



# Holywell Primary School

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

21 January 2022

Dear Parents/Carers

## Assembly

Y5 Elder's assembly this morning told us about Burns Night. This Scottish tradition, which has evolved over the past 200 years, celebrates the life of the poet Robert Burns. It is important that we learn about different cultures and traditions to ensure that pupils build up knowledge and understanding about other cultures. Developing respect for others and tolerance is very important in society and we value that at Holywell Primary School.

## COVID

Over the past week, we had a sharp rise in the number of COVID cases, especially in Year 6. The latest self-isolation guidance is set out below.

### Isolation periods for people who test positive for COVID-19 have changed

From Monday 17 January, people who are self-isolating with COVID-19 have the option to reduce their isolation period after 5 full days if they test negative with an LFD test on both day 5 and day 6 and do not have a temperature. The day when you developed symptoms or tested positive is counted as day zero.

For example, if you test negative on the morning of day 5 and the morning of day 6, you can return to education or childcare immediately on day 6.

The first test must be taken no earlier than day 5 of the self-isolation period, and the second must be taken the following day.

All test results should be reported at: [https://www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result?utm\\_source=18%20January%202022%20C19&utm\\_medium=Daily%20Email%20C19&utm\\_campaign=DfE%20C19](https://www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result?utm_source=18%20January%202022%20C19&utm_medium=Daily%20Email%20C19&utm_campaign=DfE%20C19)

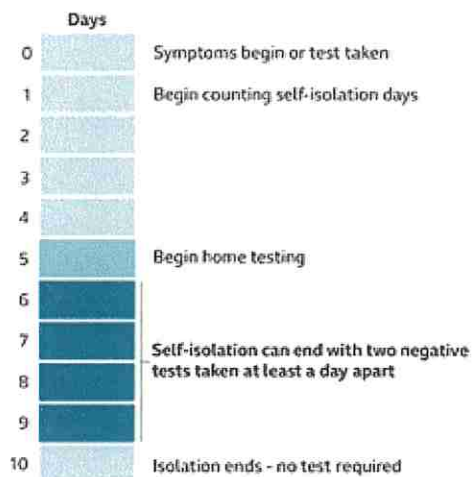
If the result of either test is positive, you should continue to self-isolate until you get negative results from two LFD tests on consecutive days or until you have completed 10 full days of self-isolation, whichever is earliest.

The new rules also apply to people who are already isolating – so if someone was already isolating before Monday 17 January, they can take LFD tests on day 5 and 6 and if they are both negative and they have no temperature they can end their isolation.



You may find this table useful:

#### How five-day isolation rule works in England



Source: NHS



Anyone unable to take LFD tests or who continue to have a temperature, will need to complete the full 10-day self-isolation period.

The number of positive cases has now stabilised and it seems not to have spread across different year groups. We will continue to operate in bubbles and continue with our hygiene regimes within the school. Thank you to all the parents who have continued to wear face coverings when entering the premises. We will post an update next week on measures if cases remain low.

#### Lettings

Lettings is a popular way for schools to generate some extra income. The school already has regular lettings but we are also able to do one-off lettings for children's parties or group meetings. If you are interested in organising either, please visit our website or call the office for further information.

#### Nursery – September 2022

Nursery applications are now open for pupils who will be four from 1 September 2018 – 31 August 2019.

We will be offering parents 15 hours Nursery care per week where children can attend from 9:00am until 12:00 midday, Monday to Friday. Applications will close on Friday 25 February 2022. We are happy to show parents around the school if they are interested in taking up a nursery place. Please call the School Office who will be able to book you an appointment.

#### Wizard Theatre

We are looking forward to welcoming Wizard Theatre back into school from next week. Wizard theatre will come into school and work with pupils from classes between Year 2 and Year 5. They will work on topics such as resilience, confidence and friendship using drama activities. Children have great fun taking part in these sessions.

WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE FROM SEPTEMBER 2021

91%

Week Commencing 10th - 14th January 2022

Attendance by Class			
Nursery	95%	Mulberry	93%
Reception	90%	Y4 Cedar	91%
Y1 Sycamore	98%	Y5 Chestnut	98%
Y2 Hawthorn	92%	Y5 Elder	96%
Y2 Hazel	98%	Y6 Elm	89%
Y3 Rowan	93%	Y6 Birch	84%

Attendance	
<i>Best Classes in the whole school for attendance</i>	
Key Stage 1	Y2 Hazel
Key Stage 2	Y5 Chestnut

	Star Learner of the Week	Charter Certificate
Reception		
Y1 Sycamore	Alveena	Jansen
Y2 Hawthorn	Isabelle	Zahra
Y2 Hazel	Isaac	Bilal
Y3 Rowan	Aaron	Naomi
Y4 Cedar	Ritesh	Taylor
Y4 Mulberry	Lacey-Marie	Sainabou
Y5 Chestnut	Fozia	John
Y5 Elder	Laxshan	Esmay
Y6 Birch	Sara K	Bentley
Y6 Elm	Megan	Luqmaan

## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

### **SPRING TERM 2022**

#### **January**

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2022 – Morning Club (7:50 – 8:50) – Tennis

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2022 – After school club (3:30 – 4:30) – Year 5 / Year 6 Football

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2022 – Morning Club (7:50 – 8:50) – Dodgeball

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2022 – Wizard theatre

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2022 – New Entrants meeting – 11:15

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2022 – After school club (3:30 – 4:30) – Year 1 / Year 2 Football

Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2022 – Morning Club (7:50 – 8:50) – Kwik Cricket

Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2022 – Year 4 Cornet Lesson (9:00 – 10:00)

Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2022 – Year 5 Ukulele lessons (1:30 – 3:00)

Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2022 – After school club (3:30 – 4:30) – KS2 Dodgeball

Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2021 – After school Cooking Club (3:30 – 4:30)

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2022 – Morning Club (7:50 – 8:50) – Tennis

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2022 - Year 3 Rowan Swimming

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2022 – After school club (3:30 – 4:30) – Year 3 / Year 4 Football

Friday 28<sup>st</sup> January 2022 – Morning Club (7:50 – 8:50) – Handball

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2022 – Y4 Cedar Assembly – Chinese New Year

Monday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2022 – Morning Club (7:50 – 8:50) – Tennis

Monday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2022 – After school club (3:30 – 4:30) – Year 5 / Year 6 Football

#### **February**

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2022 – Morning Club (7:50 – 8:50) – Dodgeball

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2022 - Wizard theatre

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2022 – New Entrants meeting – 11:15

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2022 – After school club (3:30 – 4:30) – Year 1 / Year 2 Football

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2022 – Morning Club (7:50 – 8:50) – Kwik Cricket

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2022 – Year 4 Cornet Lesson (9:00 – 10:00)

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2022 – Year 5 Ukulele lessons (1:30 – 3:00)

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2022 – After school club (3:30 – 4:30) – KS2 Dodgeball

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2021 – Afterschool Cooking Club (3:30 – 4:30)

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2022 – Morning Club (7:50 – 8:50) – Tennis

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2022 - Year 3 Swimming starts – Rowan class

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2022 – After school club (3:30 – 4:30) – Year 3 / Year 4 Football

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2022 – Morning Club (7:50 – 8:50) – Handball

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2022 – Y4 Mulberry School Assembly – Internet Safety Day

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2022 – Year 6 Mayan Workshop

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2022 - Football Match U11 – Holywell v Bromet (3:15pm)

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> – Friday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2022 – Festival of learning week

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> – Friday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2022 – Feeling Good Week

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2022 – Morning Club (7:50 – 8:50) – Tennis

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2022 – After school club (3:30 – 4:30) – Year 5 / Year 6 Football

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2022 - The Grove Academy v Holywell Primary football U11 match (3:30)

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2022 – Morning Club (7:50 – 8:50) – Dodgeball

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2022 - Wizard theatre

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2022 – New Entrants meeting – 11:15

