



Holywell Primary School

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we are a learning community with the spirit to succeed

25 February 2022

Dear Parents/Carers

Nursery Applications

The closing date for Nursery applications is today. Applications received after today will be considered a "late" application.

We have been experiencing recent technical difficulties with our website. If you have been trying to make an application via our website, please contact the School Office who will be able to provide you with a "paper" application form. We apologise for any inconvenience caused.

Clubs

The morning and after school clubs have now restarted. There are still spaces available in some of the clubs so if you are interested please sign your child up as soon as possible.

Sports Clubs - Week Commencing 21.2 - 21.3.2022

	Morning (7.50 - 8.50)	Afternoon (3.30 - 4.30)
Monday		Y5 Football
Tuesday	Tennis	Y1 & Y2 Football
Wednesday		KS2 Dodgeball (Y3-Y6 only)
Thursday	Multi Sports	Y3 & Y4 Football
Friday		Y6 Football

Global Citizens

We are currently involved in a community project, in which our students will be designing the future Watford Town Centre.

The theme is to design a sustainable environment revolving around the 17 Sustainable development goals which is providing our students with an opportunity to think, act and develop as 'Global citizens' of the future. Our children are aware of their rights and they respect these rights by engaging themselves in this valuable project.

As part of this project, we have Ellen Higginson, Principal Planner at Watford Borough Council and Fran Toomey, Planning Project Consultant visiting our school on Monday 28th February to give us an insight about incorporating the sustainability goals in our design.



Friday Assemblies

Parents are able to attend Friday assemblies again. Can we also ask that you still wear a mask when you attend? We understand that this is voluntary, but ask that you please support us with this for the moment.

Y3 & Y4 Science Workshop

On Monday, Y3 & Y4 took part in a "Science Day" with a focus on Forces and Magnets. The children took part in a workshop with One Day Creative in which they explored different forces using drama and games. The children also took part in an experiment about "Air Resistance" in which they created parachutes out of different materials to see which has the most air resistance.



Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read "C van Straaten".

Mr C van Straaten
Headteacher

Whole School Attendance From September 2021

91%

Week Commencing 7 February - 11 February 2022

Attendance by Class			
Nursery	85%	Y4 Mulberry	90%
Reception	89%	Y4 Cedar	92%
Y1 Sycamore	91%	Y5 Chestnut	83%
Y2 Hawthorn	92%	Y5 Elder	93%
Y2 Hazel	99%	Y6 Elm	95%
Y3 Rowan	87%	Y6 Birch	97%

Attendance	
<i>Best Classes in the whole school for attendance</i>	
Key Stage 1	Y2 Hazel
Key Stage 2	Y6 Birch

Star & Charter Certificates		
	Star Learner of the Week	Charter Certificate
Reception	Anaya	Millie
Y1 Sycamore	Oliwia	Joel K
Y2 Hawthorn	Zahra	Alexia
Y2 Hazel	Ayah	Ali
Y3 Rowan	Rory	Maisey
Y4 Cedar	Roberto	Zaina
Y4 Mulberry	Iniyah	Sainabou
Y5 Chestnut	Jah'Ovannie	Jaida
Y5 Elder	Laxshan	Esmay
Y6 Birch	Sara S	Haashir
Y6 Elm	Hannah	Ilaria

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY
SPRING TERM 2022

February

Monday 28th February Whole School Assessment Week
 Monday 28th February Netball Match - Holywell v Newberries Primary School (3:30 - 4:30)
 Monday 28th February Afterschool Club (3:30 – 4:30) – Year 5 Football

