



5th January 2024

Holden Clough Newsletter

Stars of the Week

Daniel & Isaac	1DH
	1/2GE
Amira & Maryam	2SP
Jaysal & Tilly	3LD
Amber & Ibrahim	3DL
Aizah & Ellie	4GG
Mariyah & Pagan	4ST
Ben & Eesa	5CH
Idrees & Niobee	5NH
Andreea & Kayla	6AH
Charlie & Ruqayah	6JH

Dates to remember

- 15.01.24- second instalment due for year 6 trip to London.
- 25.01.24 - forth and final instalment due for year 5 trip to Robinwood.

Recently in 6AH



6AH had a great DT session baking and evaluating their own bread. After designing packaging and looking for a recipe, 6AH managed to make some extremely delicious bread.

Attendance

Please see below the winners for week commencing 18th December 2023

1st - 1/2GE & 5NH 100%

2nd - 6AH 96.67%

3rd - 6JH 95.69%



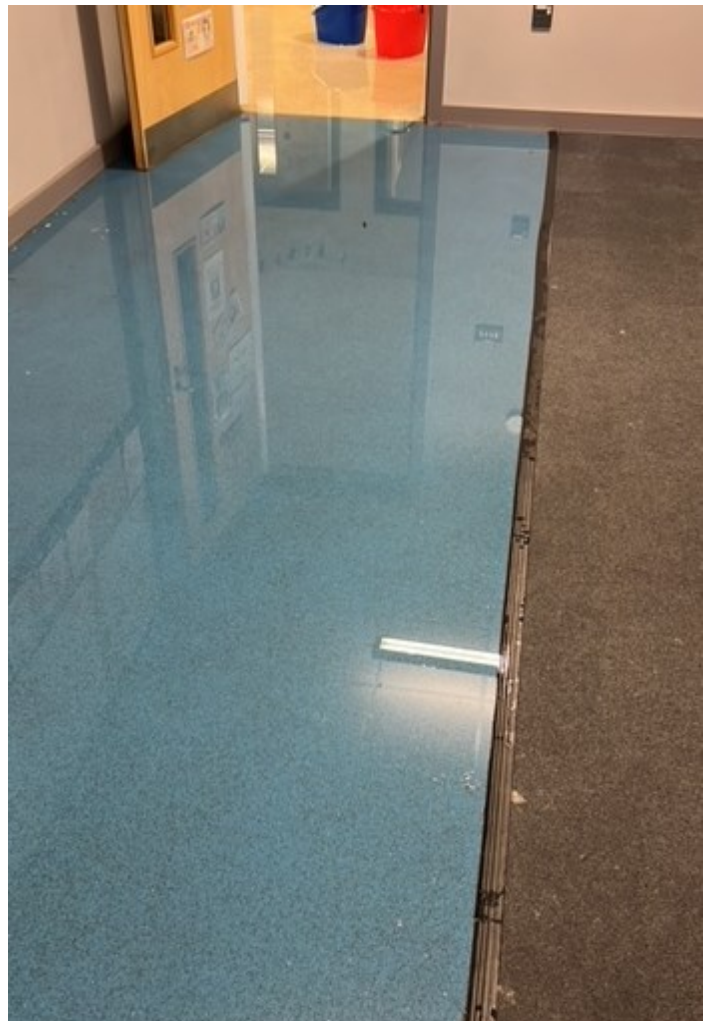
Flood Damage

As everyone is aware, we have unfortunately had a flood over the Christmas holidays in the Reception classroom, which spread to the year one and two classrooms. Due to the severity of the damage, Mr Ellisons' classroom, the spare classroom next door and the Reception classroom are still not fit for use and need extensive repairs.

Therefore from next week while the necessary work is being completed, Reception will be in the nursery classroom and Mr Ellison's class will be in the studio upstairs (Reception, please go to Nursery, 1/2GE please enter through the year 4 door at the back of school) and both Reception and 1/2GE will make use of the DT room.

