



HOLLY PARK NEWSLETTER

'We support our children to be their best.'

ISSUE 2

Friday 18th September 2026

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Holly Bear

Holly Bear has had a fabulous summer visiting all kinds of places including The Amazon River, Peru, Brazil, Sun flower fields, Thailand, Japan, Mauritius, Canada and Rioja in Spain, Odessa and the Eastern Pyrenes on a motorbike tour!



If you have any pictures of Holly Bear from the summer – please email them to Mrs Pelham or to the school office.

Sensory Tactile Games

We are asking parents and carers for any donations of sensory mats, boards, games or books that could be useful at school for our SEND children with sensory needs. If you have anything like the pictures below and no longer need them we would be very grateful for them.





Barnet Street Tag Scheme

Holly Park is taking part in a Barnet initiative called Street Tag.

Street Tag encourages schools to compete against each other while encouraging pupils, families, and staff to be more active through everyday walking, cycling, wheeling, and other forms of physical activity.

What is Street Tag?

Street Tag is a free app-based activity program that rewards participants for being physically active. Users earn points by walking, cycling, wheeling, and collecting virtual tags, helping schools climb the leaderboard while promoting healthier and more active lifestyles within the school community.

Each participating school can have up to 250 members on its team. This can include pupils, parents and carers, teachers and school staff, grandparents, other family members or individuals with a close connection to the school.

There will be prizes for both school teams and individuals.

The Barnet Schools Leader board will run from 22nd Sept to 17th Nov 2026 (ending at 1 pm)

*This is NOT encouraging children to have their own phones - parents can log the street tag info on their phone

Please help Holly Park to get first place:

1st Place School: £150 plus a second-hand bike market delivered by PedalUK, where all proceeds raised will go to the school

2nd Place School: £100

3rd Place School: £75

4th & 5th Place Schools: £50

Main video :

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VcH7hAuZEDQ>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VZtlB8D8XuM>

How to join a school team:

<https://www.youtube.com/shorts/gKGtlls4cel>

How to add a child account:

<https://www.youtube.com/shorts/hrJeACF4kA8>

If you have any questions - please speak to Mrs Thomas.



Special Lunch Day – Thursday 1st October

Olive Dining will be offering a special Favourites Menu for Census Day, featuring some of the students' most-loved dishes. Alongside this, they are also running a fun pupil engagement activity, giving children who eat a school lunch on that day the chance to win one of three prizes.

Three lucky children who have lunch that day will be selected completely at random. The prizes include:

- Cinema vouchers
- Book vouchers

The menu will be:



RE Meeting (CHANGE OF DATE)

There will be a meeting for parents about the new RE curriculum on **Monday 5th October at 9am** in the school hall. The meeting will be led by Ms Sampson (Assistant Head for Curriculum) and Ms Nichols (RE Lead). Please do come along if you would like to find out more or have questions.

Reception Phonics Meeting

There will be a meeting for Reception parents on Friday 25th September at 9am in the school hall. This will cover how we teach phonics and how parents can support at home. This will be led by Mrs Moore (Phonics Lead)

PHSE & RSHE Meeting

There will be a meeting for parents about PHSE at Holly Park on Friday 2nd October at 9am in the school hall. The meeting will be led by Mrs Pelham (Headteacher) and Mrs Mehtar (Assistant Head for Personal Development). Please do come along if you would like to find out more or have questions.

Oracy in the Curriculum Meeting (CHANGE OF DATE)

This will be on **Monday 9th November at 9am** in the hall. Miss Sampson (Assistant Head for Curriculum) will explain why Oracy is so important for learning and will share strategies that we use at school.

ADHD Coffee Morning

As part of our ongoing engagement with parents of carers we will be holding an ADHD Workshop on Thursday 8th October at 9am delivered by Lucy Baker (Lead Advisory Teacher for the Inclusion Advisory Team) and Mrs Kelly (Assistant Head for Inclusion)

Year 1 Phonics Meeting

There will be a meeting for Year 1 parents on Friday 16th October at 9am in the school hall. This will cover how we teach phonics, the upcoming national phonics check for all Year 1 children and how parents can support at home. This will be led by Mrs Moore (Phonics Lead)

Year 6 National Assessment Meeting

On Monday 19th October there will be a meeting for Year 6 parents at 9am in the school hall to share information about what is involved in the Year 6 National tests. This will be led by Mrs Pelham (Headteacher) and the Year 6 class

teachers.

School Journey Meeting – (Year 4 parents)

There will be a meeting on Wednesday 21st October at 9am in the hall for current Year 4 parents. This meeting will be about the upcoming residential trip to Cuffley Camp – for September 2027 when the children will be in Year 5. The meeting will share important information and also cover deposits and payment plans. The meeting will be led by Mrs Kelly (Assistant head for Inclusion)

Maisy

On Tuesday Maisy our school dog was 10 years old! She received a soft balloon toy and a bag of my favourite dog treats. She went to the KSI assembly and all the children sang her happy birthday (quietly so she wouldn't get a fright).



Looking for a Reception Place for September 2027?

If you or any of your family, friends or neighbours are looking for their child to start school in September 2027 then please come and join us on a tour to find out more. Call the school office to book your place

Thursday 24th September 1.30pm

Friday 9th October 10.45am

Wednesday 4th November 10.45am

Monday 16th November 1.30pm

Thursday 3rd December 1.30pm

Monday 11th January 10.45am



Harvest Festival

Advance notice that we will be holding our Harvest assembly on Tuesday 13th October for Food Bank Aid. The theme for this term's Food Bank Aid school collections is '**Breakfast**', encouraging pupils to help everyone in our North London community to start their day with energy and focus. They are asking schools to concentrate on collecting oats, porridge, cereal and cereal bars.

Attendance

Whole school attendance for last week was 98%

Well done to Y1 Chestnut Class with the best attendance at 100%.

Dates

Wednesday 23 rd September	Y5 to Cuffley Camp
Friday 25 th September	Reception phonics meeting for parents 9am
Monday 28 th September	Y6 to Norfolk Lakes
Monday 5 th October	Meeting for all parents: Curriculum
Monday 5 th October	NSPCC workshops for Y6,5 and 2
Thursday 8 th October	Coffee Morning 9am
Monday 12 th October	Walk to school week
Tuesday 13 th October	Harvest Festival
Friday 16 th October	Y1 phonics meeting for parents at 9am
Friday 16 th October	Just One Tree Day
Monday 19 th October	Y6 National Assessment meeting for parents at 9am
Wednesday 21 st October	Meeting for Y4 parents about Cuffley camp 2027
Thursday 22 nd October	Y1 Little City workshops
Thursday 22 nd October	Y6 to Imperial War Museum
Friday 23 rd October	Be Bright Be Seen Day

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