



# Holywell Primary School

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

17<sup>th</sup> September 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

The second week back at school has been very successful, with the children getting back into their school and learning routines. We were amazingly happy to host our first whole school assembly to parents since March 2020. Parents wore masks and we limited the number of classes who were allowed to attend in the hall, the rest of the school watched the assembly online. We will continue with this next Friday and ask that parents contact the school office and reserve a seat if they wish to join us, unfortunately places are limited. Thank you to Year 6 Birch for their lovely assembly about Rosh Hashanah.



We started off the year with a real rigor and focus on Reading. Last week we assessed children's reading fluency to ensure that they are reading books at home at the appropriate level.

## School Council



Pupils have been voting in their classes for their School Council representatives. Congratulations to all the pupils who have been selected. I know Mrs Gurunathan Sankaran has great plans for the School Council and they have an important part to play in the school, working towards our Rights Respecting School status Gold Award.

## Clubs

I am pleased to say that we had a good number of children joining the clubs that started this week. We will consult parents later in the half term to see what other clubs they want to be provided after school. Remember, there is also drama club after school on a Tuesday hosted by PS Theatre.

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## Music Provision

As we continue to offer pupils a broad and balanced curriculum, I am pleased to say that our Ukulele (Year 5) and Cornet (Year 4) lessons restarted this week. These lessons are offered by Herts Music Service and subsidised by the school. In addition, we are also offering parents the opportunity sign their children up for Rocksteady. Rocksteady lesson take place on a Thursday morning.



### **Pupils as Leaders**

This afternoon, we will be listening to the Year 6 pupils who have put themselves forward for the role of Head Boy and Head Girl of Holywell Primary School, which is a very important position within the school. In the newsletter next week we will introduce our new Head Boy and Head Girl, along with our Deputy Head Boy and Deputy Head Girl.



### **Parking**

Parents are reminded that they can use the car park in King George V playing fields and walk through our wild life area. This alleviates congestion around the school and is a safer option for parents and pupils when entering and leaving the school site. The gate is opened at the same times as the other school gates.

### **Gates Opening Times**

In order to avoid congestion around the school gate in the morning, all parents are expected arrive at 8:45am. There always seems to be a crowd around the gate on Tolpits Lane, and as you are aware this is a very busy main road. The safety of our children and parents is of paramount importance to us.

### **Meet the Teacher**

Thank you to all the parents who attended our Meet the Teacher event yesterday. Teachers have recorded sessions that can be accessed through their child's Google Classroom account. The year group booklets are now available on our school website.

<http://www.holywell.herts.sch.uk/curriculum/year-group-booklets/>

### **Isle of Wight – Year 6**

Yesterday, during the 'Meet the Teacher' meeting, Year 6 parents saw the amazing activities that pupils took part in last year while on their residential trip to the Isle of Wight. We are very much looking forward to sending our Year 6 pupils again this year. Parents in Year 6 have been reminded this week, via text message, to sign up as time is running out to pay your deposits. Today is the last day to sign up, please don't miss out on this fantastic opportunity.



### **Value for the week**

As we work towards our Right Respecting school status, we will focus on a couple of rights per week in school. This week are focussing Article 12 and Article 13.

#### **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 13** (freedom of expression)

Every child must be free to express their thoughts and opinions and to access all kinds of information, as long as it is within the law.

<https://www.unicef.org.uk/what-we-do/un-convention-child-rights/>

Please spend some time this weekend discussing these with your child, asking them what they understand about it and how it applies to them in school and community life.

## Assembly schedule

<b>CLASS ASSEMBLIES</b>		
Friday 24th September 2021	Elm	Democracy
Friday 1st October 2021	Chestnut	Peace
Friday 8th October 2021	Elder	Black History
Friday 15th October 2021	Cedar	6R Mental Health
Friday 22nd October 2021	Mulberry	World Food Day
Friday 5th November 2021	Rowan	Diwali
Friday 12th November 2021	Hazel	Remembrance Day
Friday 19th November 2021	Hawthorn	Children's Day
Friday 26th November 2021	Sycamore	Hanukkah
Friday 3rd December 2021	Elm	St Andrews Day
Friday 10th December 2021	Birch	Human Rights Day

### Overviews

Curriculum overviews are now available on the school website for parents to consider.

