



28th March 2025

Holden Clough Newsletter

This week in 6AH

Stars of the Week

Georgia & Hugo	1DH
Coco & Pallavi	2CQ
Christian & Zahra	2/3DL
Ismail & Layla	3GG
Heidi & Sanika	4GE
Meriam & Charlie	4ST
Amarah & Rameen	5CH
Amalee & Charlotte	5NH
Daniyal & James	6AH
Darcy & Evie	6JH

Dates to remember

- 30.03.25 - Daylight saving starts
- 02.04.25 - Class photographs
- 04.04.25 - Easter & Eid Celebration day (non-uniform)
- 04.04.25 - School closes for Easter Holidays
- 22.04.25 - School opens for Summer Term 1.



6AH had an amazing time during their visit to the Avro museum. They explored the cockpits of several planes and had the opportunity to ask numerous questions to deepen their knowledge about them.

Eid-Ul-Fitr and Easter Celebration Days

This year our Eid-Ul-Fitr and Easter Celebration days will be held during the final week of term.

Throughout the week, the children will take part in a range of activities where they will learn about the importance of each festival, and the traditions linked to each one.

The week will culminate on Friday 4th April with a special celebration day where the children can come to school in non- uniform and share how they celebrate special times.

Please let your child's teacher know if you can offer any support, information, or artefacts to help bring this learning to life.

Many thanks as always for your support.





Decorated Easter Egg Competition

To celebrate Easter this year we are running a Decorated Easter egg competition. The competition is open to all classes from Nursery to Year 6.

If your child would like to take part please ensure the eggs are hard boiled and entries are brought into school on **Tuesday 1st April** ready for judging on **Wednesday 2nd April**

We've had amazing entries in the past and I'm sure we won't be disappointed this year and there will be prizes awarded to a winner from each Year group.

All entries need to be picked up by Thursday 3rd April

Thank you for your support



Class Photographs

On Wednesday 2nd April, each class will be having their group photograph taken.

Please ensure your child is wearing their correct full uniform and of course, their best smile.

SAY CHEESE!



Mr Porters VIP's

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

1DH Jack
 2CQ Brooke
 2/3DL Maryam
 3GG Mahnoor
 4GE Aadam
 4ST Eman & Manal
 5CH Hadia
 5NH Harrison
 6AH Darcie
 6JH Idrees





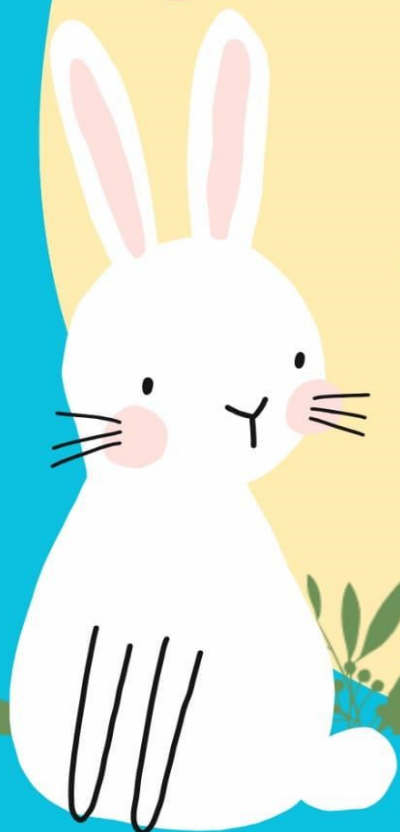
PLEASE SUPPORT OUR

EASTER NAME THE BUNNY

**50P PER ENTRY WITH
A LOVELY, CUDDLY
BUNNY TO BE WON!**

Tickets will be available to buy in school from the 31st march - 3rd April. Please send children in with the correct change. The winner will be drawn on the 4th April and notified in school.

Good luck!



School Meals - Summer Menu



It's that time of year when we update our menu. Our current menu will end on Friday, April 4th, and the new menu will start when we return from the Easter holidays on Tuesday, April 22nd.

The new menu is already available in Arbor, and we would greatly appreciate it if you could select your child's meals or log their packed lunches in the Arbor App in readiness for the Summer Term.

