A Weekend Update from Holland Moor- November 06 2026

Welcome and some technical information

Welcome to Newsletter - number 011 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



We have noticed a significant increase in the number of children arriving late to school this week. We appreciate that the darker mornings may be making routines more challenging for some families; however, punctuality remains extremely important.

Please ensure that your child is in class no later than **8:45am**. Our school day effectively begins at **8:30am**, when all classes start their early morning retrieval and revision activities. These sessions provide valuable opportunities for pupils to revisit previous learning, strengthen knowledge retention, and settle positively into the school day.

For families who may find mornings difficult, please remember that **Breakfast Club is available from 7:30am**.

Your support in helping us improve attendance and punctuality is very much appreciated and helps ensure every child makes the best possible start to their day. Thank you for your continued cooperation.

Attendance



This week's attendance was (I'm ashamed to admit) a very low 91.5%

Class of the Week. This week it's Class 3T



What a fantastic start to the new term! Class 3T returned to school with huge smiles and an abundance of positivity, and what a busy first week it has been! In English, we have been exploring the legend of the Crabe Phare and using it as inspiration to develop our own writing. The children have been busy creating imaginative descriptions, experimenting with exciting vocabulary and a range of writing techniques to bring their ideas to life. We have also been developing our persuasive writing skills, constructing thoughtful arguments and learning how to convince our readers using effective language. Alongside this, the children have been demonstrating their beautiful cursive handwriting and taking real pride in the presentation of their work. We have also completed a fabulous art project inspired by Jason Messinger The children have impressed us with their inquisitive minds, thoughtful observations and fantastic questions as we delve deeper into the science behind solids, liquids and gases. In Maths, they have been absolutely incredible with their division work! It is wonderful to see how their hard work, regular practice and dedication to Times Tables Rock Stars are really starting to pay off, with growing confidence and accuracy.

Children in Need



On Friday 13th November, we will be supporting BBC Children in Need by taking part in a special day of activities linked to this year's theme, "Someone By Your Side." The theme highlights the importance of every child having trusted relationships, supportive friendships and someone to turn to when they need help. To celebrate the day, children are invited to come to school in non-uniform in exchange for a small voluntary donation to Children in Need. All money raised will help support disadvantaged and vulnerable children and young people across the UK. Throughout the day, pupils will participate in a range of fun and engaging activities designed to promote friendship and teamwork The day will provide opportunities for children to strengthen existing friendships and recognise the value of supporting one another. It also reinforces our school's commitment to promoting positive wellbeing and a strong sense of belonging for every pupil. We hope that families will support this worthwhile cause and thank you in advance for any

contribution you are able to make. We look forward to an enjoyable day of learning, friendship and fundraising.

Anti-Bullying Week



During the week beginning 16th November, pupils throughout school will take part in a range of activities to mark Anti-Bullying Week 2026. This year's theme, "Break the Silence", encourages children and young people to speak up and play an active role in creating a safe, kind and inclusive school community. Throughout the week, children will explore what bullying is, why it happens, how it affects others and, most importantly, what can be done to prevent it. Activities will be carefully adapted to the age and understanding of each year group and will form part of our wider commitment to promoting positive relationships. Across the week, children will be encouraged to reflect on how their words and actions affect others and how even small acts of kindness can make a significant difference. Our aim is to ensure that every child leaves Anti-Bullying Week with a clear understanding of what bullying is, how to seek help if needed and how they can contribute positively to a caring and respectful school environment.

Remembrance Day



On Wednesday 11th November, pupils across school will take part in a range of age-appropriate activities to help them understand the importance of Remembrance Day and reflect upon the sacrifices made by members of the Armed Forces, past and present. We have arranged a special assembly delivered by representatives from the Royal British Legion for our Year 5 and Year 6 pupils. This respectful and informative session will help children develop a deeper understanding of remembrance, service and the experiences of those who have served their country.

To support these activities, staff will use a specially prepared presentation to introduce the theme of remembrance in an age-appropriate way. This will help pupils understand the historical significance of the day while encouraging thoughtful reflection and respect. As always, our approach will be sensitive to the age and understanding of the children, focusing on remembrance, gratitude and the importance of working towards a peaceful future.

Our KS2 Ninja Words of the Week for Week Beginning November 09

This week our words are sublime, idiosyncratic, exuberant, squander and lavish

Reception Year Words of the Week for Week Beginning November 09

Vocabulary

This week the words are festival, celebration, Diva lamp and rangoli

Sports at Holland Moor

Holland Moor School took eight Year 1 and Year 2 children to take part in the SHARES Multi-Skills Competition this week.

The children represented the school brilliantly, showing great enthusiasm, determination and teamwork throughout the event. They took part in a range of fun sporting activities designed to test their coordination, balance, agility and other fundamental movement skills.

All eight children tried their best, encouraged one another and demonstrated excellent sportsmanship. It was lovely to see them growing in confidence and enjoying the opportunity to compete against other schools.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Wednesday November 11	Remembrance Day Activities
Friday November 13	Children in Need Celebrations
Monday November 16	Start of Anti-Bullying Week activities.
Friday November 27	Year 3 to Martin Mere
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
Thursday December 17	Reception Year to Cinderella pantomime in Bolton
Friday December 18	Last Day of Term
Friday December 18	Rocksteady Concert at 10am

We'll let you know the date of our Christmas Fair in the next newsletter.

Lunch Menu – November 09 to November 13

Monday November 09	Crispy Chicken Goujon served with Herby Potatoes	Cauliflower Cheese served with Herby Potatoes
	Gluten Free Chicken Goujon served with Herby Potatoes	
	Assorted Jacket Potatoes, Wholemeal Sandwiches and Wraps	Vegetables of the Day
	Cheese and Crackers Fresh Fruit Assorted Jellies Assorted Yoghurts	Orange Cookies
Tuesday November 10	Meat and Potato Pie and Gravy	Penne Pasta in a Tomato and Mascarpone Sauce
	Gluten Free Pasta and Sauce	
	Vegetables of the Day	Assorted Jacket Potatoes, Wholemeal Sandwiches and Wraps
	Chocolate Sponge with Peppermint Sauce	Cheese and Crackers Fresh Fruit Assorted Jellies Assorted Yoghurts
Wednesday November 11	Assorted Pizzas served with Oven Chips	Vegetable Chow Mein
	Gluten Free Pizza served with Oven Chips	
	Vegetables of the Day	Assorted Jacket Potatoes, Wholemeal Sandwiches and Wraps
	Flapjacks	Cheese and Crackers Fresh Fruit Assorted Jellies Assorted Yoghurts
Thursday November 12	Chicken Fillet served with Mashed Potato and Gravy	Quorn Cottage Pie
	Gluten Free Chicken Fillet served with Mashed Potato and Gravy	
	Assorted Jacket Potatoes, Wholemeal Sandwiches and Wraps	Vegetables of the Day
	Jelly and Peaches	Cheese and Crackers Fresh Fruit Assorted Jellies Assorted Yoghurts
Friday November 13	Pork Meatballs served with Spaghetti and Tomato Sauce	Vegetarian 'Meatballs' served Spaghetti and Tomato Sauce

	Butter Pie and Cheese	Gluten Free Pork Meatballs
	Vegetables of the Day	Assorted Jacket Potatoes, Wholemeal Sandwiches and Wraps
	Victoria Sponge Cake	Cheese and Crackers Fresh Fruit Assorted Jellies Assorted Yoghurts

LAST WORD

Wishing all our families a wonderful weekend.