A Weekend Update from Holland Moor- September 18 2026

Welcome and some technical information

Welcome to Newsletter - number 04 of the current school year. All previous newsletters can be found on our school website www.holland.lancsngfl.ac.uk

A Message from Our Sponsor



My friends often accuse me of being in teacher role when we're out together because I repeat myself so much. Apparently, it's an occupational hazard! So, in true teacher fashion, I'm going to repeat a couple of my reminders to our families too...

Please make sure that all uniform items are clearly named. It really does help us reunite jumpers, cardigans, coats and PE kit with their owners and can save a lot of time and worry.

Please also park considerately when dropping off and collecting children. We are keen to maintain positive relationships with our neighbours, so please take care not to block residents' driveways or access to their homes.

Thank you for your support and understanding. As always, we really appreciate your help with these little things that make a big difference to our school community.

Pre-Loved and Unwanted Clothes Collection



We are pleased to be organising a **Pre-Loved and Unwanted Clothes Collection** on **Wednesday 23rd September**.

We would be grateful for donations of:

- Clothing

- Paired shoes
- Handbags
- Belts
- Bedding and linen
- Soft toys

Please bring your donations to the **front of the school collection area**. We will be sending a few donation bags home to help you collect and organise your items.

Thank you for your support. By donating your unwanted items, you are helping to reduce waste and give these items a new life while supporting our school community financially.

Attendance



This week's attendance was 93%. That's 3% below are target but there's been a lot of sore throats around and about this week.

Mr Beale's Highlight of the Week



I've been bobbing around classrooms this week, and it has been a real pleasure to see so much excellent learning taking place.

I nearly got caught out in a Year 5 maths lesson where the children were practising inverse operations. I found myself having to glance over a shoulder just to make sure my own method was correct! Modern maths places a real emphasis on reasoning and being able to explain *how* you arrived at an answer, not just what the answer is. It's wonderfully challenging and demands some impressive thinking from our children.

Watching them confidently discuss their methods and justify their answers was a great reminder that learning isn't just about getting things right; it's about understanding, explaining and persevering when things get tricky. I was certainly very impressed.

Admissions to our Reception Class September 2027



You should apply now if your child has a 4th birthday between 1 September 2026 and 31 August 2027. You should apply even if an older brother or sister is already in school. I'll be writing separately to parents/carers of children in N2.

Class of the Week. This week it's Class 6M



What a start to Year 6! 6M have settled brilliantly into their final year at Holland Moor and have truly hit the ground running. In Science, they have been learning about the functions of the human body, confidently identifying the roles of major organs and explaining how different parts of the body work together. In Geography, they have explored climate change and produced some excellent work on how people and places can adapt to its effects, including changing the crops we grow and using flood defences such as the Thames Barrier. Most importantly, 6M have approached their learning with maturity, curiosity and a real determination to succeed. A fantastic beginning to the year – keep it up, 6M!

Our KS2 Ninja Words of the Week for Week Beginning September 21

This week our words are (great words this week) – menace, eerie, vacant, rage and flinch.

Reception Year Words of the Week for Week Beginning September 21

Vocabulary

This week the words are season, Autumn, Winter, Spring and Summer.

Sports at Holland Moor

Holland Moor were delighted to take two teams to the Year 5/6 football tournament, giving a fantastic opportunity for our pupils to represent the school and demonstrate their footballing skills. Both teams started the tournament with great enthusiasm, determination and a positive attitude. From the first whistle, the children showed excellent teamwork, communication and sportsmanship. They worked hard for each other, really supporting their teammates. Both teams qualified for next weeks' champion's league knockout phase.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Wednesday September 23 Clothes Collection

Monday October 12	Flu Vaccinations
Tuesday October 13	Consultation Evening
Wednesday October 14	Consultation Evening
Tuesday October 20	Halloween Disco Year 1 and Year 2 classes from 4 to 5
Wednesday October 21	Halloween Disco Reception classes from 4 to 5
Thursday October 22	Halloween Discos KS2a 415 to 530 and KS2b 545 to 7
Friday October 23	School closes for half-term
Wednesday November 11	Remembrance Day Activities
Friday November 20	Children in Need Celebrations
Wednesday December 02	Year 1 and Year to Peter Pan Pantomime
Monday December 07	Christmas Production –Class 2M
Tuesday December 08	Christmas Production – Class 2O
Wednesday December 09	Christmas Production – Class 1C
Thursday December 10	Christmas Production – Class 1R
Friday December 11	Christmas Production – Class RK
Monday December 14	Christmas Production – Class RN
Tuesday December 15	Christmas Celebration – N2
Tuesday December 15	Christmas Concert
Wednesday December 16	Christmas Dinner
Thursday December 17	Christmas Parties
Friday December 18	Last Day of Term
Friday December 18	Rocksteady Concert at 10am

Lunch Menu – September 21 to September 25

Monday September 21	Baked Fish served with Oven Chips	Cheese Paninis served with Oven Chips
	Gluten Free Fish Fingers served with Oven Chips	
	Vegetables of the Day	Assorted Jacket Potatoes, Wholemeal Sandwiches and Wraps
	Custard Biscuits	Cheese and Crackers Fresh Fruit Assorted Jellies Assorted Yoghurts
Tuesday September 22	Pork Meatballs served with a creamy tomato sauce	Gluten Free Meatballs served with a creamy tomato sauce
	Quorn Tikka Masala served with steamed rice	
	Vegetables of the Day	Assorted Jacket Potatoes, Wholemeal Sandwiches and Wraps
	Chocolate Sponge and Peppermint Sauce	Cheese and Crackers Fresh Fruit Assorted Jellies Assorted Yoghurts
Wednesday September 23	Hot Barbecue or Sweet Chilli Chicken Wrap served with Tortilla Chips and Coleslaw	Plain Chicken Wrap served with Tortilla Chips and Coleslaw
	Gluten Free Wraps served with Tortilla Chips and Coleslaw	Vegetable Brunch served with Tortilla Chips and Coleslaw

	Vegetables of the Day	Assorted Jacket Potatoes, Wholemeal Sandwiches and Wraps
	Lemon Iced Cake	Cheese and Crackers Fresh Fruit Assorted Jellies Assorted Yoghurts
Thursday September 24	Chicken Roast served with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Gluten Free Roast served with Roast Potatoes and Gravy
	Cheese Whirls	
	Assorted Jacket Potatoes, Wholemeal Sandwiches and Wraps	Vegetables of the Day
	Coconut Cookies	Cheese and Crackers Fresh Fruit Assorted Jellies Assorted Yoghurts
Friday September 25	Beef Spaghetti Bolognese	Gluten Free Bolognese
	Sweet and Sour Quorn served with Noodles	
	Vegetables of the Day	Assorted Jacket Potatoes, Wholemeal Sandwiches and Wraps
	Manchester Tart	Cheese and Crackers Fresh Fruit Assorted Jellies Assorted Yoghurts

LAST WORD

Wishing all our families a very happy weekend.