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HOLLY GROVE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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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.

It has been wonderful to welcome everyone back after the Summer Holidays. The pupils all look so smart and ready to learn in their new active uniform! It has also been a pleasure to meet all our new pupils and families this half term. We are delighted to have you as part of our very special community and hope your children will be very happy and thrive at Holly Grove.

Last Friday we held our annual charity night. It was a brilliant evening raising money for school and I would like to extend my thanks to the staff, parents and friends of the school who contributed to making it such a successful event. We couldn't do it without you.

I would like to end by wishing you all a lovely half term holiday and look forward to welcoming back the pupils on Monday 2nd November.

Eve Taylor
Headteacher

Stay and Play Afternoons – Autumn 2026

Please see attached a list of each class' stay and play sessions for the Autumn Term. You are very welcome to attend the session of the class your child belongs to. The focus of this first session is for you to meet your child's new class team and discuss how they have settled

Aisling's Class	19.10.26 at 2pm
Katie's Class	12.11.26 at 10am
Samantha's Class	14.10.26 at 1.30pm
Josh's Class	1.10.26 at 1.30pm
Leah's Class	15.10.26 at 1.30pm
Laura's Class	15.10.26 at 1.30pm
Courtney's Class	20.10.26 at 10am
Adam's Class	6.10.26 at 1.30pm
Julie's Class	14.10.26 at 1.pm
Jenny's Class	13.10.26 at 2pm
Libby's Class	13.10.26 at 1.30pm
Michael's Class	13.10.26 at 1.30pm

LOOK! OUT

Please look out for our new Holly Grove Parent & Carer Support Newsletter!

We know that finding the right support at the right time can sometimes be difficult, with lots of different services, information and opportunities available. We have created this new newsletter to make it easier for families to find relevant support and information all in one place.
The newsletter will be shared as and when we have new information, support or opportunities to share, so there won't be a set publication schedule.
You may find information about:

- **Family support and local services**
- **SEND support and advice**
- **Benefits and financial support**
- **Family activities and groups**
- **Courses and workshops**
- **Parent/carer support opportunities**
- **Other information that may be useful to your family**



NEW!

Staff Development

14th of October- Communication /SALT
4th of November Julia Dyer



Chill and Chat

We are holding our next Chill and Chat group on

TUESDAY, 24TH OF NOVEMBER 2026
FROM 1-2.45 PM

This month, our Chill & Chat session will be focused on Communication support with HLTA/Communication Intervention Lead Michelle Grimshaw.

We're creating a relaxed space for parents and carers to simply enjoy a cuppa, have a chat, share experiences, and connect with one another. Whether you're looking to meet other families or just take some time for yourself, we'd love to see you there!

PLEASE FEEL FREE TO BRING IN ANY SNACKS TO SHARE.

SIGN OF THE WEEK



Ghost



Magic

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-1cIlSF5rlYZBfDNltKBx3WfQ/viewform?usp=header

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

22nd October - 2nd November
Half Term
2nd November
School Re-opens

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HOLLY GROVE HEROES



Aisling's Class
Katie's Class
Sam's Class
A
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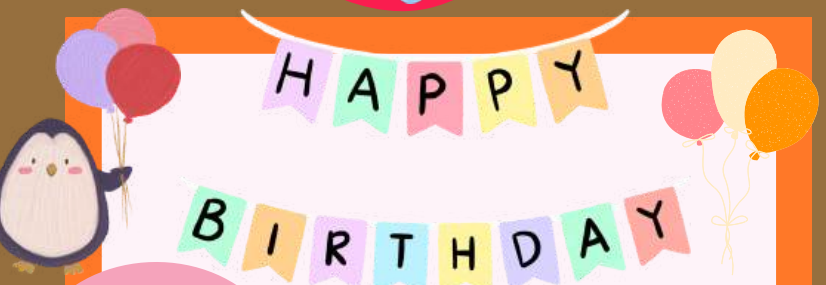
Jenny's Class
Julie's Class
Micheal's Class

No assembly



Staff

19th Chianne
23rd Tom
24th Laura. B & Alison
28th Maisie S

Children

25th Yahya
26th Aayan Ahmed
29th Zulekah
31st Ayeesha

1st of November
Hussain. A


Feel Good Friday
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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 2026/27:
2nd of October
6th November
4th December
8th January
5th of February
5th March
16th April
7th May
11th June
2nd of July

Optimistic October 2026

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
			1 Write down three things you can look forward to this month	2 Find something to be optimistic about (even if it's a difficult time)	3 Take a small step towards a goal that really matters to you	4 Start your day with the most important thing on your to-do list
5 Be a realistic optimist. See life as it is, but focus on what's good	6 Remind yourself that things can change for the better	7 Look for the good in people around you today	8 Make some progress on a project or task you have been avoiding	9 Share an important goal with someone you trust	10 Take time to reflect on what you have accomplished recently	11 Avoid blaming yourself or others. Find a helpful way forward
12 Look out for positive news and reasons to be cheerful today	13 Ask for help to overcome an obstacle you are facing	14 Do something constructive to improve a difficult situation	15 Thank yourself for achieving the things you often take for granted	16 Put down your to-do list and do something fun or uplifting	17 Take a small step towards a positive change you want to see in society	18 Set hopeful but realistic goals for the days ahead
19 Identify one of your positive qualities that will be helpful in the future	20 Find joy in tackling a task you've put off for some time	21 Let go of the expectations of others and focus on what matters to you	22 Share a hopeful quote, picture or video with a friend or colleague	23 Recognise that you have a choice about what to prioritise	24 Write down three specific things that have gone well recently	25 You can't do everything! What are your three priorities right now?
26 Find a new perspective on a problem you face	27 Be kind to yourself today. Remember, progress takes time	28 Ask yourself, will this still matter a year from now?	29 Plan a fun or exciting activity to look forward to	30 Identify three things that give you hope for the future	31 Set a goal that brings a sense of purpose for the coming month	





ACTION FOR HAPPINESS

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Pupil Holiday Dates – 2026/2027

Autumn Term 2026

Re-open Wednesday 2 September 2026

Half Term 7 days Thursday 22 October
Friday 31 October (inclusive)

Re-open Monday 2 November 2026

Christmas - Closure after school on Friday 18 December 2026

Spring Term 2027

Re-open Monday 4th January 2027

Half Term 5 days Monday 15 February to
Friday 19 February (inclusive)

Re-open Monday 22 February 2027

Easter - Closure after school on Thursday 25 March 2027

Summer Term 2027

Re-open Monday 12 April 2027

May Day 1 day Monday 3 May

Half Term 7 days Thursday 27 May to
Friday 4 June (inclusive)

Re-open Monday 7 June 2027

Summer - Closure after school on Wednesday 21 July 2027