

# Holywell Primary School

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**We are a learning community with the spirit to succeed**

19<sup>th</sup> November 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

## Anti-Bullying Week

At Holywell we value the wider experiences we are able to give our pupils. During Anti-Bullying week we have provided the children with assemblies and workshops around bullying. Some classes will have their workshops next week, we are looking forward to welcoming Bigfoot Theatre Company back in to work with our pupils.



## Cornet Lessons – Year 4

Pupils in Year 4 are learning to play the cornet as part of their music provision, it was a great pleasure to watch Cedar class perform this week. These lessons, delivered by Hertfordshire Music Service, give children a good foundation to learning in play a musical instrument.



## Assembly

This morning in our whole school assembly we watched Hawthorn class tell us all about World Children's Day. The children performed confidently saying the lines they learnt out loud to their audience. This was followed by a lovely song. The children's knowledge about the rights of a child linked to the UN conventions was impressive.



We will continue to allow parents to attend the Friday morning Class Assembly. Please ensure you contact the school office to reserve a place, and we ask all parents attending to wear a face mask.

# CLASS ASSEMBLIES

Thursday 25th November 2021	Sycamore	Hanukkah
Friday 3rd December 2021	Elm	St Andrews Day
Friday 10th December 2021	Birch	Human Rights Day

## Ark Farm Visit







### **School Uniform and PE Kit**

As the weather is getting colder we have noticed some pupils are wearing clothing that is not part of school uniform. We would like to remind parents school uniform consists of –

**Maroon Sweatshirt – with school logo**

**White Polo Shirt**

**Grey Trousers/Grey Skirt**

**Sensible Black School Shoes**

**Red Check Dress/Smart Grey Trousers Shorts (Summer Uniform)**

**Plimsolls/Trainers for PE**

**PE Jogging Bottoms – with school logo**

Pupils can only come in to school on PE days in their PE kit if they are wearing regulation jogging bottoms with the school logo. Pupils who do not have regulation jogging bottoms must come to school in their school uniform and they will be given the opportunity to change into their PE kit before the start of their PE lesson. Non regulation jogging bottoms are not allowed.

### **Reception – September 2022**

The on-line application system to apply for a place for Reception class in September 2022 is now open. We would like to remind parents who have children born between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2017 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2018 that they must apply for a place in Reception class, they do not automatically transfer from Nursery to Reception.

Our next Open Day will be on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2021 at 2:00pm.



### **Nursery – September 2022**

Application forms to apply for a place in Nursery, for children born between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2018 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2019 are available from Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2022. We plan to hold an Open Day On Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2022 at 11:15am.

## Staffing

Today we say goodbye to Mrs Wylie who is leaving Holywell Primary School. I would like to thank her for her hard work and commitment in her time here, and wish her well in her future endeavours.

# ANTI-BULLYING WEEK and UNCRC ARTICLES 2, 12 and 19

## LINKED UNCRC ARTICLES



There are three articles that provide a particularly strong link this week:

**Article 2 – Non-discrimination:** The Convention applies to every child without discrimination, whatever their ethnicity, gender, religion, language, abilities or any other status, whatever they think or say, whatever their family background.

**Article 12 – Respect for the views of the child:** Every child has the right to express their views, feelings and wishes in all matters affecting them, and to have their views considered and taken seriously. This right applies at all times, for example during immigration proceedings, housing decisions or the child's day-to-day home life.

**Article 19 – Protection from violence, abuse and neglect:** Governments must do all they can to ensure that children are protected from all forms of violence, abuse, neglect and bad treatment by their parents or anyone else who looks after them.