Holden Clough Primary School – Summer 2025

Week 1

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Pork sausage	Chicken Balti and rice	Roast chicken	Beef spaghetti bolognese	Fish fingers
Halal chicken sausage	Halal chicken Balti and rice	Halal roast chicken	Halal beef spaghetti bolognese	
Margherita pizza with garlic bread - V	Tomato pasta bake - V	Vegan sausage - V	Cheddar cheese quiche - V	Quorn nuggets - V
Tuna wrap	Pizza wrap	Cheese bap	Ham roll	Egg muffin
Jacket potato with choice of filling	Jacket potato with choice of filling	Jacket potato with choice of filling	Jacket potato with choice of filling	Jacket potato with choice of filling

Week 2

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Ham pizza	Beef meatballs, tomato sauce & garlic bread	Roast turkey	Chicken tikka curry and rice	Fish cakes
	Halal beef meatballs, tomato sauce & garlic bread	Halal roast chicken	Halal chicken tikka curry and rice	
Margherita pizza - V	Cheese and tomato pasta - V	Quorn fillet - V	Cheese whirl - V	Veggie nuggets - V
Tuna mayo wrap	Ham bap	Cheese bap	Egg mayo roll	Pizza wrap
Jacket potato with choice of filling	Jacket potato with choice of filling	Jacket potato with choice of filling	Jacket potato with choice of filling	Jacket potato with choice of filling

Week 3

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Cheeseburger in a bap	All day breakfast – pork sausage	Roast beef and Yorkshire pudding	Homemade breaded chicken	Fish fingers
Halal cheeseburger in a bap		Halal roast chicken and Yorkshire pudding	Halal homemade breaded chicken	
Vegan burger - V	All day breakfast – vegan sausage - V	Mediterranean pasta bake - V	Cheese whirl - V	Vegan sausage roll - V
Ham baguette	Pizza wrap	Cheese bap	Tuna mayo roll	Egg mayo roll
Jacket potato with choice of filling	Jacket potato with choice of filling	Jacket potato with choice of filling	Jacket potato with choice of filling	Jacket potato with choice of filling

ATTENDANCE

WITH EFFECT FROM 19 AUGUST 2024

WHAT THE NEW RULES MEAN FOR ME

Holden Clough Primary School

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.

1

£160



FOR EVERY CHILD A PENALTY IS GIVEN

2



+£160



+£160



+£160



+£160

4 children & 1 parent = £640

Reduced to £320 if paid in 21 days

3

IRREGULAR ATTENDANCE

10 IN 10

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

FOR A FAMILY OF TWO PARENTS

4

4 children & 2 parents = £1280



+£160



+£160



+£160



+£160



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...

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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.

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

Understanding Types of Absence

The school day consists of 2 sessions AM and PM. Every absence from school has to be classified by the school (not by parents), as either **AUTHORISED** or **UNAUTHORISED**. This is why detailed information about the cause of any absence is required.

Authorised absences are mornings or afternoons away from school for a good reason such as illness, medical/dental appointments which **unavoidably** fall in school time, emergencies or other unavoidable causes. Wherever possible please provide appointments cards/letters, copies of prescriptions etc. Children are often able to come into school when they are on medication. Please see our **Managing Medicines Policy**.

SICKNESS: please do not be offended if the amount of time your child is absent from school due to illness is challenged. If absence due to illness exceeds 3 days, it will not be authorised without evidence being provided.

Unauthorised absences are those which the school does not consider reasonable and for which no 'leave' has been granted. This can lead to the Local Authority using sanctions and / or legal proceedings. The following are NOT acceptable reasons for absence:

- Parents/Carers keeping children off school unnecessarily, which includes birthdays, holidays, shopping, days out or looking after other children
- Any other absences in term time which have not been authorised by the Headteacher
- Absences which have never been properly explained.

All unreported absence will be recorded as unauthorised unless an explanation can be provided which is satisfactory to the Headteacher.

Any unreported absence is a cause for concern. In the event that we are unable to make contact with you, we may visit your home address in accordance with our safeguarding procedures.

Also, if we have reason to believe that your family have gone on holiday without informing the school, we are obliged to check the attendance of siblings in other schools and again visit your home address.



