



26th September 2025

Holden Clough Newsletter

This week in 4GE

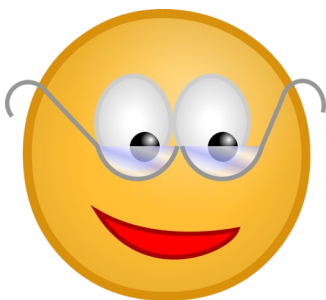


We've had a busy week in 4GE! In English, we have been busy writing setting descriptions. The children have really impressed me with their use of ambitious vocabulary. This work will help with next week's writing – we will be creating our very own adventure story books! In maths, we have been partitioning numbers to 10,000 and continuing to develop our understanding of times tables. We continued to learn about the Romans during our history lesson. We learned about how and why the Romans invaded Britain. During this week's art lesson, we experimented with paint, using different tools to create smooth and rough textures. Next week, we'll be walking up to Hartshead Pike to sketch landscapes!

What's happening

Stars of the Week

Harriet & Hayton	1DH
Jack & Yusuf	2CQ
Pallavi & Zakaria	3CH
Emily & Lily	3/4GG
Arhum & Maryam	4GE
Emma & Zakariyya	5DL
Aadam & Alice	5WB
Zaara & Pagan	6AH
Amaalia & Tahlia	6JH



Dates to remember

- **02.10.25** - Kids Favourites themed lunch
- **13.10.25** - Individual photographs
- **20.10.25** - Year 5 three day residential to Robinwood
- **24.10.25** - School closes for Half Term
- **03.10.25** - School opens for Autumn Term 2
- **12.11.25** - Parents evening

Mr Porters VIP's

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

- ☆ 1DH Adam
- ☆ 2CQ Georgia
- ☆ 3CH Zack
- ☆ 3/4GG Oscar
- ☆ 4GE Ava
- ☆ 5DL Aaliyah
- ☆ 5WB Safa
- ☆ 6AH Lilly
- ☆ 6JH Lewis





Special Lunch Alert – Thursday 2nd October: Kids' Favourites Theme!

We're excited to announce a special themed lunch featuring all-time kids' favourites! On Thursday 2nd October, the regular menu will be replaced with the following options:



Main Choices:

Chicken Nuggets (Red)
Vegan Nuggets (Blue)
Cheese & Tomato Pizza (Green)
Pork Sausage Hot Dog (Purple)
Jacket Potato (Yellow)



Sides:

Chips
Croquette Potatoes
Selection of Vegetables
Baked Beans
Salad Bar



Desserts:


Cupcakes
Donuts
Ice Cream
Fruit
Yogurt



All options are now available to select via **Arbor** and will replace the standard meal choices for that day. If you have already selected a meal for that day this will now have changed, therefore please check and amend if required.

Should you need to make a change go to the meal you would like to change, open the drop-down box and change the meal to NO CHOICE SELECTED, then open the dropdown box again and select your new meal. Then click on proceed. Your changes should then be saved.



Please ensure your Arbor account has a minimum credit of **£2.95** if you wish to order a meal.  If your child will be bringing a packed lunch from home, kindly select **Packed Lunch from Home** in Arbor.

Reporting Absence

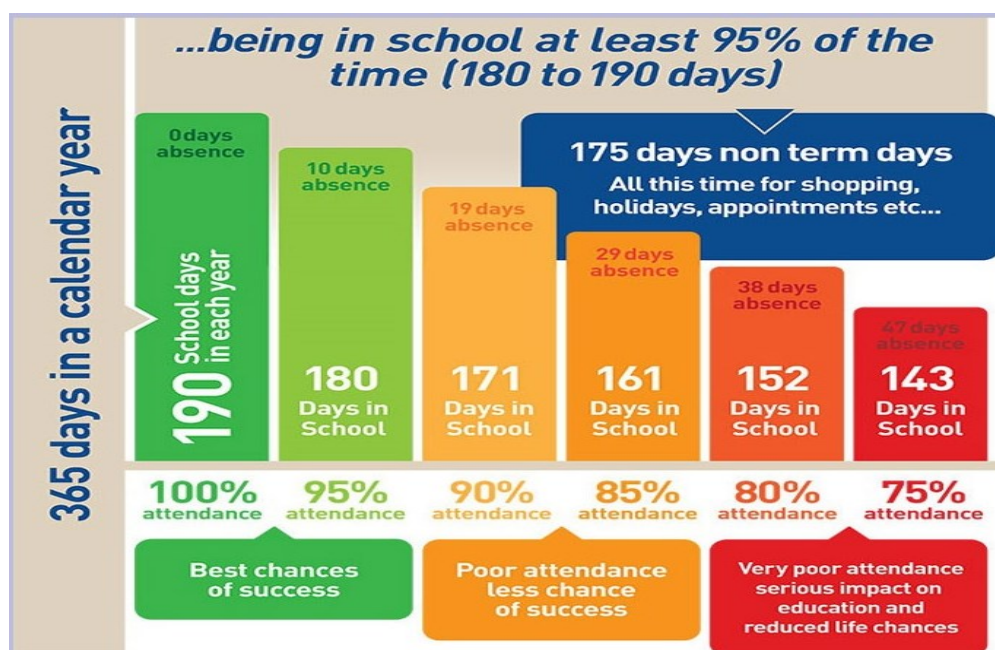
If your child is absent from school please ensure you report their absence to the school office as soon as possible on the **first day and each day thereafter detailing the reason for their absence.**

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

Alternatively, you can send an email to attendance@holdenclough.victoriousmat.org

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 15th September 2025

1st - 5WB 99.64%

2nd - 3/4GG 99.35%

3rd - 4GE 99.20%



Attendance



Turning up just **5 minutes** late every day adds up to over **3 missed school days** in a year.