<http://www.holywell.herts.sch.uk/curriculum/curriculum-maps/>

### Coronavirus

As we learn to live with Coronavirus we ask that parents do not come to school or send their children to school if;

- They have a fever (above 37.8C)
- They have a new, continuous cough
- There is a loss or change to their sense of taste or smell
- If you are isolating for any reason in accordance with government guidance

### Flu Vaccination



A form was given to your child last week regarding the forthcoming flu vaccination. Please return the completed form to school as soon as possible. If you would prefer your child to receive the flu injection, which does not contain porcine gelatine, please collect an alternative form from the school office.

## Daily Mile

Pupils have also started taking part in the daily mile this week. This daily exercise has been proven to have a great positive impact on pupils and on their wellbeing.





## **STAR & CHARTER CERTIFICATES**

		<b>Star</b>	<b>Charter</b>
<b>Reception</b>	Red	Bilal	Kijani
<b>Year 1</b>	Sycamore	Charlie	Millie
<b>Year 2</b>	Hawthorn	Jah'neza	Owen
	Hazel	Maya	Muhammad
<b>Year 3</b>	Rowan	Aaron	Valentina
<b>Year 4</b>	Cedar	Kashvee	Zain
	Mulberry	Shailah	David
<b>Year 5</b>	Chestnut	Kayla	Jaida
	Elder	Samuel	Joseph
<b>Year 6</b>	Birch	Maira	Connor
	Elm	Franklyn	Raisa

## Year 6 Police Visit - Peace Workshop

Year 6 was very lucky to have a Peace Workshop delivered by the local police. The workshop focused on safety, and in particular focused on how to stay safe in your local area.



## Week Commencing 6<sup>th</sup> September 2021

### Attendance by Class

Attendance by class:

Nursery	98%	Mulberry	97%
Reception	92%	Cedar	93%
Sycamore	98%	Chestnut	97%
Hawthorn	94%	Elder	99%
Hazel	98%	Elm	96%
Rowan	94%	Birch	95%

### Whole School Attendance from September 2020

**96%**

### Attendance

*Best classes in the whole school for attendance*

Key Stage 1	Sycamore & Hazel
Key Stage 2	Elder





## **AUTUMN TERM**

**September 2021**

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2021 - Year 5 Football club (15:20 - 16:20)  
Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> September 2021 - Year 1 and 2 Football club (15:20 - 16:20)  
Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2021 - Cornet lessons start - Year 4 (9:30 - 10:30)  
Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2021 - Ukulele lesson - Year 5 (13:30 - 15:00)  
Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2021 - Year 6 Football club (15:20 - 16:20)  
Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2021 - Rocksteady lessons (9:00 - 12:00)  
Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2021 - New Entrants meeting (10:00)  
Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2021 - Year 4 Mulberry Swimming (14:00 - 14:30)  
Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2021 - Year 3 and 4 Football club (15:20 - 16:20)  
Friday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2021 - Whole school assembly - Year 6 Elm - Parents invited (9:05)  
Friday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2021 - Year 4 Cedar Swimming (11:30 - 12:00)  
Monday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2021 - Year 5 Football club (15:20 - 16:20)  
Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2021 - Year 1 and 2 Football club (15:20 - 16:20)  
Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2021 - Cornet lessons start - Year 4 (9:30 - 10:30)  
Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2021 - Ukulele lesson - Year 5 (13:30 - 15:00)  
Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2021 - Year 6 Football club (15:20 - 16:20)  
Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> September 2021 - Rocksteady lessons (9:00 - 12:00)  
Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> September 2021 - New Entrants meeting (10:00)  
Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> September 2021 - Year 4 Mulberry Swimming (14:00 - 14:30)  
Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> September 2021 - Year 3 and 4 Football club (15:20 - 16:20)

## **October 2021**

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> October 2021 - Black History month  
Friday 1<sup>st</sup> October 2021 - Whole school assembly - Year 5 Chestnut - Parents invited (9:05)  
Friday 1<sup>st</sup> October 2021 - Year 4 Cedar Swimming (11:30 - 12:00)  
Monday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2021 - Year 5 Football club (15:20 - 16:20)  
Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2021 - Year 1 and 2 Football club (15:20 - 16:20)  
Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2021 - Cornet lessons start - Year 4 (9:30 - 10:30)  
Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2021 - Ukulele lesson - Year 5 (13:30 - 15:00)  
Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2021 - Year 6 Football club (15:20 - 16:20)  
Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2021 - Rocksteady lessons (9:00 - 12:00)  
Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2021 - New Entrants meeting (10:00)  
Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2021 - Year 4 Mulberry Swimming (14:00 - 14:30)

