



HOLLY PARK NEWSLETTER

'We support our children to be their best.'

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Coffee Morning

We invite parents to come and join us for what promises to be a very interesting and helpful coffee morning. Dealing with children's social and emotional wellbeing can be very challenging at times and can affect the whole household. Do come along to join Miss Michael, Mrs Puzey and a specialist from BICS (Barnet Integrated Clinical Services) for an informal presentation and chat, Questions are very welcome.

Social, Emotional, Well-being and Mental Health Coffee Morning

Thursday 21st May

9.00-10am in the hall

Come and chat and meet a Higher-Level Therapist from BICS who will talk about support and will answer questions.



David Attenborough – 100th Birthday

To celebrate the 100th birthday of Sir David Attenborough, children came to school dressed as a whole variety of different animals. Children watched clips of some of his documentaries. Miss Michael led an assembly about him and children in Year 5 wrote cards messages of celebration.





Y6 Careers Fair

Following the success of previous Y6 careers fair, we are looking to repeat this again. As part of the work that we are doing across the school about the world of work we would really like to use our parent base to create a kind of careers fair towards the end of the school year. **The date will be Wednesday 15th July (afternoon)** We are looking for approximately 10 parents who would be willing to come in to talk to a small group of children about their job and answer any questions. The session is a round robin of Y6 children in groups of about six, rotating round each parent. Each parent would need to talk to approximately 10 different groups of children for about 10-15 minutes at a time. If you think that you would be able to come and help us with this and talk about your job please contact me on head@hollypark.barnetmail.net



Y6 National Test Week 2026

This week we had the national test week for Y6. I would like to acknowledge ALL of the staff who have worked with the children over the years but particularly to Miss Sampson, Mr Carini, Mrs Hurry and Ms Ter Horst for the fantastic work they have done with the children this year to prepare them for the tests and to all the other staff who have supported Y6 and taught them across the years.

Thanks go to the PTA for buying the start of day breakfasts and also to all of the school staff who set up the hall and volunteered to run the special Y6 breakfasts and those who also invigilated the tests across the week.

A very big well done to our Y6 children who have kept calm over the week and really tried their best. Thank you to governors who came in as independent observers to ensure the tests were carried out fairly.



New Trial Dance Club Year 3 – 6 – Crown House Dance Club

I would like to introduce you to one of our nursery parents - Jordana.

Jordana is the Founder of The Crown House. As a parent and creative director, she believes that a child's heritage is their greatest superpower.

The Crown House is a warm, judgement-free space for parents and carers of Afro and multi-heritage children — a place to belong, no matter where you are in your journey.

Community: Every Wednesday, members receive a carefully curated email with practical hair care tips, cultural resources, identity tools and real stories from parents. It has been running for a while now, and the response has been overwhelming. If you'd like to be part of it, simply drop Jordana an email at : hello.thecrownhouse@gmail.com and

she will add you.

The Crown House Experience: Beyond the community, The Crown House offers specialist workshops for families — intimate, expert-led sessions focused on afro hair care, identity and the bond between parent and child. Their next experience is coming this June. Places are limited and tend to fill quickly. If you'd like to be on the waitlist, get in touch

The Crown Dance Club at Holly Park.

The Crown House is thrilled to announce an initial project at school: The Crown Dance Club.

This is more than a choreography class — it is an interactive journey across the African continent. In the sessions, children won't just move; they will learn:

- **Cultural Geography through Sound:** We explore the diverse regions of Africa by identifying specific rhythms and instruments unique to each area.
- **The Power of Identity:** We use movement to reinforce self-esteem, helping children see their cultural roots as a source of strength.
- **The "Crown" Standard:** Through contemporary movement, pupils will develop discipline, teamwork, and stage presence as they prepare for a professional showcase at the End of Year performance.

Open to all pupils in Years 3 to 6 who are ready to learn, move and shine!

As this is a trial for this term – places are free.

Next week there will be 3 lunchtime audition sessions and then there will be weekly lunchtime dance sessions. There will be a performance at the end of term.

Everyone is welcome to audition and places in the dance club are open to ALL.

YEARS 3 - 6

THE CROWN DANCE CLUB

RHYTHM • CULTURE • IDENTITY

AUDITIONS
Next Week (3 Days)
Lunchtime: 12:15 PM - 1:00 PM

SCHEDULE
Twice a Month Sessions
Wednesdays or Fridays

PERFORMANCE
Exclusive 45-minute showcase
At the end of the term!

FOCUS
Afro-Global Rhythms
Building Confidence & Unity

GET READY TO MOVE, EXPRESS YOURSELF, & SHINE ON STAGE!

Year 3 Community Links – Intergenerational Tea party

As part of our work on community links, Year 3 hosted an Intergenerational tea. They invited in older family members and friends. The children sang two songs for them, played snakes and ladders, chatted with the help of conversation cards and drank juice and ate biscuits. We were delighted with the number of older adults who came and everyone had a most enjoyable time.



