OCTOBER 2025

HOLLYBANK NEWS

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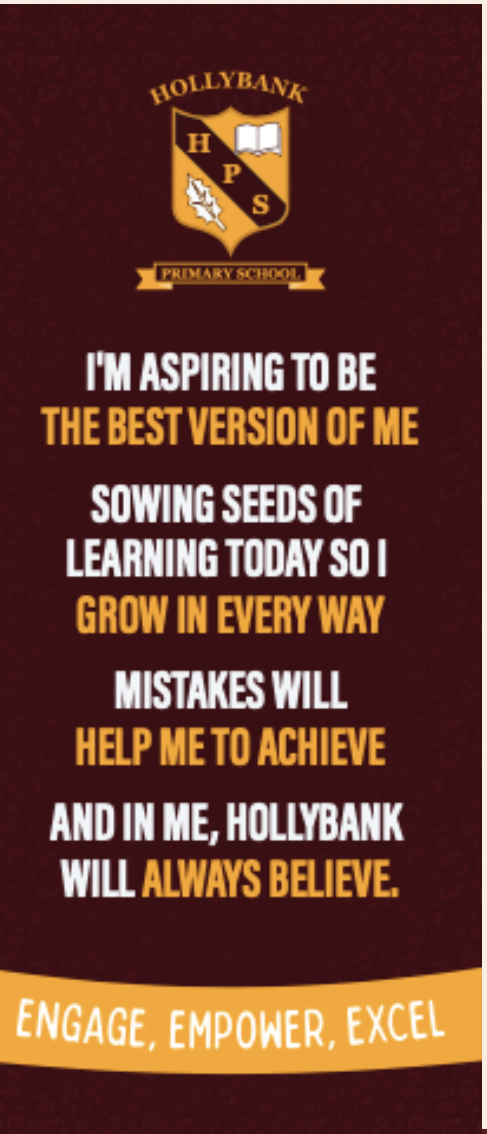
OCTOBER ATTENDANCE

WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE FOR THIS MONTH IS 92%

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR BLUE TICKET WINNERS THIS MONTH!

Strive for 95%!



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

SCHOOL RETURNS ON:
MONDAY 3RD NOVEMBER 2025.

CHRISTMAS SHOW DATES:
THURSDAY 11TH DEC 2025 &
FRIDAY 12TH DECEMBER 2025

SCHOOL CINEMA TRIP:
TUESDAY 16TH DECEMBER 2025

DEAR HOLLYBANK SCHOOL COMMUNITY,

Dear Hollybank Primary School Community,

What a busy half term we've had! We've been introducing several exciting new learning initiatives that are already showing promising results. Our new approaches to phonics with Read Write Inc, alongside Winning with Numbers and White Rose Maths, are making a real difference. I want to extend my sincere thanks to our parents for their patience as we've implemented new homework routines. In just a short time, we're already seeing significant progress in our pupils' learning.

We've been fortunate to receive a generous donation of £205.00 from Abbey Royal Arch, which has allowed us to purchase headphones for our existing Chromebooks. This support helps enhance our pupils' learning experience and access to technology.

Our recent parent-teacher consultations were a great success. This was our first year trialling online booking, and we're pleased with the outcome. We saw an impressive attendance rate that demonstrates the strong partnership between our school and our families.

I have some bittersweet news to share. Mrs Brier is retiring after dedicating over ten years to Hollybank Preschool. Her commitment has been remarkable, and countless pupils have benefited from her capable hands. We wish her all the best for the future and thank her for her incredible service to our school community.

Our recent Dress Fancy or Fancy Dress day was a fantastic event, raising funds towards new laptops for our pupils. Your support continues to make a real difference in our school.

Looking ahead, we'll be taking our half-term break from 27th October to Friday 31st October 2025. We look forward to welcoming everyone back on 3rd November 2025 at our normal times.

LYNSEY BRETT Principal

IF YOU HAVE CHANGED YOUR TELEPHONE NUMBER RECENTLY, PLEASE REMEMBER TO NOTIFY THE SCHOOL OFFICE, IN CASE WE NEED TO CONTACT YOU IN AN EMEREGENCY.

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SCHOOL TELEPHONE LINE IS MONITORED 8:45AM - 3:00PM

CHRISTMAS SHOWS

THURSDAY 11TH DECEMBER 2025

10AM: P1-P3 WILL PERFORM FOR THE P1 AND JUNIOR HIVE PARENTS.

1:30PM: P4-P7 WILL PERFORM FOR THE P4, P5 & HIVE PARENTS.

FRIDAY 12TH DECEMBER 2025

10AM: P1-P3 WILL PERFORM FOR THE P2 AND P3 PARENTS.

1:30PM: P4-P7 WILL PERFORM FOR THE P6 &P7 PARENTS.

TICKETS COST £2.50 AND WILL BE AVAILABLE ON EDUSPOT AFTER HALF TERM. IF YOU HAVE CHILDREN IN MULTIPLE CLASSES, YOU NEED ONLY PURCHASE A TICKET FOR THE DESIRED DATE YOU WISH TO ATTEND.

WE WILL BE SELLING PHOTOGRAPHIC GIFTS AT EACH EVENT, WHICH WILL MAKE A GREAT CHRISTMAS GIFT, AT £5.00 EACH.

UNIFORM

Please send your child to school in full school uniform:

Black shoes or trainers
PE kit or
Grey skirt or grey trousers
Burgundy, grey or white polo shirt
School zipped sweatshirt
Warm coat

PLEASE NOTE CROCS AND UGGS ARE NOT SUITABLE FOOTWEAR FOR SCHOOL, AND WEARING THESE WILL PREVENT YOUR CHILD FROM ACCESSING THE FULL CURRICULUM, DUE TO SAFETY REASONS.

P1-P7 MORNING DROP OFFS

We are always looking for ways to help our children grow in confidence and independence. One simple but meaningful step is encouraging them to walk to the school door on their own in the mornings.

If your child is ready, we kindly ask that you support this by saying your goodbyes at the school gate and allowing them to walk the short distance to the door independently. This small routine can help build their self-esteem, responsibility, and sense of achievement.

Of course, we understand that some children may still need a little extra support, and that's absolutely fine to drop them at the door. Please do what feels right for your child.
Thank you for working with us to nurture confident, capable learners.

Best wishes for retirement Mrs Brier.