



8th March 2024

Holden Clough Newsletter

Stars of the Week

Harley & Nikhil	1DH
Leon & Melody	1/2GE
James & Leah	2SP
Beau & Kiki	3LD
Emma & Meriam	3DL
Hashim & Isabella	4GG
Isabella & Muhammed	4ST
Jenson & Keira	5CH
Inaya & Zakariya	5NH
Charlie & Neave	6AH
Haaïd & Rahul	6JH

Dates to remember

11.03.24 - Year 5 residential to Robinwood.

26.03.24 - Year 3 music assembly 9.00am

28.03.24 - School closes for Easter Holidays.

15.04.24 - School opens for Summer Term 1.

19.04.24 - Key Stage 2 trip to see Awful Auntie.

This week in 2SP



This week in 2SP, the children have been learning about dynamics during their music lesson. We learnt that dynamics is the word to describe how loud or quiet a piece of music is. The children had lots of fun using their voices and instruments to create loud and quiet sounds in different pieces of music.

KS2 Trip to see Awful Auntie by David Walliams



Awful Auntie

By David Walliams

Friday 19th April 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

We are delighted to let you know that all children in Key Stage 2 will be going to the Opera House in Manchester on Friday 19th April 2024 to see the live West End production of Awful Auntie by David Walliams.

We will be leaving school at 9.15am and we will be back before the end of the school day. Children will be required to take a packed lunch with them, this can either be brought from home or ordered from school. If sending a packed lunch from home, please send it in a carrier bag so everything can be disposed of afterwards. If your child will be having a packed lunch from school, please credit your ParentPay account with £2.88 for the price of a school meal unless your child is in receipt of Pupil Premium Free School Meals. The choice of sandwich from school is either cheese or tuna mayo.

Children will also need to wear their full school uniform.

The cost of the tickets for this trip to the Opera House including coach travel is £18.00 per child to be paid by ParentPay by 22nd March 2024.

The show has received brilliant reviews and I'm sure it will be a wonderful experience.

Yours sincerely

Faik Kordemir
Headteacher

Ramadan 2024

Ramadan will start on Sunday evening into Monday, 11th March 2022 and will end around Tuesday 9th April 2024 (depending on the full moon) with Eid-ul-Fitr falling on either the 10th or 11th April 2024.

We understand and appreciate the dedication and commitment to this obligatory pillar of Islam and recognise that the holy month is an extremely important time for many of our Muslim children and families. However, children who fast may feel tired, find it difficult to concentrate and be at risk of dehydration.

To ensure that our children continue to learn to the best of their ability and are able to participate in all elements of the curriculum, we would recommend that our children do not fast on school days. However, we understand that young children may fast for part of the day to help them practise or to build tolerance to the experience. Therefore, if you wish for your child in year 5 or 6 to fast, we will support our students to do so.

Please confirm with the school office via email to mail@holdenclough.tameside.sch.uk that you consent for your child/children to fast whilst at school and that they can be given water should they become unwell or faint.

Children will not be able to fast without parental consent. Children younger than Year 5 should not fast during the school day and we will encourage students to break their fast only if it is a risk to their health and wellbeing.

As we work on a pre-order system for school meals and do not take dinner registers in the mornings, children's meals will continue to be ordered with the kitchen if they are present in school, unless we hear otherwise. All meals ordered will be added to ParentPay and payment will be required as normal.

For families observing Ramadan, we wish you well. We will celebrate Eid with a special assembly and an Eid party for all students and staff. The dates will be confirmed.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish Ramadan Kareem to all our Muslim parents from all of the staff at Holden Clough Primary School.

Thank you for your co-operation.

Faik Kordemir
Headteacher



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:

Zakaria 1DH
Emily 1/2GE
Zayyaan 2SP
Shay 3DL
Elijah 3LD
Ellie 4GG
Lilly 4ST
Krish 5CH
Heidi & Tillie 5NH
Aariz 6AH
Pola 6JH



Attendance

Please see below the winners for week commencing 26th February 2024

1st - 4ST 99.2%

2nd - 3LD 98.93%

3rd - 6AH 98.67%



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.

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: the top facts to know & share

**MOMENTS
MATTER,
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.**

The link between attendance and attainment is clear:

- In 2018/19, **just 40% of persistently absent (PA) children in KS2 achieved expected KS2 standards**, compared with 84% of pupils who regularly attended school.
- **36% of PA children in KS4 got 9 to 4 in their English and maths GCSEs**, compared with 84% of regular attenders.¹

And it's never too late to benefit from good attendance:

- **More than half (54%) of pupils who were PA in Year 10 and then rarely absent in Year 11, passed at least 5 GCSEs**, compared to 36% of pupils who were persistently absent in both years.²

But attendance is important for more than just attainment:

- Regular school attendance can facilitate **positive peer relationships**, which is a **protective factor for mental health and wellbeing**.³

1: The link between absence and attainment at KS2 and KS4. Academic year 2018/19 – Explore education statistics – GOV.UK (explore-education-statistics.service.gov.uk)

2: Missing Children, Missing Grades | Children's Commissioner for England (childrenscommissioner.gov.uk)

3: Mental Health and Attendance at School (Chapter 1) - Mental Health and Attendance at School (cambridge.org)

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.

Term Dates 2024-2025



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Term and Holiday Dates for Academic Year 2024/2025 Tameside Academies

Term / Holiday		First Day	Last Day	No of Days
Autumn Term 1	INSET DAYS Monday 2 nd and Tuesday 3 rd September 2024 - Children not in school	Wednesday 4 th September 2024	Friday 25 th October 2024	38
Autumn Half Term Holiday		Monday 28 th October 2024	Friday 1 st November 2024	
Autumn Term 2		Monday 4 th November 2024	Friday 20 th December 2024	35
Christmas Holiday		Monday 23 rd December 2024	Friday 3 rd January 2025	
Spring Term 1	INSET DAY Monday 6 th January 2025 Children not in school	Tuesday 7 th January 2025	Friday 14 th February 2025	29
Spring Half term Holiday		Monday 17 th February 2025	Friday 21 st February 2025	
Spring Term 2		Monday 24 th February 2025	Friday 4 th April 2025	30
Easter Holiday		Monday 7 th April 2025	Monday 21 st April 2025	
Summer Term 1	BANK HOLIDAY Monday 5 th May 2025 Children not in school	Tuesday 22 nd April 2025	Friday 23 rd May 2025	23
Summer Half Term Holiday		Monday 26 th May 2025	Friday 6 th June 2025	
Summer Term 2	INSET DAYS Monday 28 th and Tuesday 29 th July 2025 Children not in school	Monday 9 th June 2025	Friday 25 th July 2025	35
Total Days				190

Pupils are required to be in school for 190 days per academic year.

Proposed first day of the academic year 2025/2026 will be Monday 1st September 2025, proposed pupil start date Wednesday 3rd September 2025.