Leah's Class -

Shaygan's Class -

Lucy's Class -

Lauren's Class -

Julie's Class -

Adam's Class -

Libby's Class -

Jenny's Class -

Michael's Class -



FOR

Valentine's DAY



Positive Gossip

Ayaan H
for being much
more settled
in Forest School.

Alex for his
Wonderful
talking &
Singing in
class 😊

Sophia L
for amazing
leading in MS

Tia for amazing
phonics work ♥

Ebony for amazing
Art making Andy
Goldworthy Sculpture!

David Th
For taking
the register
back and
always finding
the right one

Harry for taking
Eve to the bathroom

to show he needed changing,
a target he was working on.

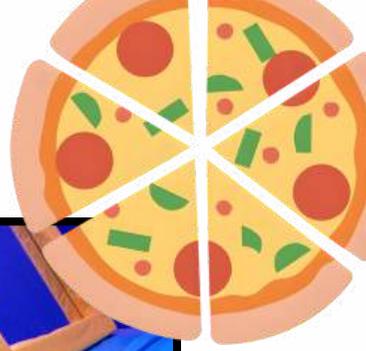
Nukhba
For doing
amazing
gymnastics

Mason
for writing
his own
Name -

Hunter
for being a
good boy getting
his hair cut

more w
marcus.w
for good
signing and
P.E C
Nina.

Merry Berries





Bushcraft & Wellness at Holly Grove!

We loved welcoming our parents to our Bushcraft and Wellness session in our Forest School this week! Families got hands-on chopping wood, learning to safely start fires, and developing new outdoor skills.

It was a fantastic opportunity to build confidence, connect with nature, and support wellbeing together. We're so proud of our Holly Grove community – thank you to everyone who took part!





CARDBOARD CARNIVAL

11TH MARCH, 2026

As part of British Science Week, we are excited to invite you to our STEM Cardboard Carnival

We would love to welcome parents to join in the fun. **Please only attend during your child/children's class time slot.**

Lower School

(Reception, Katie's, Samantha's, Adam's, Josh's, Leah's)
10:00am – 11:00am

Upper School

(Courtney's, Laura's, Julie's, Jenny's, Libby's, Michael's)
1:30pm – 2:30pm

Refreshments will be available. Come and see the children's amazing creations and join in our Science Week fun!

Holly Grove WORLD BOOK DAY

Thursday 5th March 2026

★ Pyjamas &
★ Bedtime Stories!

Wear your PJs & bring
your favourite bedtime book!



Fun Activities!

★ Storytime
★ Sessions!

Book Tokens
for Every Child!

BOOK
TOKEN

★ Join the Fun & Share Your Favourite Story! ★

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



Lancashire
County
Council



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

LANCASHIRE
**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, 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

Holly Grove Celebrates The Year of Reading!

Join the Fun!

Exciting
Reading
Competitions
Coming Soon!

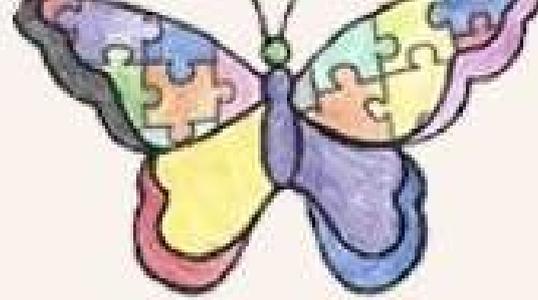
Read, Explore & Enjoy!

Discover New
Adventures!

Share Your
Favourite Books!

Let's Make the Most of Reading!

Inspiring a Love of Books
& Stories!



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

6TH 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