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2022 – After school club (3:30 – 4:30) – Year 1 / Year 2 Football

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2022 – Parents evening 15:30 – 18:00

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2022 – Governors meeting (6:30)

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2022 – Morning Club (7:50 – 8:50) – Kwik Cricket

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2022 – Year 4 Cornet Lesson (9:00 – 10:00)

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2022 – Year 5 Ukulele lessons (1:30 – 3:00)

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2021 - Holywell v St Anthony's U11 - Netball Match (Home)

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2022 – After school club (3:30 – 4:30) – KS2 Dodgeball

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2021 – After school Cooking Club (3:30 – 4:30)

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2022 – Morning Club (7:50 – 8:50) – Tennis

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2022 - Year 3 Rowan Swimming

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2022 – After school club (3:30 – 4:30) – Year 3 / Year 4 Football

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2022 – Parents Evening 17:00 – 19:30

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2022 – Morning Club (7:50 – 8:50) – Handball

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2022 – Y3 Rowan Assembly - Resilience

**HALF TERM**

**Monday 14<sup>th</sup> – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2022**

## Hertfordshire & East Anglia School Immunisation Team

If your child/young person still requires a Flu Vaccination and is not yet protected against this year's Flu, then please contact your regional team below, via email, to arrange an appointment for them .

Hertfordshire: [Hertfordshire@v-uk.co.uk](mailto:Hertfordshire@v-uk.co.uk)

Norfolk: [EastAnglia@v-uk.co.uk](mailto:EastAnglia@v-uk.co.uk)

Suffolk: [EastAnglia@v-uk.co.uk](mailto:EastAnglia@v-uk.co.uk)

Cambridgeshire: [EastAnglia@v-uk.co.uk](mailto:EastAnglia@v-uk.co.uk)

Peterborough : [EastAnglia@v-uk.co.uk](mailto:EastAnglia@v-uk.co.uk)

The flu vaccination is recommended to help protect your child against flu. Flu can be an unpleasant illness and can cause serious complications. Vaccinating your child will also help protect more vulnerable family and friends by preventing the spread of flu. With COVID-19 still in circulation it is important to reduce the number of those becoming ill with flu this winter to help protect them, the NHS and social care. Research also shows that if you get both flu and COVID-19 at the same time you may be more seriously ill.

The vaccination is free and is a quick, simple and painless spray up the nose. Even if your child had the vaccine last year, the type of flu can vary each winter so it is recommended to have it again this year or they won't be protected.

*Immunisation Programme Manager*

**Vaccination UK**

**School Immunisation Team – Hertfordshire & East Anglia**





# SEND Advice for Parents/Carers

*Helpful SEND advice lines for Parents and Carers*

Advice line	Times available
<b><i>Educational Psychology Contact line</i></b>  <b>01992 588574</b>	<b>Weds</b> 2pm – 4:30pm
<b><i>SEND Specialist Advice and Support Service*</i></b>  <b>01442 453920</b> - term time only	<b><i>Specific Learning Difficulties:</i></b> <b>Thurs</b> 9:30am – 12pm
	<b><i>Speech Language, Communication &amp; Autism needs:</i></b> <b>Tues &amp; Weds</b> 1:30pm – 4pm
	<b><i>Early Years:</i></b> <b>Weds</b> 9am – 12pm <b>Thurs</b> 1:30pm – 4pm
	<b><i>Physical and Neurological Impairment:</i></b> <b>Mon</b> 1:30pm – 4pm
<b><i>West team Attendance Duty*</i></b>  <b>01442 454778</b>	<b>Mon - Fri</b> 9:30am – 4pm
<b><i>East team Attendance Duty*</i></b>  <b>01992 555261</b>	<b>Mon - Fri</b> 9:30am – 4pm

