

A Weekend Update from Holland Moor- February 27 2026



Welcome and some technical information

Welcome to Newsletter - number 24 of the current school year. All previous newsletters can be found on our school website www.holland.lancsnagl.ac.uk

A Message from Our Sponsor



A huge thank you to all the parents and carers who attended our consultation evenings on Tuesday or Wednesday. It is always a pleasure to come together to celebrate the children's achievements, discuss their progress, and strengthen the partnership between home and school. These conversations are so valuable in supporting every child to thrive and reach their full potential. If you weren't able to attend, please don't worry — do get in touch, as we are always happy to make alternative arrangements. We truly value the opportunity to work closely with families and look forward to continuing to support our children's learning and development together.

Attendance



Our overall attendance this week was

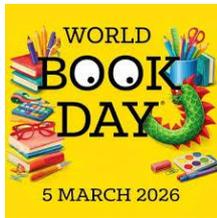
Mr Beale's Highlight of the Week



I often use this part of the newsletter to share the more exciting events and special moments in school life. However, sometimes the most powerful moments happen during a calm, focused lesson where you can really see learning come to life. On Wednesday, I had the pleasure of spending time in 4C, and it was a wonderful reminder of this. The children were drawing on their spelling knowledge to carefully select the correct word from four very similar options — a task that required real concentration, understanding and attention to detail. What stood out most was not just their secure knowledge, but the confident way they

applied it. Even better was the sense of satisfaction in the room. There was genuine joy when they realised they had chosen correctly — that quiet pride that comes from hard work paying off. It was a brilliant example of progress in action and a lovely reminder that sometimes the most exciting learning is found in those purposeful, focused classroom moments

World Book Day at Holland Moor – March 05 – next Thursday



Nursery 1 will be exploring rhymes and stories of in many, many formats. They will be acting out stories and rhymes and adding some music too.

Nursery 2 will take part by coming dressed as a character from a favourite book or nursery rhyme. Costumes can be simple and comfortable, with creativity encouraged. Throughout the day, everyone will enjoy sharing stories linked to the characters the children bring to life and will work together to create our own “live book”, supporting imagination, language development and a love of storytelling.

Our reception classes will be enjoying the story **The Day the Crayons Made Friends**, a bright and joyful book about creativity, friendship and celebrating differences. To make the day extra special, we would love reception children to come dressed as brightly and colourfully as possible – think bold colours, rainbows or a favourite crayon shade. We’re looking forward to a fun, vibrant day celebrating reading together and thank you, as always, for your support.

KS1, we will be basing the day on the book *The Barnabus Project* by The Fan Brothers. *The Barnabus Project* is a beautifully illustrated story about a small, imperfect creature named Barnabus. This imaginative and heartfelt story celebrates individuality, courage, teamwork, and the idea that our differences make us special. We will be creating our own ‘creatures’ and completing many fun and engaging activities inspired by the story.

Years 3 and 4 will dive into the exciting world of Greek mythology through *Mythologica* by Stephen P. Kershaw and Victoria Topping. The children will explore the legendary 12 Labours of Hercules, discovering his incredible feats and heroic adventures. Inspired by these tales, they will complete 12 fun, modern-day challenges of their own throughout the day. It promises to be a fantastic celebration of reading, teamwork and creativity — a truly mythical adventure!

The Year 5 children will take part in a live, early morning poetry workshop, giving each class the opportunity to develop their knowledge of the genre. The Year 6 classes, will be having a more in depth look at Bryan Selznick's novel, 'Hugo Cabret.' Each class will build on their knowledge of the story with one or two surprise activities in store for them.

On World Book Day KS2 children may come dressed as a book character if they wish (some have promised me they will) or if they prefer come to school in casual clothing (NON-UNIFORM).

Comic Relief – Red Nose Day at Holland Moor – March 20th



On Friday 20th March, we'll be celebrating Comic Relief Day in style! ♥
It's a "Wear as Much Red as You Can" day, so dig out those red tops, socks, hats, bows, capes – the redder, the better! Throughout the day, classrooms and assemblies will be packed with comic fun, laughter, and feel-good activities, all to help raise smiles and support an amazing cause. More exciting details coming soon... Get ready to laugh, dress bright, and have lots of fun for Comic Relief!

