



25th October 2024

# Holden Clough Newsletter

## Platinum Stars

Eesa & Lucy	1DH
Hashim & Willow	2CQ
Oscar & Sumayyah	2/3DL
Lucas & Maryam	3GG
Aadam & Josie	4GE
Fatimah & Inaya	4ST
Christopher & Iris	5CH
Mariyah & Veer	5NH
Jenson & Zidane	6AH
Idrees & Zahra	6JH

## This week in Reception

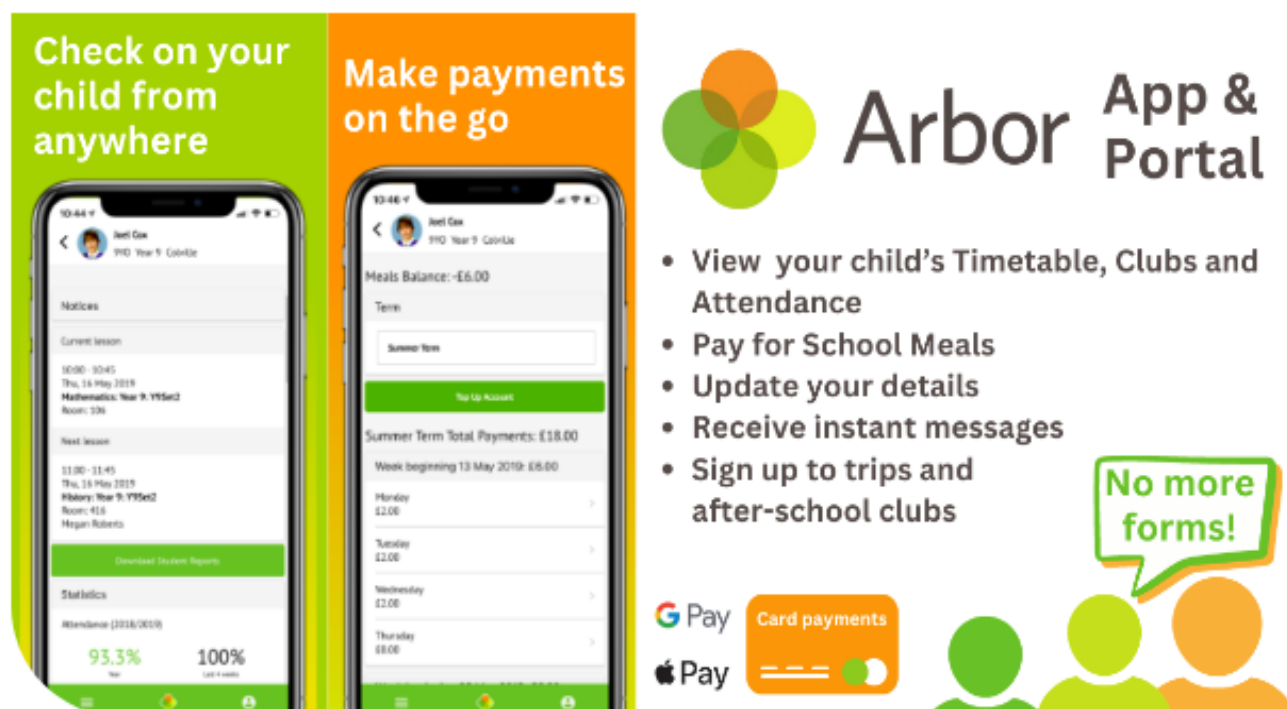


## Dates to remember

- 25.10.24 - School closes for half term.
- 04.11.24 - School opens for Autumn Term 2.
- 06.11.23 - Flu vaccinations.
- 11.11.24 - Armistice Evening

We have had a busy fun-packed few weeks in Reception. Our core book this week has been Room on the Broom. In Literacy, we've created our own ideas for capturing the dragon from the story; and this morning, we've found the dragon stuck in a net in our classroom! Pumpkins have inspired some lovely art work. We've also opened a sensory mud kitchen cafe, making pumpkin spiced and cinnamon 'muddy drinks'. In our Maths, we've been looking at capacity and repeating patterns.

## Coming soon ..... Arbor Parent Portal and App



The graphic features two smartphone screens on the left. The first screen, titled 'Check on your child from anywhere', shows a timetable for 'Neil Doe' (Year 9, Cobble) with lessons for Mathematics and History. The second screen, titled 'Make payments on the go', shows a 'Meals Balance' of -£6.00 and a 'Summer Term Total Payments' of £18.00. To the right is the Arbor logo (three overlapping circles) and the text 'Arbor App & Portal'. Below this is a list of features: viewing timetables, clubs, and attendance; paying for school meals; updating details; receiving instant messages; and signing up for trips and clubs. A speech bubble says 'No more forms!'. At the bottom right are icons for Google Pay and Apple Pay, and a 'Card payments' toggle switch.

**Check on your child from anywhere**

**Make payments on the go**

**Arbor App & Portal**

- View your child's Timetable, Clubs and Attendance
- Pay for School Meals
- Update your details
- Receive instant messages
- Sign up to trips and after-school clubs

**No more forms!**

Google Pay Card payments Apple Pay

Within the Arbor App (or Parent Portal), you will be able to view:

- Student Profile (personal data about your child including your contact details)
- School Calendar
- Student Attendance (including day-to-day attendance and summary-over-time)
- Messages and Notices from school
- School Payments

Within the Arbor App and Parent Portal, you will be able to:

- Update your contact details, parental consents and your child's details
- Give consent (for trips, clubs, and other needs)
- Sign up your child to any of the extra-curricular clubs
- Pay for school meals, trips and other items with Arbor Payments via card payments, Apple Pay or Google Pay.