Updated Food Standards

The Department for Education has recently released updated School Food Standards. These are due to come into effect from September 2027 for primary schools and September 2028 for secondary schools.

The revised standards introduce a number of changes, including:

- An increased focus on fibre-rich foods across menus
- Greater restrictions on sweetened baked goods, desserts, and sugar
- Reduced allowance for processed meats and battered items, including a move away from deep-fried foods
- Tighter controls around cheese-based dishes and snacks

Olive Dining (our caterer) recognises that these are significant changes, however, their current menus are already closely aligned with the direction of the new legislation.

Olive is fully committed to achieving and exceeding these new standards and have already begun reviewing menus, recipes, procurement practices, and cooking methods to ensure full compliance ahead of the implementation deadlines. During the next academic year, they will begin a phased programme of adaptation and implementation across their menus, allowing them to carefully introduce changes in a practical and sustainable way while continuing to provide meals that students enjoy. To ensure success, this approach will also enable them to work collaboratively with schools, pupils, and families to trial and refine menu developments, ensuring the transition is smooth and well supported. Their focus will remain on delivering nourishing, balanced meals that support children's health, wellbeing, and readiness to learn. They also understand how important it is, particularly in the current financial climate, to ensure every child has access to a warm, filling meal, and this will remain a key priority as they adapt their menus. The Olive Nutrition Team will be supporting this transition and will continue to review guidance as more detail becomes available.



Y4 Multiplication Check 2026

The children in Year 4 will take part in the national multiplication test after half term. This is an annual assessment and is done as quick-fire multiplication questions online up to 12x12 where children have seconds to type in the answers. Mrs Thomas will administer the test with the Year 4 pupils. Year 4 parents will get the results later this term. It is a good idea for Year 4 parents and children to practice their times tables for 10 minutes every day and through the upcoming half term holiday. Times Table Rockstars is a great resource.

Y1 Phonics Check 2026

The children in Year 1 will take part in the national phonics check after half term. This is an annual assessment for all Year 1 children across the country. Miss Richardson will carry out the checks. Year 1 parents will get the results later this term. It is a good idea for Year 1 parents to practice reading phonic words (real and alien) for 10 mins every day and throughout the upcoming half term holiday with their children.

Y5 Secondary Transfer Information

There is a meeting for current Y5 parents on Monday 15th June at 9am about secondary transfer for their children and how the process works. This is now the start of a very important time for Y5 parents and children as they make decisions about the next educational step for their children. If you do not manage to make the meeting – please ensure that you really are fully aware of the process and how it works. It is vital not to miss deadlines.

Spread Your Wings Day (12th June)

On Friday 12th June we will be continuing to support our national charity 'Spread Your Wings.' On this day we are asking children to come to school dressed in a costume with wings for a donation of £1 on School Money. We will also allow capes as an extension of wings! Children can come dressed as fairies, pixies, butterflies, bees, birds, dragonflies, ladybirds, super heroes with capes, Peter Pan, Tinker bell, Mythical creatures with wings e.g Phoenix.

Diversity Day: Be Yourself Thursday (18th June)

On Thursday 18th June we are having 'Be Yourself Day' It's a day for the children to celebrate and acknowledge the beauty of being themselves and their unique capabilities. It's also a day to celebrate *everyone's* differences. It's a day to be yourself - the focus is about believing in their dreams, embracing their uniqueness, and inspiring them to use joy and laughter. We are asking the children to come to school that day wearing clothes that celebrate who they are – be it party clothes, a particular colour of clothes, pyjamas, dressing up clothes, sports clothes etc

PTA Summer Fair

The PTA are hoping to hold a low-key summer fair on Wednesday 8th July after school. This can happen if we manage to get enough volunteers to set up in the afternoon before the children finish school, and to run the cake sale, tombola, Games, and anything else that people might be interested in adding.

In order for it to go ahead it will need to be a group initiative with lots of input to support the three PTA committee members. If anyone is able to volunteer or has any ideas to add, or would like to have a table to sell something, please get in touch with Laura, Bhavini or Julie, or your class rep. The PTA committee really hope they will have enough volunteers to run this event.

Attendance

Whole school attendance for the last week was %
Well done to Year Class with the best attendance at %.

Dates

Wednesday 20th May Y5 Geography Field trip to Alexandra palace
Thursday 21st May KS2 Nerf sessions
Friday 22nd May KS2 Nerf sessions
Friday 22nd May Y6 to West Reservoir – sailing & canoeing

HALF TERM

Monday 1st June	INSET Day
Tuesday 2nd June	Y4 Multiplication checks begin for 2 weeks
Thursday 4 th June	World Cup dance Workshops
Friday 5 th June	Nursery trip to Holland Park
Monday 8th June	Year 1 Phonics Check week
Tuesday 9 th June	Y4 to The Tower Of London
Wednesday 10 th June	Barnet Music Festival
Thursday 11 th June	Author Visit – Hollie Hughes



**WE HAVE
ACHIEVED**