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2021 - Year 3 and 4 Football club (15:20 - 16:20)  
 Friday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2021 - Whole school assembly - Black History -Parents invited (9:05)  
 Friday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2021 - Year 4 Cedar Swimming (11:30 - 12:00)  
 Monday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2021 - Year 5 Football club (15:20 - 16:20)  
 Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2021 - Year 1 and 2 Football club (15:20 - 16:20)  
 Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2021 - Cornet lessons start - Year 4 (9:30 - 10:30)  
 Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2021 - Ukulele lesson - Year 5 (13:30 - 15:00)  
 Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2021 - Year 6 Football club (15:20 - 16:20)  
 Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> October 2021 - Rocksteady lessons (9:00 - 12:00)  
 Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> October 2021 - New Entrants meeting (10:00)  
 Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> October 2021 - Year 4 Mulberry Swimming (14:00 - 14:30)  
 Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> October 2021 - Year 3 and 4 Football club (15:20 - 16:20)  
 Friday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2021 - Whole school assembly - Year 4 Cedar - Parents invited (9:05)  
 Friday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2021 - Year 4 Cedar Swimming (11:30 - 12:00)  
 Monday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2021 - Harvest collection starts  
 Monday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2021 - Festival of learning week  
 Monday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2021 - Year 5 Football club (15:20 - 16:20)  
 Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2021 - Year 1 and 2 Football club (15:20 - 16:20)  
 Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2021 (15:30 - 18:00) - Parents evening  
 Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2021 - Cornet lessons start - Year 4 (9:30 - 10:30)  
 Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2021 - Ukulele lesson - Year 5 (13:30 - 15:00)  
 Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2021 - Year 6 Football club (15:20 - 16:20)  
 Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2021 - Rocksteady lessons (9:00 - 12:00)  
 Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2021 - New Entrants meeting (10:00)  
 Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2021 - Year 4 Mulberry Swimming (14:00 - 14:30)  
 Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2021 - Year 3 and 4 Football club (15:20 - 16:20)  
 Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2021 (17:00 - 19:30) - Parents evening  
 Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2021 - Last day for Harvest collection  
 Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2021 - Whole school assembly - Year 4 Mulberry - Parents invited (9:05)  
 Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2021 - Year 4 Cedar Swimming (11:30 - 12:00)  
 Monday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2021 - Friday 29<sup>th</sup> October 2021 - Half term  
 Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2021 - Last day to apply for secondary school place for September 2022

### **November 2021**

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2021 - Year 1 assessment start  
 Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2021 - Reception 2022 - applications open  
 Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2021 - Poppy Appeal starts  
 Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2021 - Year 3 Rowan Swimming (14:00 - 14:30)  
 Friday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2021 - Whole school assembly - Year 3 Rowan - Parents invited (9:05)

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2021 - Whole school assessment week  
Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2021 - Flu vaccinations  
Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2021 - Year 3 Rowan Swimming (14:00 - 14:30)  
Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2021 - Individual and family photographs taken  
Friday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2021 - Whole school assembly - Year 2 Hazel - Parents invited (9:05)  
Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2021 - Governors Meeting  
Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2021 - Year 3 Rowan Swimming (14:00 - 14:30)  
Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2021 - Whole school assembly - Year 2 Hawthorn - Parents invited (9:05)  
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  
Friday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2021 - Whole school assembly - Year 1 Sycamore - Parents invited (9:05)  
Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2021 - Christmas Decoration Day

### **December 2021**

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2021 - Christmas tree Decoration Day  
Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2021 - Year 3 Rowan Swimming (14:00 - 14:30)  
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  
Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2021 - Year 3 Rowan Swimming (14:00 - 14:30)  
Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2021 - Human Rights Day - Year 6 Birch - Parents invited (9:05)  
Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2021 - Governors meeting  
Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2021 - Christmas Dinner Day  
Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2021 - Year 3 Rowan Swimming (14:00 - 14:30)  
Thursday 16<sup>th</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**

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> September 2021 - International Day of Peace  
Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2021 - European Languages Day  
Monday 4<sup>th</sup> October to Monday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2021 - World Space week  
Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2021 - World mental health day  
Monday 11<sup>th</sup> October to Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2021 - National Braille Week  
Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2021 - World Food Day  
Monday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2021 - Anti Slavery Day  
Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2021 - Halloween  
Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2021 - Diwali

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2021 - Bonfire Night  
Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2021 - World Science Day  
Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2021 - Remembrance Day  
Monday 15<sup>th</sup> November to Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2021 - Anti Bullying Week  
Monday 15<sup>th</sup> November to Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2021 - Road Safety Week  
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