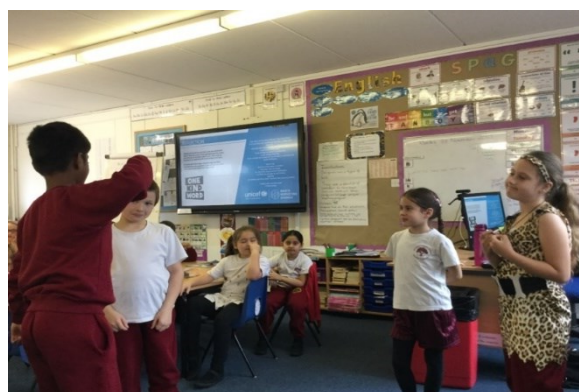
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For Anti-bullying week in Cedar class, we read through the UNICEF power point and discussed the different types of bullying. As well as this, we reflected on the importance of the articles 2, 12 and 19. Later, the children were split into groups and they created freeze frames about the different types of bullying. After this, they discussed the reason why students were bullied and ways that these situations could be resolved.



### Braiswick Photographer

The photograph proofs have been distributed to children to take home. You have two options to place your order, on line or return to the office. The last day to do this is Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2021.

### Christmas Jumper Day – Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2021

This is our last fundraiser for the year. Children are allowed to wear their Christmas jumper for a donation of £1. This is a national event supported by the Charity 'Save the Children', who raise money for essential food, healthcare, education and protection to millions of children around the world who are less fortunate.



HOUSE POINTS	
Ebury	124
Vicarage	101
Brightwell	97
Cassio	164

### STAR & CHARTER CERTIFICATES

		Star	Charter
<b>Reception</b>	Reception	Alishba	Anaya
<b>Year 1</b>	Sycamore	Oliver	Haider
<b>Year 2</b>	Hawthorn	Muhammad	Emma
	Hazel	Liya	Zak
<b>Year 3</b>	Rowan	Sarah	Hadia
<b>Year 4</b>	Cedar	Kashvee	Roberto
	Mulberry	Shailah	Iara
<b>Year 5</b>	Chestnut	Jaida	Rick
	Elder	Summer	Esmay
<b>Year 6</b>	Birch	Carolina	Diya
	Elm	Luqmaan	Hannah

## Week Commencing 8<sup>th</sup> November 2021

### Attendance by Class

Attendance by class:

Nursery	91%	Mulberry	98%
Reception	94%	Cedar	85%
Sycamore	86%	Chestnut	98%
Hawthorn	97%	Elder	95%
Hazel	99%	Elm	95%
Rowan	90%	Birch	99%

### Whole School Attendance from September 2021

**93%**

### Attendance

*Best classes in the whole school for attendance*

Key Stage 1	Hazel
Key Stage 2	Birch



## AUTUMN TERM

**November 2021**

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2021 - Whole school Assessment Week

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2021 - Year 5 Football club (15:20 - 16:20)

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2021 - School nurses to complete Health Questionnaires with Year 6

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2021 - Year 1 & Year 2 Football club (15:20 - 16:20)

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2021 - Cornet lessons Year 4

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2021 - Ukulele lessons Year 5

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2021 - Year 6 Football club (15:20 - 16:20)

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2021 - Rocksteady lessons

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2021 - Reception Class 2022 Open Day at 2pm

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2021 - Year 3 Rowan Swimming (14:00 - 14:30)

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2021 - Watford Football Trust to work with Year 6



Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2021 - Year 3 & Year 4 Football club (15:20 - 16:20)  
Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2021 - Whole school assembly - Year 1 Sycamore - Parents invited (9:05)  
Friday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2021 - Occasional Day - School Closed  
Monday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2021 - Whole school Assessment Week  
Monday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2021 - Year 5 Football club (15:20 - 16:20)  
Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2021 - Christmas Decoration Day  
Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2021 - Year 1 & Year 2 Football club (15:20 - 16:20)