\* also available to schools, settings and professionals

To access a range of learning resources please click here



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# Football holiday courses

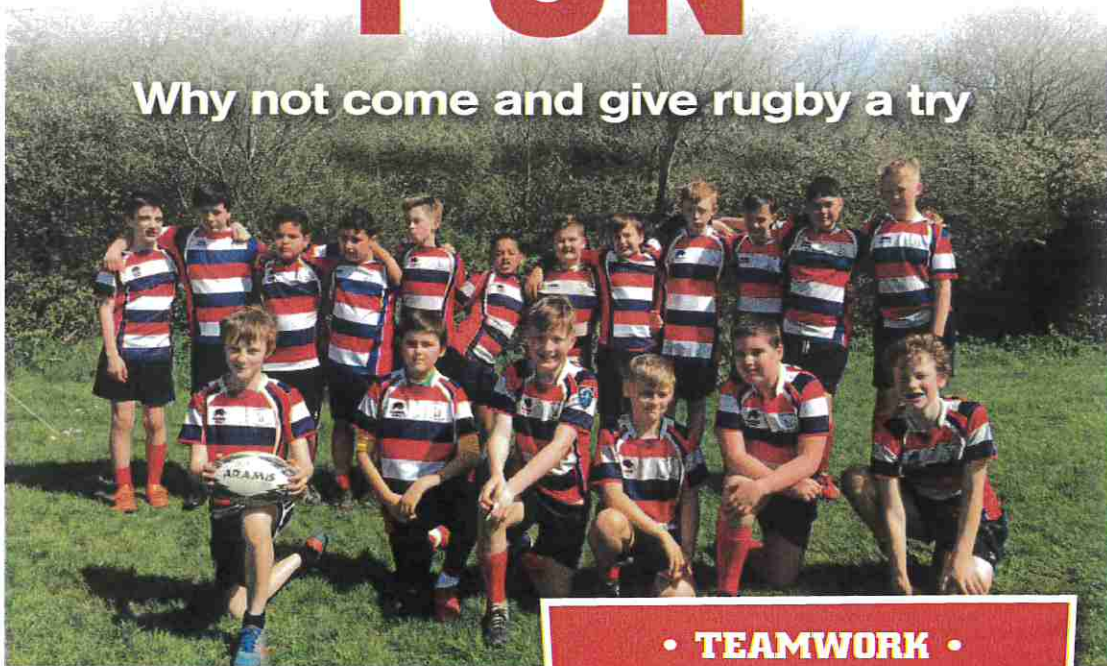
## February half-term 2022

**Monday 14<sup>th</sup> February  
to Friday 18<sup>th</sup> February**  
(5 days) | 10am-3pm



# LET'S HAVE SOME FUN

Why not come and give rugby a try



Rugby taster sessions,  
rugby themed sports  
games.