March

Tuesday 1st March Morning Club (7:50 – 8:50) – Tennis
 Tuesday 1st March Bringing Books to Life Dance Workshop
 Tuesday 1st March New Entrants meeting @ 11:15
 Tuesday 1st March Afterschool Club (3:30 – 4:30) – Year 1 / Year 2 Football
 Wednesday 2nd March Bringing Books to Life Dance Workshop
 Wednesday 2nd March Year 4 Cornet Lesson (9:00 – 10:00)
 Wednesday 2nd March Year 5 Ukulele lessons (1:30 – 3:00)
 Wednesday 2nd March After school club (3:30 – 4:30) – KS2 Dodgeball
 Wednesday 2nd March U9 Football Match - Saffron Green v Holywell (3:30 - 4:30)
 Thursday 3rd March Morning Club (7:50 – 8:50) – Multi Sports
 Thursday 3rd March World Book Day - Dress Up Day
 Thursday 3rd March Year 5 Chestnut - Y6 Elm Swimming
 Thursday 3rd March Afterschool Club (3:30 – 4:30) – Year 3 / Year 4 Football
 Friday 25th February Afterschool Club (3:30 - 4:30) - Year 6 Football
 Monday 7th March Nursery Allocation Day
 Monday 7th March Afterschool Club (3:30 – 4:30) – Year 5 Football
 Tuesday 8th March Morning Club (7:50 – 8:50) – Tennis
 Tuesday 8th March Wizard Theatre
 Tuesday 8th March New Entrants Meeting @ 11:15
 Tuesday 8th March Afterschool Club (3:30 – 4:30) – Year 1 / Year 2 Football
 Wednesday 9th March Year 4 Cornet Lesson (9:00 – 10:00)
 Wednesday 9th March Year 5 Ukulele lessons (1:30 – 3:00)
 Wednesday 9th March Afterschool Club (3:30 – 4:30) – KS2 Dodgeball
 Wednesday 9th March U9 League - Football Match - Holywell v Fair Field Junior School (2:15 - 3:15)
 Wednesday 9th March U11 League - Football Match - Holywell v Fair Field Junior School (3:15 - 4:30)
 Thursday 10th March Morning Club (7:50 – 8:50) – Tennis
 Thursday 10th March Year 5 Chestnut - Year 6 Elm Swimming
 Thursday 10th March Afterschool Club (3:30 – 4:30) – Year 3 / Year 4 Football
 Friday 11th March Afterschool Club (3:30 - 4:30) - Year 6 Football
 Monday 14th March U9 Football Match - Holywell v Woodlands School (2:15 - 3:15)
 Monday 14th March Afterschool Club (3:30 – 4:30) – Year 5 Football
 Tuesday 15th March Morning Club (7:50 – 8:50) – Tennis
 Tuesday 15th March New Entrants meeting @ 11:15
 Tuesday 15th March Afterschool Club (3:30 – 4:30) – Year 1 / Year 2 Football
 Wednesday 16th March Year 4 Cornet Lesson (9:00 – 10:00)
 Wednesday 16th March Year 5 Ukulele lessons (1:30 – 3:00)
 Wednesday 16th March After school club (3:30 – 4:30) – KS2 Dodgeball
 Thursday 17th March Morning Club (7:50 – 8:50) – Tennis

Thursday 17 th March	Year 5 Chestnut - Year 6 Elm Swimming
Thursday 17 th March	Afterschool Club (3:30 – 4:30) – Year 3 / Year 4 Football
Friday 18 th March	Nursery places accepted by parents – last day
Friday 18 th March	Y2 Hawthorn & Hazel – School Trip - Paradise Wildlife Park
Friday 18 th March	Afterschool Club (3:30 - 4:30) - Year 6 Football
Monday 21 st March	Afterschool Club (3:30 – 4:30) – Year 5 Football
Tuesday 22 nd March	Morning Club (7:50 – 8:50) – Tennis
Tuesday 22 nd March	New Entrants meeting @ 11:15
Tuesday 22 nd March	Afterschool Club (3:30 – 4:30) – Year 1 / Year 2 Football
Wednesday 23 rd March	Year 4 Cornet Lesson (9:00 – 10:00)
Wednesday 23 rd March	Year 5 Ukulele lessons (1:30 – 3:00)
Wednesday 23 rd March	Afterschool Club (3:30 – 4:30) – KS2 Dodgeball
Thursday 24 th March	Morning Club (7:50 – 8:50) – Tennis
Thursday 24 th March	Year 5 Chestnut - Year 6 Elm Swimming
Thursday 24 th March	Afterschool Club (3:30 – 4:30) – Year 3 / Year 4 Football
Friday 25 th March	Afterschool Club (3:30 - 4:30) - Year 6 Football
Monday 28 th March	Festival of Learning Week
Tuesday 29 th March	New Entrants Meeting @ 11.15
Wednesday 30 th March	Year 4 Cornet Lesson (9:00 – 10:00)
Wednesday 30 th March	Year 5 Ukulele lessons (1:30 – 3:00)

April

Friday 1 st April	Whole School Presentation Assembly (9:05)
Friday 1 st April	Nursery finishes at midday

Friday 1st April 2022 – End of Spring Term – School Closes at 1:30pm

Summer Term Starts Wednesday 20th April @ 8.55 am

Easter Holiday Camps for School Aged Children Eligible For Free School Meal Children

HAPpy Holidays

What will your kids be doing this Easter 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 Easter 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 eligible for benefits-related free school meals, 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: ZNH%NW

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 14th March 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>

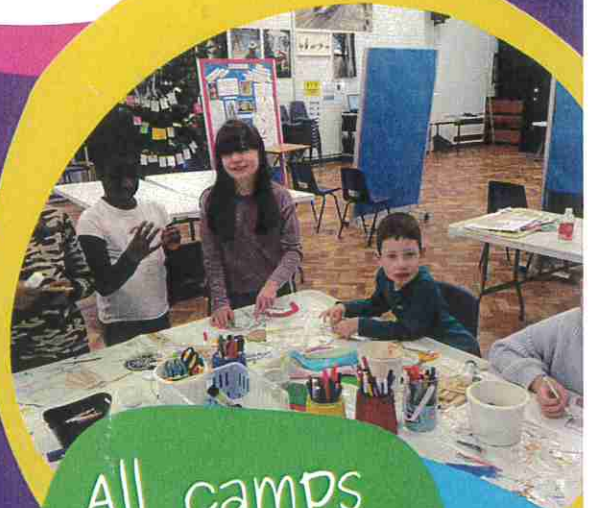
HAPpy Camps are back!

this Easter, all over Hertfordshire!

