



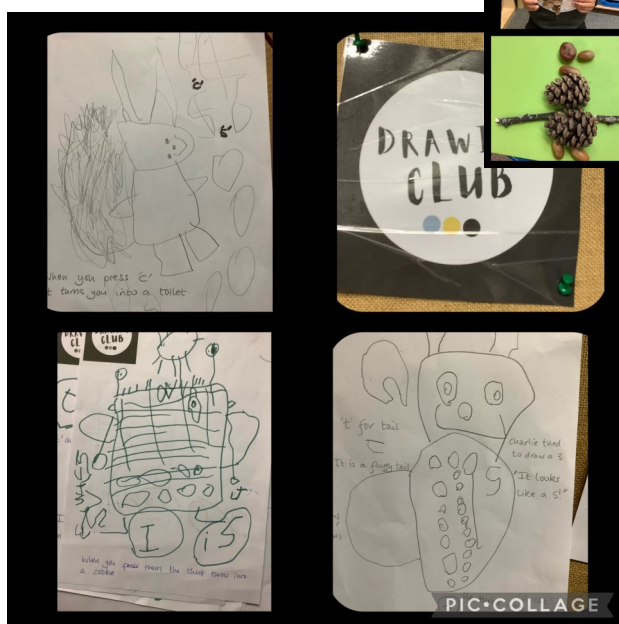
10th November 2023

Holden Clough Newsletter

Stars of the Week

Gracie-Rose & Harley	1DH
Maryam & Sam	1/2GE
Ayat & Ismail	2SP
Amy & Josie	3LD
Amaya & Micah	3DL
Iris & Oscar	4GG
Haifa & Noah	4ST
Dylan & Kyle	5CH
Ayema & Idrees	5NH
Andreea & Luca	6AH
Kornel & Sean	6JH

This week in Reception



Dates to remember

- 20.11.23 - Instalment 1 due for year 6 residential to London.
- 20.11.23 - Instalment 2 due for year 5 residential to Robinwood.
- 13.11.23 - Odd Socks Day.
- 17.11.23 - Non-uniform day for Diwali & Children in Need.
- 08.12.23 - Christmas Fair.

This week in Reception, we have been very busy with lots of Autumnal activities. First, we made our Purple Poppies in preparation for our 'Evening of Remembrance' to commemorate the fallen animals. In addition, we have been learning all about the changes that take place during Autumn. We made some leaf crowns with the fallen leaves outside our classroom. We read 'The Leaf Thief' who needed our help to capture the thief! We designed and set up a trap in the outdoor learning area - putting an orange in there to entice the thief inside. In order to make sure the birds have enough food, we made some vegan fat balls and have had lots of feathered visitors outside our classroom including our resident squirrel. In our writing and mark making, we have been drawing the Character, setting and an adventure idea from the story. Some children have written a secret code with letters or words to make something magical happen!



WE'RE CALLING FOR VOLUNTEERS TO SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL EVENTS! WHETHER YOU HAVE IDEAS TO SHARE, CAN SPARE AN HOUR PREPARING, OR CAN RUN A STALL, YOUR INVOLVEMENT BENEFITS OUR SCHOOL, DIRECTLY IMPACTING YOUR CHILD'S EXPERIENCE. EVERY CONTRIBUTION, BIG OR SMALL, MAKES A DIFFERENCE. GET IN TOUCH VIA EMAIL OR OUR SOCIALS

CONTACT US VIA
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 FACEBOOK - FRIENDS OF HOLDEN CLOUGH
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Odd Socks Day

To raise awareness of bullying, we are joining in with the Anti-Bullying Alliance's annual 'Odd Socks Day' on Monday 13th November. The children may come to school wearing odd socks and there will be anti-bullying themed activities throughout the day in classrooms. If you would like to make a donation to the Anti-Bullying Alliance, there is an option to do so on ParentPay.



Friday 17th November

On Friday 17th November we will be exploring the Hindu festival of Diwali, the festival of light. Children may come to school dressed in their Diwali/party clothes/non-uniform on this day. There will be an assembly for the children in the morning and lots of activities throughout the day based around Diwali.



As this day coincides with Children in Need, we are asking for a donation to be made via Parent pay. All money raised will be split equally between Children in Need and the Anti-bullying alliance.



