



# HOLLY PARK NEWSLETTER

'We support our children to be their best.'

**ISSUE 2**

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2025**

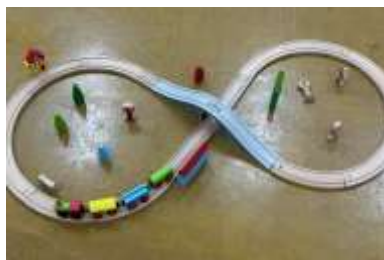
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## Holly Park Playgroup

The first session of our new playgroup was a great success this week. We have brand new toys for babies and toddlers to play with. There are tea, coffee and biscuits available for the adults. Mrs Nichols did some songs and a story at the end. It's a lovely way to chat with other parents/carers with similar aged children and it is somewhere to go during the day for toddlers to meet each other especially as the days get colder and wetter.

The playgroup runs every Wednesday straight from drop off. Anyone can come along any week and Holly Park parents are very welcome to bring along family members, neighbours or local friends with this age group of children. Attendees do NOT have to have a child currently at Holly Park. Anyone in the community with a small child is welcome. This also includes local childminders.



## Looking for a Reception Place for September 2026?

If you or any of your family, friends or neighbours are looking for their child to start school in September 2026 then please come and join us on a tour to find out more. Call the school office to book your place

Thursday 25th September 1.30pm

Friday 10th October 10.45am



## Maisy Birthday

On Monday this week Maisy had her 9<sup>th</sup> birthday. We celebrated in assembly and sang Happy Birthday to her.



## Harvest Festival

Advance notice that we will be holding our Harvest assembly on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> October for Food Bank Aid. This year they have made a special request. They would like JUST donations of breakfast cereals. This is part of their breakfast champions campaign. As cereal is a key feature of Harvest, this is the theme of the Harvest collection this term. This is a new initiative to help ensure that no child or adult in North London has to start their day hungry. I am letting you know with advance notice in case when you are doing your weekly shop over the next month that you might want to buy a breakfast cereal from time to time and put it away ready for our collection.



## Junior Duke Award – KS2 for the next Academic Year

Many of you will have heard of an award scheme for secondary aged pupils called the Duke of Edinburgh Award. Many of you may have done this yourself when you were at school. It is a fantastic opportunity to help develop pupils in many ways other than the academic.

There is now a version available for primary school aged pupils. This award is very good for personal development. To encourage independence, confidence, resilience and self-motivation, Holly Park will be running this award scheme called the Junior Duke Award. It is aimed at helping junior aged children to learn and practice a large variety of important life skills.

There is a level designed for each year group in KS2:

Year 3 Bronze    Year 4 Silver    Year 5 Gold    Year 6 Platinum

Each of these levels has a selection of challenges and, in order to complete a level, the children need to finish a pre-determined number of these successfully. These include skills such as First Aid, ICT, Eco awareness, Drama, Music, Sport and other life skills such as cookery and puncture repair.

The children may be given some of the necessary skills in school, however – just like at secondary school, the majority of the challenges will require a good deal of time and effort out of school with friends and family.

On completion of a level, a well-earned certificate and badge will be awarded. Children should aim to finish their challenges by the end of the school year. However, if your child's booklet remains incomplete by the end of the school year, he or she may carry it on into the next year.

Children can start with the level of the year group they will be in in September. The award will begin in September.

There is a cost to participating in the award. The cost to do the award is £10 per child for each level to cover the cost of the booklet, badge and certificate.

If your child would like to take part, please go on to school money and make a payment of £10.

Sign up is at the start of the school year. It cannot be joined part way through the school year.

**The closing date to pay online is: MONDAY.**

You can find out more by watching this video at home: <https://youtu.be/eY81tVS2uJ8>



## A reminder about NO Nuts in School

I would just like to remind all families that we are a nut free school. Please do not send your child to school with any food that may contain nuts. Several of our children are extremely allergic not just from the taste of a nut but also from the smell. Nuts can be very dangerous for these children. We appreciate your support.



## Uniform

We need your support in helping us to maintain our high standards. Can we ask that our uniform policy is followed when sending your child to school and that all uniform is labelled. Please ensure that you adhere to the following:

- No nail polish
- Red, green, white or black hair accessories **ONLY**
- Black school shoes
- The correct PE kit with white trainers and the school green tracksuit
- Only plain gold/silver studs – no hoops, no other jewellery (except religious)
- A small inexpensive watch can be worn but no smart watches

## Meet The Teacher Meetings

Thank you for attending the meetings over the last week, it was lovely to see so many of you on screen. We hope that many of you were able to attend from work etc. The Meet the Teacher packs of information were emailed out after each meeting. We hope that the information at the meeting and in the pack were useful. If you have any further questions, please see your child's class teacher.

## New Reception Intake

A big welcome to our new Holly Park families in Reception. The children are settling in well and have been engaged in many activities and are making new friends. For information please keep a watchful eye on the school website where curriculum letters, updated messages, information and photos will be updated throughout the school year.

## Parent Meeting – Special Educational Needs in the mainstream classroom

On Thursday 2nd October at 9:00am we are holding a parent workshop about SEND in the mainstream classroom. We will be sharing information about how we support SEND children in our classrooms at Holly Park including adaptations and interventions and provisions we provide for different needs. We will look at how adults support children to help with their learning and the range of professionals for different agencies we have who come to Holly Park to do assessments and support children. We will also be discussing SEND support plans and the Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP) process. Please do come along if this is of interest to you.

## Free Child Car Seat Safety Checks

Barnet Council is offering free child car seat checks to help families ensure their children are travelling safely.

**Wednesday 8th October 2025, 10am – 3pm**

**Tesco car park, Coppetts Centre, North Circular Rd, N12 0SH**

**A trained expert from Good Egg Safety will be on hand to check seats, fix errors and offer advice – no booking required.** Experts will check your car seat even if your child isn't with you — but if they are, they can also make sure they're seated correctly and safely.

Last year, **92% of car seats checked in Barnet had errors**, most of them serious enough to put children at risk of injury or death in a collision. Unfortunately, errors on seats are very easily made, but the great news is that they tend to be easy to fix. We encourage all families who use child car seats to attend.

## Attendance

Whole school attendance for the last week was **97 %**

Well done to Y4 Sycamore Class with the best attendance at **98%**.

## Dates

Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> September	Y5 to Cuffley Camp
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> September	Reception phonics meeting for parents 9am
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> September	Y6 to Norfolk Lakes
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> October	Meeting for all parents: SEND in mainstream schools
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> October	Y1 phonics meeting for parents at 9am
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> October	Walk to school week
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> October	Harvest Festival
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> October	Just One Tree Day
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> October	Y6 National Assessment meeting for parents at 9am
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> October	Be Bright Be Seen Day

## **HALF TERM**

Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November	Parents in Class to Read Together 8.45-9.15am
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November	Notice for consultations Years 1-6
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> November	Meeting for all parents: Maths
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> November	Cultural Day
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> November	Anti-Bullying Week
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> November	KS2 Book Look 3.30-5.30pm
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> November	Individual Photograph Day
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> November	KS1 Book Look 3.30-5.30pm





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