

Welcome to Reception



September 2024

Our vision: 'Life in All its Fullness' (John 10.10) and our Christian Values are the foundations to affect change from within the heart of the community.

Children are encouraged to develop strong aspirations *educationally, socially, morally* and *spiritually* with a desire to make a positive difference in the world.

Our Values

<p>Tolerance</p>  <p>My command is this: love each other as I have loved you. John 15:12</p>	<p>Thankfulness</p> <p>In everything give thanks. 1 Thessalonians 5:18</p> 	<p>Respect</p>  <p>Be kindly affectioned to one another with brotherly love. Romans 12:10</p>
<p>Patience</p> <p>Whoever is patient has great understanding. Proverbs 14:29</p> 	<p>Kindness</p> <p>Love is patient and kind. 1 Corinthians 13:4</p> 	<p>Joy</p> <p>You will go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and hills will burst into song before you, and all the trees of the field will clap their hands. Isaiah 55:12</p> 
<p>Hope</p> <p>But as for me I will always have hope. Psalm 71:14</p> 	<p>Honesty</p>  <p>Do that which is honest. 2 Corinthians 13:7</p>	<p>Gentleness</p> <p>Let your gentleness be evident to all. Philippians 4:5</p> 
<p>Friendship</p> <p>A friend loves at all times. Proverbs 17:17</p> 	<p>Forgiveness</p> <p>Be kind to each other, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, just as God through Christ has forgiven you. Ephesians 4:32</p> 	<p>Love</p> <p>Let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth. 1 John 3:18</p> 



Life in all its Fullness



Holly Hill Church School

Please God,
Help us to do all the good we can,
In all the ways we can,
In all the places we can,
To all the people we can,
As long as ever we can.
Amen

To learn, your child needs to be in school and on time.



Holly Hill Church School

Value your child's education and enable them to be the best that they can be.

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Our Activities :

- ▶ Indoor & Outdoor Play
- ▶ Bingo
- ▶ Board Games
- ▶ Arts & Crafts
- ▶ Games Consoles
- ▶ Football, Basketball
- ▶ Much More

Our Objective :

To create a welcoming, fun and interactive club for children that enables them to engage with other pupils in a safe and secure environment.

Breakfast Club

- Open from 7.30 am
- Breakfast Available
- £3.50 Per day

After School Club

- Afternoon snack Available
- Open until 5.30 pm
- £8 Per day



FOR MORE INFO

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Welcome

Welcome back to this new academic year. We are very excited for the new learning that will take place throughout this new year and we shall continue to show 'Life in all its Fullness.'

We have provided some key information for you in this booklet so that both you and your child can be ready for the new term ahead.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us.

We are looking forward to seeing you soon.

Contact with Staff

During drop offs and collections, it will not be possible to talk at length to your child's teacher on the door as this time can be very busy.

If you need to speak to an adult in school, please do so via telephone: 0121 675 8700 or you can email your child's class teacher directly.

Miss Gilligan Cedar Class: cedar@hollyhill.bham.sch.uk

Mrs Carey/Miss Mason, Willow Class: willow@hollyhill.bham.sch.uk

If you need to speak to the office staff, we will operate a one-in-one-out system in the office reception area at the front of school.

Start and End of day

	Arrival time	Collection time
Nursery	8.30—8.40	3:00
Reception	8:30-8.40	3:10
Year One and Year Two	8:30-8.40	3:10

At the start of the day, children are to arrive at their classroom door by 8.40am where they will be greeted by their classroom teacher.

On arrival, the children will be offered breakfast items such as toast before learning commences.

At the end of the day, doors will open at 3.10pm for you to collect your child from their classroom.

Please stand well clear of the exit doors and wait for your child to come out to you.

If children arrive, or are collected late, parents must report to the school office.

It is important that your child is in school each and everyday. It is also important that your child is on time for school as this allows your child to access all teaching and learning opportunities. Holly Hill is fortunate to have wonderful and skilled teaching staff who work very hard to do the best for all of our children. Please value and respect what we do and be part of providing your child with 'Life in all its Fullness.'



Don't forget to regularly visit the school website. Here you will find information about school as well as weekly up dates from each class.

<https://www.hollyhill.bham.sch.uk/>

Scan the QR code for quick access to the website.