Attendance

Please see below the winners for week commencing 30th October 2023

1st - 1/2GE 99.66%

2nd - 3LD 33.64%

3rd - 4GG 98.26%



Reporting Absence

If your child is absent from school please ensure you report their absence to the school office as soon as possible on the **first day and each day thereafter detailing the reason for their absence.**

There is a facility to report pupil absence via our switchboard 0161 330 5248.

Alternatively, you can send an email to

attendance@holdenclough.tameside.sch.uk.

Please do not use Class Dojo to report an absence.

Any unreported absences will be recorded as UNAUTHORISED until an acceptable reason for the absence is provided. We are only able to authorise 3 days leave due to illness without medical evidence.



Reception Class 2024

If your child will be 4 years old before 1st September 2024, you must apply for a Primary School place online through the Tameside Council website: www.tameside.gov.uk

The application facility is open from early November 2023 and the closing date for Primary School applications is 15th January 2024.

ANY application received after 15th January 2024 will be dealt with as a 'LATE' application and considered after those received on time.



Is Your Child Eligible for Free School Meals / Pupil Premium?

Did you know that School can claim additional funds from central Government for **every** child in **any** year group whose Parent/Carer is receiving one of the welfare benefits listed below?

- Universal Credit, provided they have an annual net earned income not exceeding £7,400 (£616.67 per month)
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guarantee element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit, provided they are not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190, as assessed by HMRC
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit

The additional funds are put towards valuable support like extra tuition, additional teaching and pupil welfare. If eligible, your child will also have the option of enjoying a Free School Meal every day.

So if you are in receipt of any of the benefits listed above we would be very grateful if you could complete the online form at www.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/sims-tameside and check your eligibility.

Mr Kordemir's VIP's

The following children have been chosen this week to have lunch with Mr Kordemir for displaying exemplary behaviour during breaks and lunchtimes, following the school rules, and for being kind and helpful to others:

Ivy 1DH
Haider 1/2GE
Maryam 2SP
Rayyan 3LD
Everett 3DL
Moksh 4GG
Lorcan 4ST
Liyana 5CH
Niobee 5NH
Rishik 6AH
Anaya 6JH



Term Dates 2023-2024

Holden Clough Primary 2023 - 2024 Term Dates

Autumn Term

Monday 4th September 2023
 Tuesday 5th September 2023
 Wednesday 6th September 2023
 Friday 20th October 2023
 Monday 30th October 2023
 Tuesday 19th December 2023

Training day 1 - school closed to students
 Training day 2 - school closed to students
 School opens to all students
 School closes for half term break
 School opens to all students
 School closes for Christmas break

Spring Term

Wednesday 3rd January 2024
 Friday 9th February 2024
 Monday 19th February 2024
 Thursday 28th March 2024

School opens to all students
 School closes for half term break
 School opens to all students
 School closes for Easter break

Summer Term

Monday 15th April 2024
 Thursday 2nd May 2024
 Monday 6th May 2024
 Friday 24th May 2024
 Monday 10th June 2024
 Friday 26th July 2024
 Monday 29th July 2024
 Tuesday 30th July 2024

School opens to all students
 Training day 3 - school closed to students
 May Day Bank Holiday – school closed
 School closes for half term break
 School opens to all students
 School closes for summer break
 Training day 4 - school closed to students
 Training day 5 - school closed to students

Training Day and Bank Holiday Summary

School is closed to students on the following dates:

Training day 1: Monday 4th September 2023
 Training day 2: Tuesday 5th September 2023
 Training day 3: Thursday 2nd May 2024
 Training day 4: Monday 29th July 2024
 Training day 5: Tuesday 30th July 2024

2023 - 2024 Holiday Summary

Holiday	First Day	Last Day
Autumn Half Term Holidays	Monday 23 rd October 2023	Friday 27 th October 2023
Christmas Holidays	Wednesday 20 th December 2023	Tuesday 2 nd January 2024
Spring Half Term Holidays	Monday 12 th February 2024	Friday 16 th February 2024
Easter Holidays	Monday 29 th March 2024	Friday 12 th April 2024
Summer Half Term Holidays	Monday 27 th May 2024	Friday 7 th June 2024

First day of the academic year 2024/2025 will be Monday 2 September 2024, pupils start Wednesday 4th September 2024.