



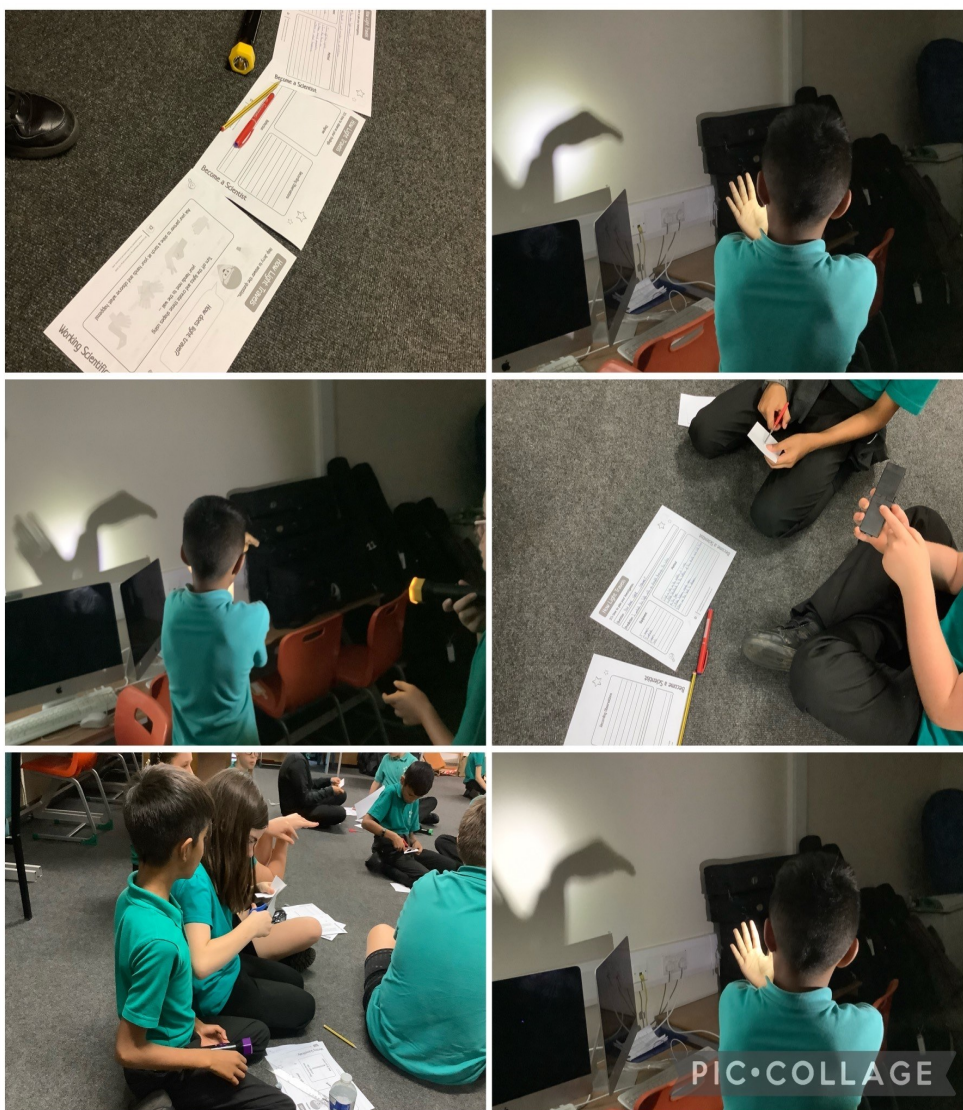
15th September 2023

# Holden Clough Newsletter

## Stars of the Week

Nikhil & Zakaria	1DH
Ahmad & Zachariah	1/2GE
Friya & Kolton	2SP
Haniya & Ronan	3LD
Haider & Zakariyya	3DL
Hashim & Shikemi	4GG
George & Lulu	4ST
Eisa & Keira	5CH
Savin & Zakariya	5NH
Luca & Ruby	6AH
Heidi & Nathan	6JH

## This week in 6AH



## Dates to remember

- 09.10.23 - Individual photographs.
- 20.10.23 - School closes for half term.
- 30.10.23 - School opens for Autumn Term 2.
- 10.11.23 - Flu vaccinations.

