

A Weekend Update from Holland Moor- May 09 2025



Welcome and some technical information

Welcome to Newsletter - number 33 of the current school year. All previous newsletters can be found on our school website www.holland.lancsnafl.ac.uk

A Message from Our Sponsor



I have many proud moments at Holland Moor but I was very proud indeed to distribute our most recent Ofsted report this week. I hope everyone can find the time to read it and my accompanying notes. Many thanks to those who have replied with some words of praise. It is very much appreciated.

Mr Beale's Highlight of the Week



Talking about being proud I was delighted with the way our classes responded to and commemorated VE day yesterday. I think we struck just the right balance between information and knowledge and taking the chance to celebrate the occasion. There are some great photographs on our Facebook page.

Year Group of the Week – Year 6



As SATs week approaches, we couldn't be prouder of our incredible Year 6 classes. Over the past weeks and months, they've shown dedication, focus and an inspiring determination to succeed. From early morning revision sessions to collaborative problem-solving and endless practice papers, their hard work is truly paying off — and the progress they've made has been nothing short of amazing! The entire school community has been cheering them on and it's clear that all their preparation is building not just academic skills, but resilience, confidence and a real sense of pride in their achievements. Next week is their moment to shine — and we have no doubt they will. Let's continue to encourage and support them as they take these final steps with courage and determination.

You've got this, Year 6 — we believe in you!

Outdoor Education at Holland Moor – Year 1 and Year 2



Year 1 and year 2 children have been busy getting their hands dirty and learning all about the wonders of growing food as part of their outdoor education. Thanks to a generous donation of seeds, the children have explored the fascinating journey of a seed, from planting to harvesting, and how fruits and vegetables travel from garden to plate. The children happily weeded and prepared the garden beds, turning the soil and making them just right for planting. Each class has sown a variety of seeds including carrots, onions, cauliflowers, cucumbers, and peas, and while they're keen to see everything start sprouting, it's the pumpkins they're really excited about. They can't wait to watch them grow. Once the crops are ready, we look forward to using them in creative and tasty ways.

Our VE Day Celebrations on Thursday May 8th



In an impressive display of curiosity and empathy, Reception class students actively participated in a recent lesson on World War II. The children engaged in thoughtful discussions about the emotional challenges of leaving their homes and families, recognising the importance of safety during that terrible time. To enhance their learning, the students crafted hats, jam crackers, and bunting, bringing a creative touch to their historical exploration. The culmination of their efforts was a vibrant street party held outside, where they joyously sang a World War II song, showcasing their enthusiasm and understanding of the topic.

Year 1 and year 2 children had a fantastic time celebrating and learning about VE Day, sparking lots of curiosity and thoughtful questions about the war and what life was like 80 years ago. The children explored historical photographs, examining the details to understand the stories behind each image. After learning about how people celebrated the end of the war, the children helped create class bunting, which was proudly displayed on the playground. In the afternoon, we came together for a traditional-style street party, complete with sandwiches, snacks and drinks. Music from the 1940s added to the atmosphere, making it a memorable and enjoyable experience for everyone.

To celebrate the 80th anniversary of VE Day, the children in years 3 and 4 began their day by writing a poem to express the relief and joy people felt when they found out the war in Europe had ended. They then learnt about some of the things that happened during the war and different ways the victory was celebrated 80 years ago. They used this information to design a piece of bunting which was then added to the whole school project creating a truly fabulous display. Finally, they enjoyed participating in a victory parade around the school grounds.

To mark V.E. Day, the Year 5 and 6 classes learnt about the build up to the event, who the most influential world leaders were and how people living at the time marked the event. Through a variety of primary resources, the children gained a good understanding of why the day is so important and the lessons that can be learnt from the past. Finally, the children contributed to their class bunting, helping Holland Moor celebrate the anniversary of the end of war in Europe during WW2.

Our Ninja Words of the Week for Week Beginning May 12



Our words are mask, shallow, broad, numerous and scamper

We'll be revising the words essential, plunder, copious, ignite and inspire

Reception Year Words of the Week for Week Beginning May 12

Vocabulary

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| Linked to our theme | root |
| Linked to our phonics sound | beard |
| An object /objects | peapod |
| An action | grow |
| A feeling | weary |

Attendance.



Our attendance this week was a 93.6%. A little lower than recent weeks.

Sports at Holland Moor



Holland Moor made a strong impression at the recent Shares year five and year six football tournament, with two teams showcasing exceptional skills and teamwork. Both squads demonstrated remarkable coordination and determination throughout the competition, with one team finishing in 2nd place and the other securing a commendable 3rd place.

Holland Moor recently participated in a thrilling three-way mini netball tournament, playing friendly matches against St. Thomas and St. Teresa's. The tournament was a fantastic display of sportsmanship and teamwork, with each team giving their best on the court. Holland Moor showed great skill and coordination, competing fiercely against both schools.

