



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.



Letting Our School Hall

Over the past couple of years we have been letting out our school hall at weekends for all kinds of events including parties. We also hire the hall out after 6pm on weekdays for clubs and groups e.g Karate. All lettings are booked through a company called 'Sharesy' If you would be interested in having a birthday party in the school hall you can book this through the Sharesy website. Booking can include the main hall, the dining hall, the Astro ball area or the playgrounds. If you would be interested in hiring a part of the school for an event you can go to:

<https://www.sharesy.com/v/holly-park-primary-school>

Holly Park Cap

The weather is so lovely. Children should wear a sun hat for school playtimes in the sunshine. Braggs in North Finchley do sell HPS hats. They look very smart.



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



Scooters In School

While it is wonderful to see so many bicycles and scooters parked in school during the day, please can I remind parents that children should be walking these in at the start of the school day and walking them out at the end of the school day. There are too many people on the school site to make it safe for scooters and bicycles to be ridden except outside the school gates. Please remind your children about this and also please stop them if they do get on to ride. Also, it is a good idea to name scooters and bikes as many of them are so similar.

Y6 National Test Week 2026

Next week is the national Year 6 test week. We wish all of our Y6 children good luck. They have worked hard and we hope that will show themselves and everyone else their best! It is vital that they rest, eat well, reduce screen time and have a good sleep each night. Thank you to the PTA who will be providing breakfast next week and to the staff for running this special breakfast for them.

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 97%

Well done to Year 1 Chestnut Class with the best attendance at 99%.

Dates

Monday 11 th May	Y6 National test week
Wednesday 20 th May	Y5 Geography Field trip to Alexandra palace
Thursday 21 st May	KS2 Nerf sessions
Friday 22 nd May	KS2 Nerf sessions
Friday 22 nd 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 4th June

World Cup dance Workshops

Friday 5th June
Monday 8th June
Tuesday 9th June
Wednesday 10th June
Thursday 11th June

Nursery trip to Holland Park
Year 1 Phonics Check week
Y4 to The Tower Of London
Barnet Music Festival
Author Visit – Hollie Hughes



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