Our KS2 Ninja Words of the Week for Week Beginning March 02



Our words are confront, dawdle, devious, famished and relinquish

Reception Year Words of the Week for Week Beginning March 02

Vocabulary

Our words are farm, farmer, animal, grow, vegetable and fruit

Sports at Holland Moor



Holland Moor proudly entered two teams into the Shares 5/6 Handball Tournament, and together they delivered an outstanding performance that reflected the strength, teamwork, and determination across the whole squad. Both teams supported each other throughout the competition, showing fantastic sportsmanship and resilience in every match. The tournament proved to be a great success for Holland Moor, with one team going on to win the overall competition after a series of impressive performances, while the other team also had an excellent run, finishing in a highly respectable 4th place. Their combined efforts highlighted the depth of talent within Holland Moor and demonstrated how well the players worked together, encouraging and motivating one another every step of the way. It was a brilliant achievement for everyone involved and a proud moment for the school.

Holland Moor Primary School recently took part in an exciting mini football tournament involving teams from three other local schools. The competition was a fantastic opportunity for pupils to show their football skills, team spirit, and enthusiasm for sport. The

event brought together teams in a series of short, competitive matches, giving every player the chance to shine. From the first whistle, the Holland Moor squad showed excellent teamwork, determination, and positive attitude on the pitch.



Thursday March 05	HM celebrates World Book Day
Wednesday March 18	Careers Day in our Reception Classes
Friday March 20	HM celebrates Comic Relief
Friday March 27	School Closes for Easter
Tuesday April 14	First day of Summer term
Monday May 04	School closed for Bank Holiday
Monday May 11	Year 6 SATs week
Monday May 18	PGL Week
Friday May 22	School closes for half-term
Monday June 01	School reopens
Thursday July 16	School closes for Summer holidays

Lunch Menu – March 02 to March 06

Monday March 02	Pork Meatballs	Vegetarian (Meat)balls
	Spaghetti in a Delicious Creamy Tomato Sauce	
	Assorted Jacket Potatoes, Wholemeal Sandwiches and Wraps	Vegetables of the Day
	Cheese and Crackers Fresh Fruit Assorted Jellies Assorted Yoghurts	Chocolate Cookies
Tuesday March 03	Beef Cottage Pie and Gravy	Cheese and Tomato Pastas
	Gluten Free Tomato Pasta	
	Vegetables of the Day	Assorted Jacket Potatoes, Wholemeal Sandwiches and Wraps
	Honey and Banana Cake and Custard	Cheese and Crackers Fresh Fruit Assorted Jellies Assorted Yoghurts
Wednesday March 04	Chicken Roast served with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Quorn Roast served Vegetarian Roast Potatoes and Vegetarian Gravy
	Vegetable Lasagne	Gluten Free Roast served with Roast Potatoes and Gravy
	Vegetables of the Day	Assorted Jacket Potatoes, Wholemeal Sandwiches and Wraps

	Assorted Scones	Cheese and Crackers Fresh Fruit Assorted Jellies Assorted Yoghurts
Thursday March 05	Pepperoni Pizza served with Oven Chips	Sweet Potato Korma Curry served with Rice
	Gluten Free Pizza served with Oven Chips	
	Assorted Jacket Potatoes, Wholemeal Sandwiches and Wraps	Vegetables of the Day
	Victoria Sandwich Cake	Cheese and Crackers Fresh Fruit Assorted Jellies Assorted Yoghurts
Friday March 06	Hot Dogs in a Roll served with Savoury Rice	Vegetarian Hot Dogs in a Roll served with Savoury Rice
	Pasta in Tomato and Mascarpone Sauce	Gluten Free Hot Dogs in a Roll served with Savoury Rice.
	Vegetables of the Day	Assorted Jacket Potatoes, Wholemeal Sandwiches and Wraps
	Apple Crumble and Custard	Cheese and Crackers Fresh Fruit Assorted Jellies Assorted Yoghurts

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Wishing everyone a thoroughly enjoyable weekend.