



26th April 2024

# Holden Clough Newsletter

## Stars of the Week

Gracie-Rose & Safia	1DH
Atiya & Lily	1/2GE
Aisha & Lucas	2SP
Hashim & Sanika	3LD
Amber & Haider	3DL
Abiha & Ariba	4GG
Lorcan & Pagan	4ST
Keira & William	5CH
Josh & Tillie	5NH
Eissa & Noah	6AH
Cheyenne & Sean	6JH

## This week in 3LD



## Dates to remember

**02.05.24** - INSET Day  
School closed for children.

**06.05.24** - Early May Bank Holiday - School closed for everyone.

**08.05..24** - Year 3 trip to Manchester Museum.

**22.05.24** - Year 6 residential to London.

This week in 3LD we have been working hard to generate ideas for our own fairytales. Discussing and reading different fairytales we have watched and read and spotted common themes and storylines within them. On Thursday we had an 'ideas party' where everyone got the chance to start to think about and write down their initial ideas for their own fairytale.

This week in PE we were learning about cricket, focusing on throwing, and catching the ball using under and over arm techniques. It was lovely to see everyone working as a team in their pairs and supporting each other throughout. At the end of the lesson we used our throwing skills to practice aiming at the wickets and seeing who could hit them.

Well done 3LD!

# Mr Kordemir is retiring

Dear parents and carers

I am writing to let you know that I will be retiring as Headteacher of Holden Clough Primary School at the end of this academic year.



Having led Holden Clough for the last seven years, I am immensely proud of our school and extended local community. I have been privileged to work alongside a superb Leadership Team and wonderful staff. I have also been consistently very well supported by a dedicated and highly professional Governing Body and Victorious Academies Trust Team. I am immensely appreciative for the opportunity to have worked with such an amazing team, and I am proud of the accomplishments we have made together.

Parents, carers and our wider community have also provided consistent support for which I remain extremely grateful. Most importantly, I have enjoyed seeing a large number of pupils develop and progress during their time at Holden Clough. This is a unique privilege for any headteacher and one that has inspired and motivated me.

It is now approaching the right stage for me to move on to pastures new. In particular, I would like to spend more time with my partner and my extended family in Cyprus. Hopefully, they will feel the same way too.

It is important to note that I shall remain in post and be fully committed to Holden Clough until my retirement. I will ensure that everything runs smoothly including the transition to a new Headteacher.

The decision to announce my retirement to you (and my colleagues last week) is in keeping with my desire from 'day one' to always act with transparency, integrity and clarity. I believe that Holden Clough Primary is on a superb footing. Our foundations are very secure and we can look to the future with optimism and confidence.

Kind regards

Faik Kordemir  
Headteacher

## 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](mailto: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. Any child that has attendance below 90% will be required to provide evidence to prove their absence. This could be medication, appointment letter/text or photographic evidence.

## How many days does your child attend school?

There are **190** days in a school year which leave **175** days to spend on family time, shopping, appointments and other things



## Attendance

Please see below the winners for week commencing 15th April 2024

1st - Reception 98.67%

2nd - 1/2GE 98.00%

3rd - 6AH 96.00%



## Mr Kordemir's VIP's

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

Mikey 1DH

Jayden 1/2GE

Maya 2SP

Sanika 3LD

Ranayah 3DL

Lewis 4GG

Muhammed 4ST

Darcy 5CH

Josh 5NH

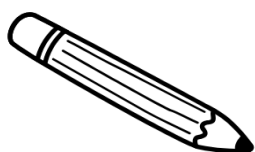
Ava-Lily 6AH

Ameya 6JH

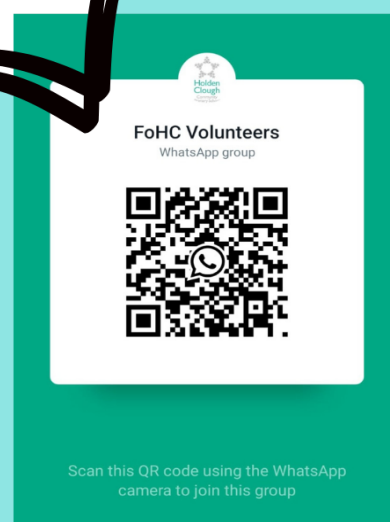




# PTA



**WE INVITE YOU TO JOIN THE FRIENDS OF HOLDEN CLOUGH WHATSAPP GROUP! THIS PLATFORM SERVES AS A SPACE FOR OUR COMMUNITY TO STAY CONNECTED AND INFORMED. THERE'S ABSOLUTELY NO PRESSURE TO ATTEND MEETINGS OR VOLUNTEER, BUT BEING PART OF THE GROUP ENSURES YOU'RE IN THE LOOP ABOUT UPCOMING EVENTS AND INITIATIVES. WHETHER YOU HAVE SUGGESTIONS, IDEAS, OR EVEN A BUSINESS CONNECTION THAT COULD BENEFIT THE GROUP, YOUR INPUT IS INVALUABLE. REST ASSURED, WE WON'T BOMBARD YOU WITH MESSAGES, BUT RATHER KEEP YOU INFORMED AND ENGAGED WITH WHAT'S HAPPENING AT HOLDEN CLOUGH. TO JOIN, SIMPLY SCAN THE QR CODE DISPLAYED USING WHATSAPP, AND YOU'LL BE INSTANTLY CONNECTED TO THE GROUP. JOIN US AND BE PART OF OUR SUPPORTIVE COMMUNITY!**



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**SUPPORT THE SCHOOL**

The PTA is vital to the success of the school. Funds raised enrich your child's learning and make every student's experience better. Be part of the group that pays for the playground your child loves or funds the library that's their favourite place to be.