Dates to remember

Term Dates

Autumn 2024	Spring 2025	Summer 2025
Wednesday, 4th September 2024	Monday 6th January 2025	Monday 28th April 2025
to	to	to
Friday 25th October 2024	Friday 14th February 2025	Friday 23rd May 2025
Half term Monday 28th October 2024 to Friday 1st November 2024	Half term Monday 17th February 2025 to Friday 21st February 2025	Half term Monday 26th May 2025 to Friday 30th May 2025
Monday 4th November 2024	Monday 24th February 2025	Tuesday, 3rd June 2025
to	to	to
Friday 20th December 2024	Friday 11th April 2025	Friday, 18th July 2025

Teacher Training Days – School closed to children.

Monday, 2nd June 2025
Monday, 21st July 2025
Plus one additional date to be decided

Learning in Reception

We are all amazing!

Reception, Autumn 1

What do I already know?

- I am part of a family.
- I know my name.
- I know who lives with me.
- Who is important to me.
- What my favourite things are.
- I know when I am happy.
- I know when I am sad.

My Journey

- To talk about ourselves and my family.
- To know where I live.
- To understand how to be a good friend.
- To learn and share the hello and goodbye song.
- To talk about my feelings.
- To find out about Harvest.
- To understand the importance of sharing.
- To know that I am part of a bigger family and community.
- To know that our school is a Church school.
- To create my own self portrait.
- To create my home using a variety of materials.

Big Questions

What makes me amazing?

What makes me special?

Am I good friend?

What makes a good friend?

Religious Education

To understand that our school is a Church school.

To find out about Harvest.



Key Vocabulary

Sharing, friend, she, he, family, honesty, patience, joy, forgiveness, tolerance, thankfulness, respect, kindness, friendship, gentleness, love, hope, school, name, favourite, please, thank you, yes, no, hello, Christian, Christianity, portrait.

Focus Books

So Much

Hello Friend!

My Very Own Space

Topic Books

Traditional Tales



honesty patience joy forgiveness tolerance thankfulness respect kindness friendship gentleness love hope

Uniform

Throughout the school year, **all** children will be expected to wear **full** uniform.
Our school uniform consists of:



PURPLE: purple and white check dresses, polo shirts, sweatshirts/sweat cardigans with official logo

WHITE: shirts, blouses, polo shirts, socks, tights

GREY: skirts, pinafore dresses, trousers, shorts, socks, tights

BLACK: shoes

Children need to wear the appropriate clothing for PE. This is:

A plain white T-shirt

Plain black shorts (not Bermuda shorts)

Black pumps/ trainers

You may also send joggers and a sweatshirt for outdoor PE when the weather gets cooler.

Could you please also ensure that **all** uniform items (including coats and P.E. kits) are labelled (as there are 232 children in school with the same clothes) This makes it a lot easier for us to return them to you if they go astray.

During PE days, can you please ensure that earrings and jewellery are removed to ensure the safety of your child.

Reading

Reading is at the heart of everything we do here at Holly Hill and we want to help create a world where everyone is reading their way to a better life.

Research shows that reading for pleasure can:

- Promote better health and wellbeing.
- Help build social connections and relationships with others.
- Help children access other areas in their learning.
- Create more possibilities for future lives and achievements.

*Reading **every day** has a huge impact on your child's ability to read well. Please ensure that you spend a few minutes each day listening to your child and helping them to read. Asking questions and discussing images and what has been read can be extremely beneficial in the progression of your child's reading.*



All children should have a book bag. Please make sure that your child's **book and book bag is in school everyday.**

Sending home regular letters is one of the many ways we communicate with you, so please make sure you check it daily.

Life in Reception...

The Reception Team

- Miss Sharif—EYFS Leader
- Mrs Carey/Miss Mason—Willow Class Teacher
- Mrs Blaber—Willow Class Teaching Assistant
- Miss Gilligan—Cedar Class Teacher
- Mrs Hood—Cedar Class Teaching Assistant

PE

is on Wednesdays

Please ensure that children have their full PE kit in school. As the weather gets cooler, you may want to send joggers and a sweatshirt for your child to wear during outdoor PE lessons.

Homework

In addition to **daily** reading, your child will be given a set of sounds and words to learn. Regular practice will give your child the best start in their reading journey so please take a few minutes each day to help them with this.