6AH had a fantastic science lesson discovering how light travels. We used torches and different methods to investigate this: we predicted light travels in straight lines!

# School Spider



Holden Clough is a paperless school and we try, where possible, to communicate with our parents and carers via email and smartphone messages sent through our website.

The website also comes with an app called School Spider which can be downloaded on to any smartphone from the Apple App Store or the Google Play Store which makes keeping in touch even easier.

Once logged into the app you will receive notifications, emails and smartphone messages when information has been shared with you from school, you will also be able to see our most recent news, gallery and calendar events. Without the app, notifications and smartphone messages cannot be sent to you, so please ensure you download the app to your phone.

Parents evening appointments are also arranged via the website and app so please make sure that you activate your account ready for when we set up the next parents evening.

So, if you haven't done so already, download the School Spider App and request a password reset (as if you have forgotten your password) to get started.

You will then receive an email giving you a username (usernames are not email addresses). You will then create a password and be able to log in to the school website and the School Spider app.

## Class Dojo

As well as letters, emails and smartphone messages we also use ClassDojo. ClassDojo is a school communication platform that teachers, pupils and families use every day to share what is being learned in the classroom through photos,

video and messages. We politely request that ClassDojo is not used to report absence, changes in circumstances or make general enquiries. These should all be directed to the school office.



# Reporting Absence

If your child is absent from school please ensure you report their absence to the school office as soon as possible on the **first day and each day thereafter detailing the reason for their absence.**

There is a facility to report pupil absence via our switchboard 0161 330 5248.

Alternatively, you can send an email to

[attendance@holdenclough.tameside.sch.uk](mailto:attendance@holdenclough.tameside.sch.uk).

Please do not use Class Dojo to report an absence.

Any unreported absences will be recorded as UNAUTHORISED until an acceptable reason for the absence is provided. We are only able to authorise 3 days leave due to illness without medical evidence.



# Attendance

Please see below the winners for week commencing 4th September 2023

## KS1

1st - 3DL 98.78%

2nd - 1/2GE 96.55%

3rd - 1DH 96.00%

## KS2

1st - 4GG 98.55%

2nd - 6AH 97.78%

3rd - 4ST 96.15%





## Is Your Child Eligible for Free School Meals / Pupil Premium?

Did you know that School can claim additional funds from central Government for **every** child in **any** year group whose Parent/Carer is receiving one of the welfare benefits listed below?

- Universal Credit, provided they have an annual net earned income not exceeding £7,400 (£616.67 per month)
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guarantee element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit, provided they are not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190, as assessed by HMRC
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit

The additional funds are put towards valuable support like extra tuition, additional teaching and pupil welfare. If eligible, your child will also have the option of enjoying a Free School Meal every day.

**So if you are in receipt of any of the benefits listed above we would be very grateful if you could complete the online form at [www.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/sims-tameside](http://www.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/sims-tameside) and check your eligibility.**

## Administering Medicine in School

Should your child be prescribed any medication or antibiotics that need to administered during the school day, please bring the medication to the school office where it will be stored securely and complete a request to administer medication form. For the safety of all, please do not send any medication in to school with your child.



## Nut Free School

We have a number of children in school who have a severe allergy to all types of nuts where a reaction can occur not only by consuming them but also by just being in the vicinity of nuts or products that contain nuts. Therefore, we would like to remind you not to send any snacks, cakes etc. into school that contain nuts of any type.

Thank you for your cooperation



# Flu Vaccinations



All children from **Reception class to year 6**, have their annual flu vaccination in school.

Our date this year is **Friday 10th November**.

Children may have the vaccine via a nasal spray or an injection.

Please follow the link below to register your child for either the nasal spray, the injection or to decline the vaccine completely.

<https://nhsImms.azurewebsites.net/session/6d90c2ea>

The link will close on the 3rd November allowing time for the collected information to be processed.