Honeyguide

ATTENDANCE

WITH EFFECT FROM 19 AUGUST 2024

Holden Clough Primary School

1 I'm a single parent of one child and we want to go on holiday for a week. Your holiday will not be authorised and you must talk to the school before you book anything. Because your child will miss 5 school days you will be given a penalty notice fine. The fine is £160 but if you pay it in 21 days it will be reduced to £80.

£160

WHAT THE NEW RULES MEAN FOR ME

2 FOR EVERY CHILD A PENALTY IS GIVEN

+£160	+£160	+£160	+£160
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4 children & 1 parent = £640
Reduced to £320 if paid in 21 days

3 IRREGULAR ATTENDANCE

10 IN 10

If your child is absent for 10 or more sessions in 10 weeks and their absences are unauthorised, the school will consider prosecution.

1 DAY = 2 SESSIONS

4 FOR A FAMILY OF TWO PARENTS

+£160	+£160	+£160	+£160
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4 children & 2 parents = £1280
Reduced to £640 if paid in 21 days

5 If in any period of not more than 3 years, your child has a 2nd and 3rd leave of absence or pattern of irregular attendance...

2ND TIME	3RD TIME
2 parents and...	A penalty notice fine will not be given.
1 child = £320	Your case will be taken to court.
2 children = £640	A magistrate can fine each parent £2500 for each child.
3 children = £960	1 parent & 4 children = £10,000
4 children = £1280	2 parents & 4 children = £20,000
No discount for early payment	

Friends of Holden Clough - PTA

Welcome

Wednesday 15th October
18:30 - 19:00
Holden Clough Primary School



Friends Of
Holden Clough

RAISING FUNDS WHILST HAVING FUN!

You are invited to our PTA Annual General Meeting.

This is your opportunity to meet the PTA, discover our role in school fundraising, find out our plans ahead for the coming year, and learn about opportunities to join us.



THE GREAT BIG RAFFLE

SUPPORT OUR PUPIL WELLBEING CELEBRATION!

 **TICKETS: £1 EACH**
AVAILABLE VIA ARBOR

Deadline: Friday 17th October 2025

Draw Date: Friday 24th October 2025

Winners selected by random name generator.

 **Prizes Include:**

- £100 Supermarket Voucher
- Gym Memberships
- Pottery & Beauty Vouchers
- Indian Head Massage
- Meditation Sound Baths
- Angelic Reiki
- Children's Holiday Club Place
- Kitchen Appliances
- Amazon & Hickory's Smokehouse Vouchers
- ...and many more!

Every ticket sold helps fund a Wellbeing Celebration for pupils across our Trust schools.

Your support makes a real difference — thank you!

See full details and T&Cs at: www.victoriousacademies.org/raffle

Don't miss out...

...on a school place for your child

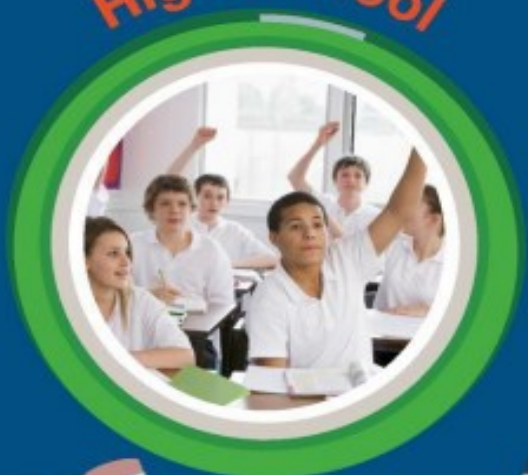
Primary School



If your child will be 4 before 1 September 2022

- 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
- The online application facility will open for new Reception applications **early November 2021**.
- The closing date for Primary School applications is **15 January 2022**.
- Any application received after 15 January 2022 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 2022

- 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 at www.tameside.gov.uk
- The online application facility will open for new Year 7 applications **early September 2021**.
- The closing date for High School applications is **31 October 2021**.
- Any application received after 31 October 2021 will be dealt with as a 'LATE' application and considered after those received on time.



Term Dates 2025-2026



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Term and Holiday Dates for Academic Year 2025/2026 Tameside Academies

Term / Holiday		First Day	Last Day	No of Days
Autumn Term 1	INSET DAYS Tuesday 2 nd and Wednesday 3 rd September 2025 - Children not in school	Thursday 4 th September 2025	Friday 24 th October 2025	37
Autumn Half Term Holiday		Monday 27 th October 2025	Friday 31 st October 2025	
Autumn Term 2		Monday 3 rd November 2025	Friday 19 th December 2025	35
Christmas Holiday		Monday 22 nd December 2025	Friday 2 nd January 2026	
Spring Term 1	INSET DAY Monday 5 th January 2026 Children not in school	Tuesday 6 th January 2026	Friday 13 th February 2026	29
Spring Half term Holiday		Monday 16 th February 2026	Friday 20 th February 2026	
Spring Term 2		Monday 23 rd February 2026	Friday 27 th March 2026	25
Easter Holiday		Monday 30 th March 2026	Friday 10 th April 2026	
Summer Term 1	BANK HOLIDAY Monday 4 th May 2026 Children not in school	Monday 13 th April 2026	Friday 22 nd May 2026	29
Summer Half Term Holiday		Monday 25 th May 2026	Friday 5 th June 2026	
Summer Term 2	INSET DAYS Monday 27 th and Tuesday 28 th July 2026 Children not in school	Monday 8 th June 2026	Friday 24 th July 2026	35
Total Days				190

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

Proposed first day of the academic year 2026/2027 will be Tuesday 1st September 2026, proposed pupil start date Thursday 3rd September 2026.