Holland Moor's year three and year four football team delivered an outstanding performance in their friendly match against Delphside, securing a dominant 5-1 victory. From the very first whistle, Holland Moor demonstrated their impressive teamwork, with swift passes and strong attacks. Our players scored some stunning goals.

Dates



Please note the change to Y6 Sports Day.

Monday May 12
Thursday May 15
Monday May 19
Thursday May 22

Year 6 SATs Week
Year 5 to the Science Festival in Preston
PGL Week
RE Day

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| Friday May 23 | Last day before half-term holiday |
| Saturday May 24 to Sunday June 01 | – half-term holiday |
| Monday June 02 | First day after half-term holiday |
| Wednesday June 04 | Arts Evening |
| Thursday June 05 | Year 6 RSE information meeting (Zoom) for parents and carers at 6 |
| Tuesday June 10 | Year 1 and HUB to Skipton Castle |
| Wednesday June 11 | Year 2 to Skipton Castle |
| Monday June 16 | Y4 Sports Day at 09.15 |
| Tuesday June 17 | Y1 Sports Day at 09.15 |
| Wednesday June 18 | Y2 Sports Day at 09.15 |
| Thursday June 19 | History Day |
| Friday June 20 | Y5 Sports Day at 09.15 |
| Tuesday June 24 | YR Sports Day at 09.15 |
| Wednesday June 25 | Y3 Sports Day at 09.15 |
| Thursday June 26 | Y6 Sports Day at 09.15 |
| Thursday June 26 | Geography Day |
| Tuesday July 08 | Open Evening – New reception classes at 15.00 |
| Tuesday July 08 | Y6 Play – from 6pm |
| Wednesday July 09 | Y6 Play - from 6pm |
| Thursday July 10 | Pupil reports issued |
| Thursday July 10 | Sports Awards Evening |
| Thursday July 10 | Music Day |
| Monday July 14 | Positive noticing day |
| Monday July 14 | Consultation evening |
| Tuesday July 15 | New reception children visit nursery at 09.00 |
| Tuesday July 15 | Moving-up session from 10.00 |
| Wednesday July 16 | End of term parties |
| Thursday July 17 | PE Day |
| Thursday July 17 | Leavers' Disco and Party etc. |
| Friday July 18 | Last Day of Term |

Lunch Menu – May 12 to May 16

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| Monday May 12 | Chicken Burger served with Oven Chips | Gluten Free Chicken Burger served with Oven Chips |
| | Vegetarian Burger served with Oven Chips | Cheese and Egg Flan served with Oven Chips |
| | Assorted Jacket Potatoes, Wholemeal Sandwiches and Wraps | Vegetables of the Day |
| | Cheese and Crackers Fresh Fruit Assorted Jellies Assorted Yoghurts | Decorated Strawberry Whip |
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| Tuesday May 13 | Beef Bolognese served with Spaghetti | Gluten Free and Dairy Free Beef Bolognese served with Spaghetti |
| | Quorn Tikka Masala served with Steamed Rice | |
| | Vegetables of the Day | Assorted Jacket Potatoes, Wholemeal Sandwiches and Wraps |
| | Lemon Drizzle Cake | Cheese and Crackers |

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| | | Fresh Fruit Assorted Jellies Assorted Yoghurts |
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| Wednesday May 14 | Chicken Roast and Gravy | Gluten Free Chicken Roast and Gravy |
| | Ravioli in Tomato Sauce | |
| | Vegetables of the Day | Assorted Jacket Potatoes, Wholemeal Sandwiches and Wraps |
| | Iced Chocolate Cake | Cheese and Crackers Fresh Fruit Assorted Jellies Assorted Yoghurts |
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| Thursday May 15 | Hot Dog in a Roll served with Curly Fries or Oven Chips | Gluten Free Hot Dog in a Roll served with Curly Fries or Oven Chips |
| | Vegetarian Chilli and Egg Noodles | |
| | Assorted Jacket Potatoes, Wholemeal Sandwiches and Wraps | Vegetables of the Day |
| | Syrup Cookies | Cheese and Crackers Fresh Fruit Assorted Jellies Assorted Yoghurts |
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| Friday May 16 | Pork Meatballs served with Pasta | Gluten Free Meatballs served with Pasta |
| | Vegetarian 'Meatballs' served with Pasta | Vegetarian Lasagne served with Garlic Bread |
| | Vegetables of the Day | Assorted Jacket Potatoes, Wholemeal Sandwiches and Wraps |
| | Arctic Roll and Peaches | Cheese and Crackers Fresh Fruit Assorted Jellies Assorted Yoghurts |

Here's wishing you a great weekend.

MIKE BEALE