2

**IT'S TOTALLY FLEXIBLE**

Whether you're a full-time parent or working the nine to five, anyone can get involved. It's less commitment than you think, and you don't always have to attend meetings. Small jobs such as designing a poster, distributing letters or running a stall keep everything running smoothly.

3

**MAKE LASTING FRIENDSHIPS**

Meet and chat to a wider circle of families from different classes and year groups. Get to know other parents, and bond over exciting events, socials and get-togethers. Find a place to belong and spend time with others who share your values.

4

**BE BETTER CONNECTED**

Create closer links with the head, teachers and staff. If you're new to the school, the PTA is an excellent way to find out how things work and become part of the community. If not, you'll still gain greater insight by seeing how things work from both sides.

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**BECAUSE IT'S FUN!**

Be part of the team which organises the best events and get-togethers. Debrief over a glass of wine (or two). Suggest your most hare-brained idea and watch as it catches on and everyone wants a piece of the action. Laugh. Cry. Be there for each other.

6

**CHANGE SCHOOL FOR THE BETTER**

Have your say on important decisions. Work with the school and other parents to see where improvements can be made, and implement them. Directly influence the experience of your child and hundreds of others.

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**LEARN NEW SKILLS**

Everyone has something they can bring to the PTA, but you can also learn new skills by trading with others. Always wanted to perfect that cookie recipe? Not sure how to design a poster? Want to hone your public speaking skills? You can do it with the support of the committee.

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**IMPROVE YOUR CHILD'S LEARNING**

Studies show that children whose parents are involved in their education do better in school. Engaging with the PTA shows your children's education is important to you. Play your part in improving the school and watch them

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**IT'S NOT JUST FOR MUMS**

Everyone is welcome, and it's especially important to have dads and male carers represented, as male role models are crucial in children's upbringing. Dads can bring different skills; they can bring a different perspective, and they can bring along other dads.

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**CREATE LASTING MEMORIES**

Our children are only at school for a few years, but they will remember the difference we make for a lifetime. They will cherish the activities and games we fund, learn using resources we buy, and remember the events we hold. Help keep the PTA going so future pupils can benefit too.

**PTA<sup>+</sup>**  
The home of school fundraising

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## REASONS TO JOIN THE PTA

# Term Dates 2023-2024

## Holden Clough Primary 2023 - 2024 Term Dates

### Autumn Term

Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> September 2023	Training day 1 - school closed to students
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> September 2023	Training day 2 - school closed to students
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> September 2023	School opens to all students
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> October 2023	School closes for half term break
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> October 2023	School opens to all students
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December 2023	School closes for Christmas break

### Spring Term

Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January 2024	School opens to all students
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> February 2024	School closes for half term break
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> February 2024	School opens to all students
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March 2024	School closes for Easter break

### Summer Term

Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> April 2024	School opens to all students
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May 2024	Training day 3 - school closed to students
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> May 2024	May Day Bank Holiday – school closed
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May 2024	School closes for half term break
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> June 2024	School opens to all students
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> July 2024	School closes for summer break
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> July 2024	Training day 4 - school closed to students
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> July 2024	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 4<sup>th</sup> September 2023
- Training day 2: Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2023
- Training day 3: Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2024
- Training day 4: Monday 29<sup>th</sup> July 2024
- Training day 5: Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> July 2024

### 2023 - 2024 Holiday Summary

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

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



# Term Dates 2024-2025



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## Term and Holiday Dates for Academic Year 2024/2025 Tameside Academies

Term / Holiday		First Day	Last Day	No of Days
Autumn Term 1	INSET DAYS Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> and Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September 2024 - Children not in school	Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> September 2024	Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> October 2024	38
Autumn Half Term Holiday		Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> October 2024	Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> November 2024	
Autumn Term 2		Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> November 2024	Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December 2024	35
Christmas Holiday		Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> December 2024	Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January 2025	
Spring Term 1	INSET DAY Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> January 2025 Children not in school	Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> January 2025	Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> February 2025	29
Spring Half term Holiday		Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> February 2025	Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> February 2025	
Spring Term 2		Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> February 2025	Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> April 2025	30
Easter Holiday		Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> April 2025	Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> April 2025	
Summer Term 1	BANK HOLIDAY Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> May 2025 Children not in school	Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April 2025	Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May 2025	23
Summer Half Term Holiday		Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> May 2025	Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> June 2025	
Summer Term 2	INSET DAYS Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup> July 2025 Children not in school	Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> June 2025	Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> July 2025	35
<b>Total Days</b>				<b>190</b>

**Pupils are required to be in school for 190 days per academic year.**

*Proposed first day of the academic year 2025/2026 will be Monday 1st September 2025, proposed pupil start date Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2025.*