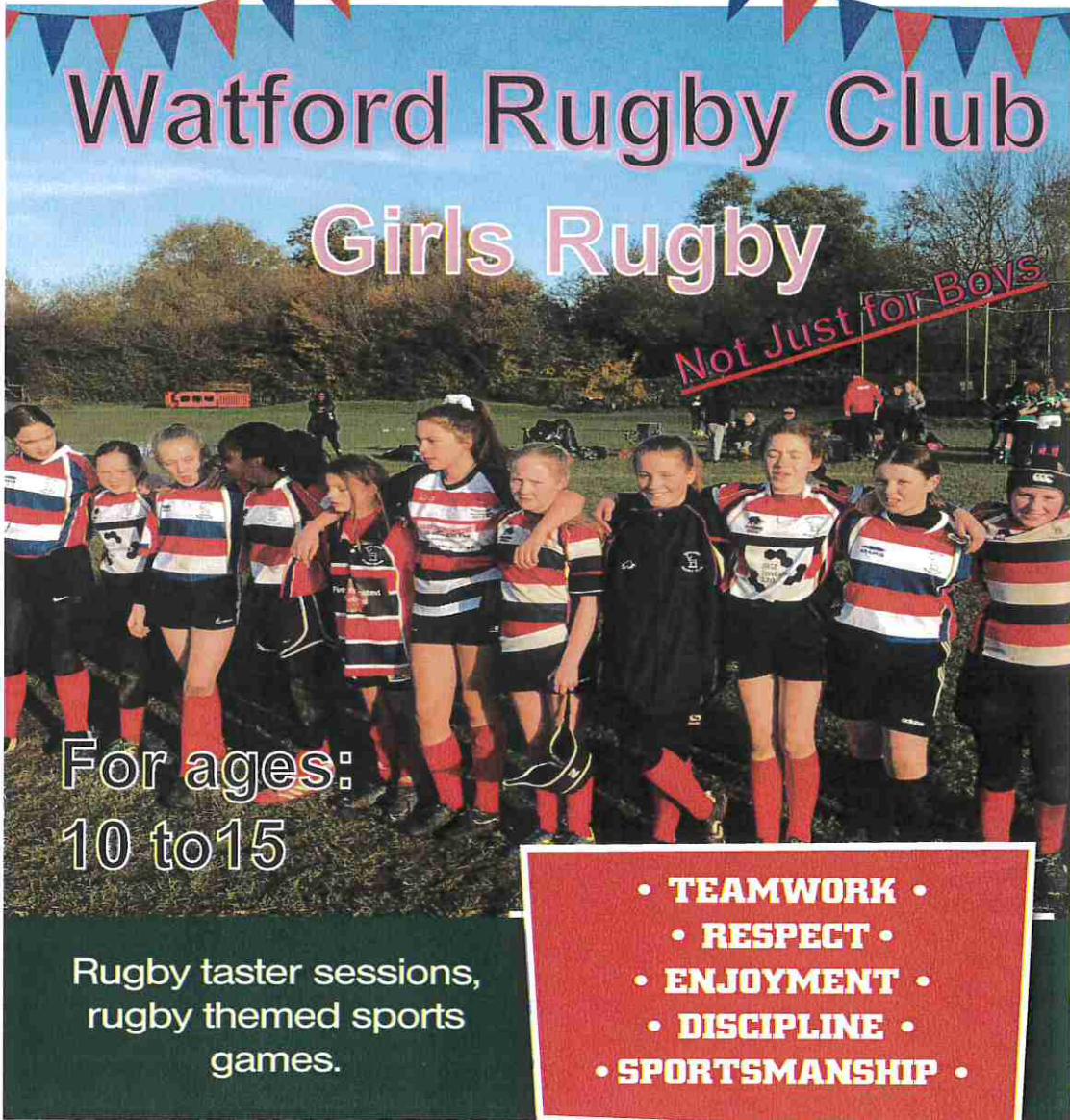
- TEAMWORK •
- RESPECT •
- ENJOYMENT •
- DISCIPLINE •
- SPORTSMANSHIP •

For further details:  
**07802892276**

WRFC Radlett Road, Watford,  
Hertfordshire WD24 4LL

All coaches are dbs checked. As the rugby season has finished the taster sessions will be touch rugby.





# Watford Rugby Club

## Girls Rugby

Not Just for Boys

For ages:  
10 to 15

Rugby taster sessions,  
rugby themed sports  
games.

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- ENJOYMENT •
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FREE!

WHERE AND WHEN?

**THURSDAYS 17:30 – 19:30**

Starting February 24th for 12 weeks


**KNUTSFORD PRIMARY ACADEMY**

Balmoral Rd, Watford, WD24 7ER



**[CLICK HERE TO SIGN UP FOR YOUR FAMILY'S FREE PLACE](#)**





# WHAT TO DO IF YOU'RE WORRIED ABOUT YOUR CHILD'S WEIGHT: MASTERCLASS

**TUESDAY 1ST FEBRUARY AT 12:00PM**

A fun, free, family-focused masterclass on how to approach the topic of a healthy weight.

Aimed at parents and carers of children who are above the healthy weight for their age, the session will include ideas to implement as a family and resources to help you get going after the webinar.

Come along and get support from a team of Registered Nutritionists at BeeZee Bodies, who have worked with hundreds of families and are here to support you to make sustainable changes!



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