## Mr Kordemir's VIP's

The following children have been chosen this week to have lunch with Mr Kordemir for displaying exemplary behaviour during breaks and lunchtimes, following the school rules, and for being kind and helpful to others:

Adam 6JH  
Ahmed 1/2GE  
Amarah 4GG  
Brooke 1DH  
Daniyal 5CH  
Eesa 4ST  
Friya 2SP  
George 3DL  
Jai 6AH  
Jaysal 3LD  
Raysa 1DH  
Zahra 5NH



# Time to apply...

## Don't miss out.... ...on a school place for your child

### Primary School



**If your child will be 4 before 1 September 2024**

YOU should put your child's name down at any Tameside Primary School.

DURING October the school will send you the information you will need to make your application.

IF your child attends a school nursery this will not secure them a place in Reception. You will need to make a new application for a Reception place.

YOU must apply for a Primary School Reception place online through the Tameside Council website at [www.tameside.gov.uk](http://www.tameside.gov.uk)

THE online application facility will open for new Reception applications **early November 2023**.

THE closing date for Primary School applications is **15 January 2024**

ANY application received after 15 January 2024 will be dealt with as a 'LATE' application and considered after those received on time.

### High School



**If your child will be 11 before 1 September 2024**

YOU should apply for a High School place through the local authority where you live.

EXTRA district residents will receive information on how to apply from their own local authority.

YOU must apply for a High School Year 7 place online through the Tameside Council website [www.tameside.gov.uk](http://www.tameside.gov.uk)

THE online application facility will open for new Year 7 applications **early September 2023**.

THE closing date for High School applications is **31 October 2023**.

ANY application received after 31 October 2023 will be dealt with as a 'LATE' application and considered after those received on time.





# Tameside Libraries Summer Reading Challenge

Summer Reading Challenge 2023

Ready,  
Set,  
Read!

Presented by The Reading Agency.  
Delivered in partnership with libraries.

There's still time to take part in  
Ready, Set, Read! in Tameside  
Libraries

It's not too late to complete this year's  
Summer Reading Challenge—there's  
still time to read 6 books and collect  
your stickers, medal and rewards.

Finish before 16/09/23 to be entered into the Prize Draw:

**Winner gets £25 Active Choice Card to use at Active Tameside venues  
and a reading goody bag 2 x Runners Up get reading goody bags**

Children at a Tameside Primary School in September will have their finisher's  
certificate sent to school for presentation!

Not started yet? There's still time!  
Registration ends 16 September

Not finished by 16 September?

Continue until Christmas and get your certificate  
in the library while materials last

[www.tameside.gov.uk/libraries/src](http://www.tameside.gov.uk/libraries/src)



# Term Dates 2023-2024

## Holden Clough Primary 2023 - 2024 Term Dates

### Autumn Term

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2023  
 Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2023  
 Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2023  
 Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2023  
 Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2023  
 Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2023

Training day 1 - school closed to students  
 Training day 2 - school closed to students  
 School opens to all students  
 School closes for half term break  
 School opens to all students  
 School closes for Christmas break

### Spring Term

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2024  
 Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2024  
 Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2024  
 Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2024

School opens to all students  
 School closes for half term break  
 School opens to all students  
 School closes for Easter break

### Summer Term

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2024  
 Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2024  
 Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2024  
 Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2024  
 Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2024  
 Friday 26<sup>th</sup> July 2024  
 Monday 29<sup>th</sup> July 2024  
 Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> July 2024

School opens to all students  
 Training day 3 - school closed to students  
 May Day Bank Holiday – school closed  
 School closes for half term break  
 School opens to all students  
 School closes for summer break  
 Training day 4 - school closed to students  
 Training day 5 - school closed to students

### Training Day and Bank Holiday Summary

School is closed to students on the following dates:

Training day 1: Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2023  
 Training day 2: Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2023  
 Training day 3: Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2024  
 Training day 4: Monday 29<sup>th</sup> July 2024  
 Training day 5: Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> July 2024

### 2023 - 2024 Holiday Summary

Holiday	First Day	Last Day
Autumn Half Term Holidays	Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October 2023	Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> October 2023
Christmas Holidays	Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December 2023	Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> January 2024
Spring Half Term Holidays	Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> February 2024	Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> February 2024
Easter Holidays	Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> March 2024	Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> April 2024
Summer Half Term Holidays	Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> May 2024	Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> June 2024

First day of the academic year 2024/2025 will be Monday 2 September 2024, pupils start Wednesday 4th September 2024.