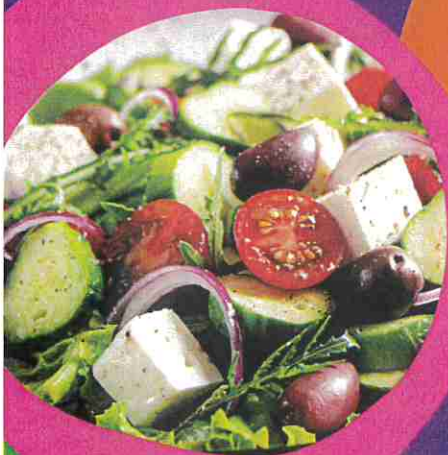
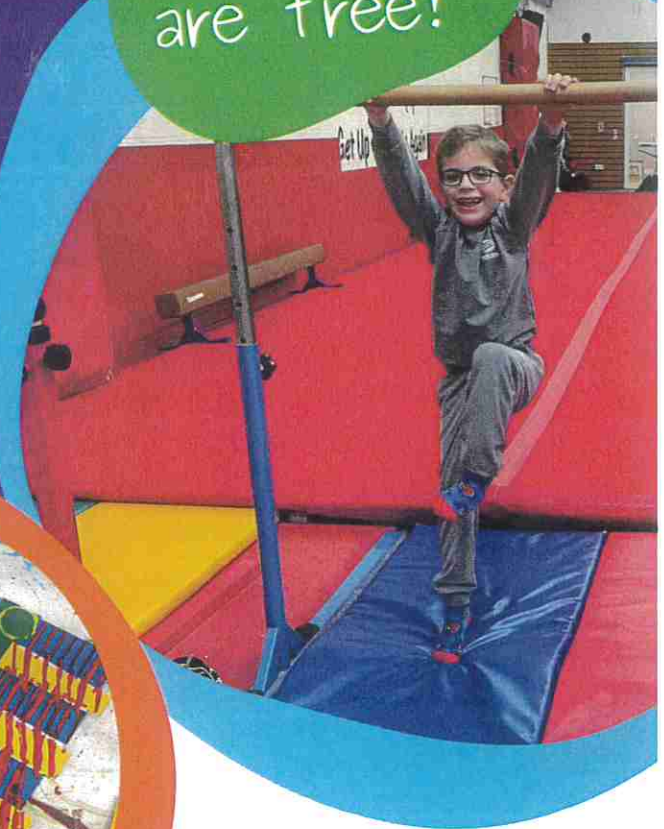
From **4th to 14th April**, school aged children eligible for benefits related free school meals, can enjoy **free food, free sports** and **free craft activities!**

Get your **HAPpy Booking Code** from your child's school now, to access all this and more!

Bookings open on **Monday 14th March**



All camps are free!



Hertfordshire's
Holiday Activity Programme

HAPpy

Book your child's place at:
sportinherts.org.uk/booking



JOIN THE UNIVERSITY OF
HERTFORDSHIRE'S

YOUNG PEOPLE'S RESEARCH ADVISORY GROUP

- Aged 8-18 years?
- Live in Hertfordshire?
- Interested in learning more about, and helping improve, research related to health, care, family lives and the communities we live in?

JOIN THE HERTS YPAG!

WHAT DO WE DO?

- Learn about research
- Work with researchers and give them advice on how to make their research children and young people-friendly
- Share ideas on what should be researched and how
- Develop new skills, learn new things and meet new people
- Have fun!

WHEN & WHERE DO WE MEET?

We meet about every 2 months. When you apply to join, we'll send you more information about our next meeting.

SIGN UP:

To find out more about us and apply to join click here:

<https://generationr.org.uk/hertfordshire-ypag/> or email us at ypag@herts.ac.uk

River Colne Family Festival

Sunday 6 March, 12 - 3pm, Knutsford Playing Fields

Rediscover the River Colne at our free Family Festival! It's a fun day out for all the family, with opportunities to connect with and learn more about the river and the issues it faces!

- Wildplay scavenger hunt
- Guided river walk
- Litter pick
- Bouncy castle
- Village fair games
- Stands run by key organisations
- Refreshments and much more!

Visit www.rivercolnewatford.co.uk to learn more.