As a result, School Buddies will be in the hall. This unfortunately means that we are going to have to cancel the following clubs for this half term: Year 1 & 2 dance (Tuesday), Year 3, 4, 5 & 6 dance (Wednesday) and Year 1, 2 & 3 Football (Thursday). Refunds will be issued next week.

We apologise for any inconvenience and have put these measures in place to minimise any more disruption to the children's learning. We will keep you posted on the progress with the repairs.



After School Clubs - Spring Term 1

Please find below, a reminder of the new after school clubs that will be running during Spring Term 1.

The clubs start the week commencing Monday 8th January and will run for 5 weeks with the last session being in the week commencing 5th February.

All of the clubs finish at 4.10pm and are £12.50 for the 5 weeks.

Booking is by ParentPay only. Please provide the following information in the NOTES SECTION on ParentPay:

- *emergency contact details*
- *whether your child will be collected, going to school buddies or walking home (walking home - years 5 & 6 only)*

Monday

- Football with Curzon Ashton – Years 4, 5 & 6 - **Full**
- Lacrosse - Year 3, 4, 5 & 6 - **Spaces available**

Tuesday

- Dance – Years 1 & 2 - **Cancelled**
- Lego - Years 2, 3 & 4 - **Spaces available**

Wednesday

- Cooking Club - Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 (some recipes will be repeated from last term) - **Full**
- Dance – Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 - **Cancelled**

Thursday

- Football with Curzon Ashton – Years 1, 2 & 3 - **Cancelled**
- ICT – Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 - **Spaces available**

Understanding Types of Absence

The school day consists of 2 sessions AM and PM. Every absence from school has to be classified by the school (not by parents), as either **AUTHORISED** or **UNAUTHORISED**. This is why detailed information about the cause of any absence is required.

Authorised absences are mornings or afternoons away from school for a good reason such as illness, medical/dental appointments which **unavoidably** fall in school time, emergencies or other unavoidable causes. Wherever possible please provide appointments cards/letters, copies of prescriptions etc. Children are often able to come into school when they are on medication. Please see our **Managing Medicines Policy**.

SICKNESS: please do not be offended if the amount of time your child is absent from school due to illness is challenged. If absence due to illness exceeds 3 days, it will not be authorised without evidence being provided.

Unauthorised absences are those which the school does not consider reasonable and for which no 'leave' has been granted. This can lead to the Local Authority using sanctions and / or legal proceedings. The following are NOT acceptable reasons for absence:

- Parents/Carers keeping children off school unnecessarily, which includes birthdays, holidays, shopping, days out or looking after other children
- Any other absences in term time which have not been authorised by the Headteacher
- Absences which have never been properly explained.

All unreported absence will be recorded as unauthorised unless an explanation can be provided which is satisfactory to the Headteacher.

Any unreported absence is a cause for concern. In the event that we are unable to make contact with you, we may visit your home address in accordance with our safeguarding procedures.

Also, if we have reason to believe that your family have gone on holiday without informing the school, we are obliged to check the attendance of siblings in other schools and again visit your home address.

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:

Zack 1DH	Aaiez 4ST
Alex 2SP	Dylan 5CH
Kiki 3LD	Tillie 5NH
Amaya 3DL	Amelia 6AH
Lewis 4GG	Noah 6JH



Term Dates 2023-2024

Holden Clough Primary 2023 - 2024 Term Dates

Autumn Term

Monday 4th September 2023
 Tuesday 5th September 2023
 Wednesday 6th September 2023
 Friday 20th October 2023
 Monday 30th October 2023
 Tuesday 19th 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 3rd January 2024
 Friday 9th February 2024
 Monday 19th February 2024
 Thursday 28th 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 15th April 2024
 Thursday 2nd May 2024
 Monday 6th May 2024
 Friday 24th May 2024
 Monday 10th June 2024
 Friday 26th July 2024
 Monday 29th July 2024
 Tuesday 30th 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 4th September 2023
 Training day 2: Tuesday 5th September 2023
 Training day 3: Thursday 2nd May 2024
 Training day 4: Monday 29th July 2024
 Training day 5: Tuesday 30th July 2024

2023 - 2024 Holiday Summary

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

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