The Arbor Parent Portal and App will eventually replace ParentPay and School Spider.

If you would like to be able to use the Arbor App, please ensure that we have an up-to-date email address.

## Half Term Activities by Tameside Cultural Service

IN TAMESIDE



### **Make, Do & Play art activity: Halloween masks**

In this family friendly workshop, children will be shown how to make a spooky Halloween mask.

Suitable for all ages, children must be supervised at all times. The activity costs £1.35 per child - please buy your ticket at the museum reception desk. Please note you may have to wait for a space at the craft table during busy times.

**Dates & Times:** Tuesday 29 October. 11am - 3pm - drop in, no need to book. **Address:** Portland Basin Museum, Portland Place, Ashton-under-Lyne, OL7 0QA

### **Magnificent Mushrooms: Family Workshop**

Join us at Portland Basin with Myco (Manchester Mushroom Co-op) for a day of magnificent mushrooms to learn how to create and cultivating your own mini Oyster mushroom bucket, with soil covered hands you'll get to take it away so you can grow your own mushrooms at home.



**On the day:** Sign up when you arrive as these are timed and space limited workshops throughout the day. Workshops run from 11:30am to 3pm.

**Dates & Times:** Wednesday 30 October 2024. 11:30am - 3pm **Address:** Portland Basin Museum, Portland Place, Ashton-under-Lyne, OL7 0QA

### **Make a Beastly Boggart**

Get ready for some Halloween fun and discover the mischievous world of Boggarts—the spooky sprites said to cause all sorts of mayhem in Tameside! Join us to create your very own pom-pom Boggart and dream up their mischievous backstory, complete with the magical spells needed to banish them. Fancy dress is optional, but always encouraged! Refreshments will be provided, so come along for a spooktacular time.



**Dates & Times:** Wednesday the 30 October. 2:30pm- 4pm. **Address:** Tameside Local Studies and Archives, Cotton Street East, Ashton-Under-Lyne, OL6 7B

### **Make, Do & Play art activity: Foil art**

In this family friendly workshop, children will be shown how to make arty things from foil art. There will be templates to help them create their chosen designs, including inspiration from Mexican festival 'Day of the Dead'. Suitable for all ages, children must be supervised at all times. The activity costs £1.35 per child - please buy your ticket at the museum reception desk. Please note you may have to wait for a space at the craft table during busy times.



**Dates & Times:** Thursday 31 October. 11am - 3pm - drop in, no need to book. **Address:** Portland Basin Museum, Portland Place, Ashton-under-Lyne, OL7 0QA

## Trans Pennine Trail Activity Pack



Download it at:

<https://www.transpenninetrail.org.uk/welcome-to-our-childrens-page/>

or to request a printed copy, send your address to:

[info@transpenninetrail.org.uk](mailto:info@transpenninetrail.org.uk)

# TAMESIDE LIBRARIES



## HAPPY Diwali

To celebrate Diwali we are having a week of drop-in crafts  
and colouring during staffed hours

**Monday the 28th Oct -  
Saturday 2nd Nov at all  
Tameside Libraries**

[information.direct@tameside.gov.uk](mailto:information.direct@tameside.gov.uk) | 0161342 4000

# Holidays in Term Time

## ATTENDANCE

## WHAT THE NEW RULES MEAN FOR ME

# 1

**I'm a single parent of one child and we want to go on holiday for a week.**

Your holiday will not be authorised and you must talk to the school before you book anything. Because your child will miss 5 school days you will be given a penalty notice fine. The fine is £160 but if you pay it in 21 days it will be reduced to £80.

# £160



# 2

**FOR EVERY CHILD A PENALTY IS GIVEN.**



+ £160 + £160 + £160 + £160

**4 children & 1 parent = £640**

Reduced to £320 if paid in 21 days

## IRREGULAR ATTENDANCE

# 10 IN 10

# 5

If your child is absent for 10 or more sessions in 10 weeks and their absences are unauthorised. The school will consider prosecution.

**1 Day = 2 Sessions**

# 3

## FOR A FAMILY OF TWO PARENTS



+ £160 + £160 + £160 + £160

**4 children & 2 parents = £1280**

Reduced to £640 if paid in 21 days

**If in any period of not more than 3 years, your child has a 2nd and 3rd leave of absence or pattern of irregular attendance...**

# 4

### 2ND TIME

2 parents and  
1 child = £320  
2 children = 640  
3 children = 960  
4 children = 1280

**No discount for early payment**



### 3RD TIME

A penalty notice fine will not be given. Instead, your case will be taken to court.  
A magistrate can fine each parent £2500 for each child  
**1 parent & 4 children = £10,000**  
**2 parents & 4 children = £20,000**

## 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.



## Attendance

Please see below the winners for week commencing 16th September 2024

1st - 4ST 99.31%

2nd - 5NH 98.85%

3rd - 6JH 97.78%





**KEEP  
CALM  
AND  
ENJOY  
HALF TERM**



# 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 1<sup>st</sup> September 2025, proposed pupil start date Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2025.