### **December 2021**

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2021 - Applications Open for Reception 2022  
Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2021 - Christmas Decoration Day  
Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2021 - Cornet lessons Year 4  
Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2021 - Ukulele lessons Year 5  
Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2021 - Year 6 Football club (15:20 - 16:20)  
Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2021 - Rocksteady lessons  
Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2021 - Year 6 Elm Swimming (14:00 - 14:30)  
Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2021 - Year 3 & Year 4 Football club  
Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2021 - Whole school assembly - Year 6 Elm - Parents invited (9:05)  
Monday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2021 - Innovation and Enterprise week - DT focus  
Monday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2021 - Whole school Assessment Week  
Monday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2021 - Year 5 Football club (15:20 - 16:20)  
Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2021 - Year 2 St Mary's Church, Christingle Workshop  
Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2021 - Year 1 & Year 2 Football club (15:20 - 16:20)  
Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2021 - Flu vaccinations  
Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2021 - Year 2 St Mary's Church visiting  
Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2021 - Cornet lessons Year 4  
Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2021 - Ukulele lessons Year 5  
Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2021 - Year 6 Football club (15:20 - 16:20)  
Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2021 - Year 6 Elm Swimming (14:00 - 14:30)  
Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2021 - Year 3 & Year 4 Football club (15:20 - 16:20)  
Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2021 - Human Rights Day - Year 6 Birch - Parents invited (9:05)  
Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2021 - Save the Children "Christmas Jumper Day"  
Monday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2021 - Whole school assessment week  
Monday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2021 - Year 5 Football club (15:20 - 16:20)  
Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2021 - Year 1 & Year 2 Football club  
Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2021 - Cornet lessons Year 4  
Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2021 - Ukulele lessons Year 5  
Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2021 - Year 6 Football club (15:20 - 16:20)  
Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2021 - Early Years Christmas performance (9:15)  
Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2021 - Rocksteady Concert  
Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2021 - Christmas Dinner Day

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2021 - Year 6 Elm Swimming (14:00 - 14:30)  
Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2021 - Presentation Assembly  
Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2021 - Year 3 & Year 4 Football club (15:20 - 16:20)  
Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2021 - Key Stage Concert to parents (6:00pm)  
Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2021 - Early Years Christmas performance (11:15)  
Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2021 - Whole school assembly (Christmas production) Key Stage 1 parents invited (9:05)  
Monday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2021 - Whole school assembly (Christmas production) Key Stage 2 parents invited (9:05)  
Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2021 - Presentation Assembly  
Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2021 - Last day of term - school closes at 1:30pm  
Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2021 - No PM Nursery class. Nursery closes at midday

### **Enrichment Days**

Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2021 - Universal Children's Day - UN  
Monday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2021 - Hanukah  
Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2021 - St Andrew's Day  
Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2021 - International Day for the abolition of slavery  
Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2021 - Human Rights Day



## ***HAPpy Holidays***

What will your kids be doing this Winter holiday?

Are they in need of action-packed days with the added benefit of a free meal? If so, HAPpy Holiday Camps are taking place across Hertfordshire this Winter and might be just the answer!

It's all thanks to Hertfordshire County Council who have joined forces with the Herts Sports Partnership to organise a huge programme of activity for the school holidays.

Activities will be running in different venues across the county for children and young people aged between 5-16 years, and all include a nutritious meal each day. As an eligible family you can book for free using your unique HAPpy Booking Code. When prompted, please make sure you enter the whole code, which includes the & symbol which is found in the middle of the code.

***Your unique code is: T3&CA9***

You will be able to search for activities using your postcode or child's age – places are limited and strictly on a first come basis so be quick and book online from Monday 6th December at <https://www.sportinherts.org.uk/happy/booking>

If you are having trouble booking, you'll find a step-by-step guide on the booking page explaining what to do. Still need help? Hertfordshire Libraries have computers you can use, and friendly staff who will be able to help.

Additionally, there are a range of fun online Enrichment Activities to look through, with ideas for learning more about arts and crafts, history, music, and theatre, plus ways to keep your family active for 60 minutes each day! View these at

<https://www.sportinherts.org.uk/hafhappy>

Lastly, our information page has links to a variety of organisations and advice you and your family may find useful. Visit this at <https://sportinherts.org.uk/happy/useful-local-services>



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NETBALL!**

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**SUNDAY MORNINGS**

8:40am Year 1&2 Sports Hall

9:35am Year 3&4 Outdoor MUGA

10:25am Year 5 Outdoor MUGA

11:15am Year 6 Outdoor MUGA

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Scots Hill

Coxley Green

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