Reporting Absence

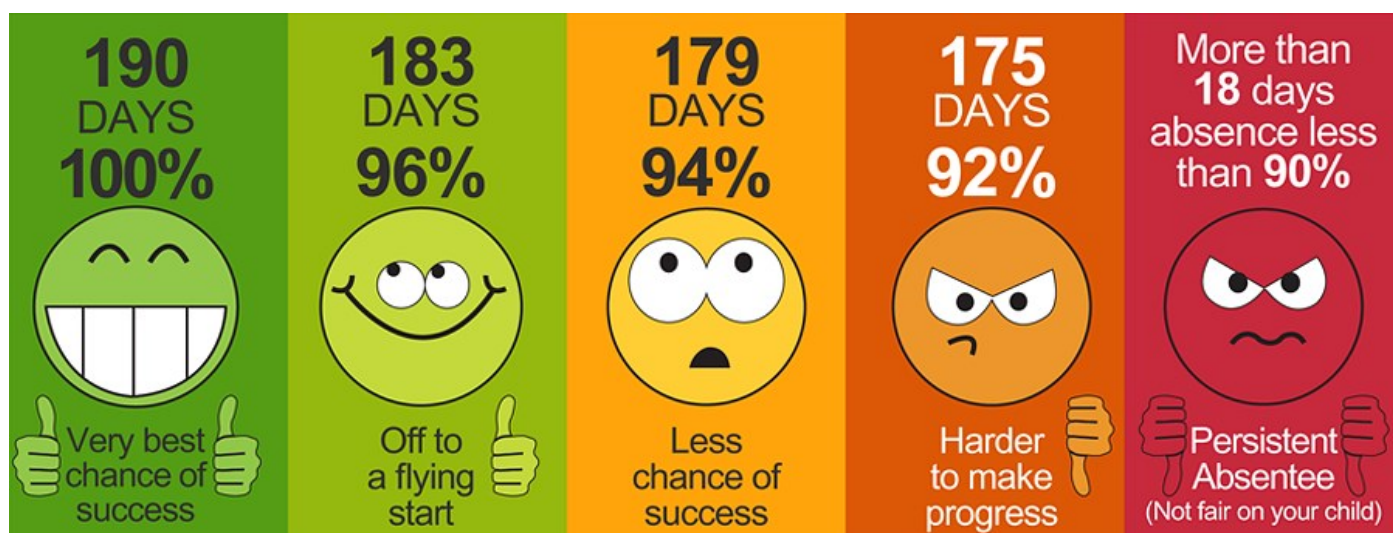
If your child is absent from school please ensure you report their absence to the school office as soon as possible on the **first day and each day thereafter detailing the reason for their absence.**

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

Alternatively, you can send an email to attendance@holdenclough.victoriousmat.org

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 17th March 2025

1st - 5NH 100%

2nd - 2/3DL 99.33%

3rd - 6JH 99.2%



Term Dates 2024-2025



230424 - V1

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 nd and Tuesday 3 rd September 2024 - Children not in school	Wednesday 4 th September 2024	Friday 25 th October 2024	38
Autumn Half Term Holiday		Monday 28 th October 2024	Friday 1 st November 2024	
Autumn Term 2		Monday 4 th November 2024	Friday 20 th December 2024	35
Christmas Holiday		Monday 23 rd December 2024	Friday 3 rd January 2025	
Spring Term 1	INSET DAY Monday 6 th January 2025 Children not in school	Tuesday 7 th January 2025	Friday 14 th February 2025	29
Spring Half term Holiday		Monday 17 th February 2025	Friday 21 st February 2025	
Spring Term 2		Monday 24 th February 2025	Friday 4 th April 2025	30
Easter Holiday		Monday 7 th April 2025	Monday 21 st April 2025	
Summer Term 1	BANK HOLIDAY Monday 5 th May 2025 Children not in school	Tuesday 22 nd April 2025	Friday 23 rd May 2025	23
Summer Half Term Holiday		Monday 26 th May 2025	Friday 6 th June 2025	
Summer Term 2	INSET DAYS Monday 28 th and Tuesday 29 th July 2025 Children not in school	Monday 9 th June 2025	Friday 25 th July 2025	35
Total Days				190

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 3rd September 2025.

Term Dates 2025-2026



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Term and Holiday Dates for Academic Year 2025/2026 Tameside Academies

Term / Holiday		First Day	Last Day	No of Days
Autumn Term 1	INSET DAYS Tuesday 2 nd and Wednesday 3 rd September 2025 - Children not in school	Thursday 4 th September 2025	Friday 24 th October 2025	37
Autumn Half Term Holiday		Monday 27 th October 2025	Friday 31 st October 2025	
Autumn Term 2		Monday 3 rd November 2025	Friday 19 th December 2025	35
Christmas Holiday		Monday 22 nd December 2025	Friday 2 nd January 2026	
Spring Term 1	INSET DAY Monday 5 th January 2026 Children not in school	Tuesday 6 th January 2026	Friday 13 th February 2026	29
Spring Half term Holiday		Monday 16 th February 2026	Friday 20 th February 2026	
Spring Term 2		Monday 23 rd February 2026	Friday 27 th March 2026	25
Easter Holiday		Monday 30 th March 2026	Friday 10 th April 2026	
Summer Term 1	BANK HOLIDAY Monday 4 th May 2026 Children not in school	Monday 13 th April 2026	Friday 22 nd May 2026	29
Summer Half Term Holiday		Monday 25 th May 2026	Friday 5 th June 2026	
Summer Term 2	INSET DAYS Monday 27 th and Tuesday 28 th July 2026 Children not in school	Monday 8 th June 2026	Friday 24 th July 2026	35
Total Days				190

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

Proposed first day of the academic year 2026/2027 will be Tuesday 1st September 2026, proposed pupil start date Thursday 3rd September 2026.