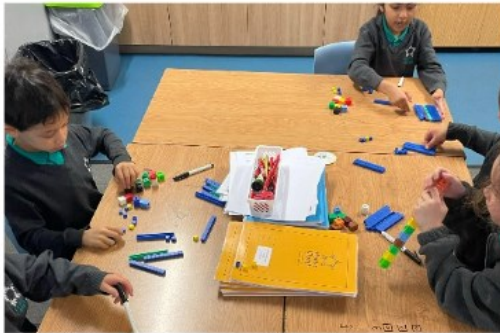




10th October 2025

Holden Clough Newsletter

This week in 2CQ

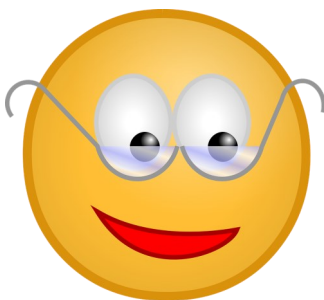


We've had another wonderfully busy and fun week in 2CQ! The children had a brilliant time at Forest School, building cozy hedgehog shelters to help our prickly friends get ready for winter. In maths, we started our new unit on addition and subtraction — everyone has been working hard and showing great problem-solving skills. Our English lessons were full of fascinating facts as we wrote informative fact files all about orangutans. To finish off the week, we celebrated Mental Health Week with some fantastic activities focused on kindness, mindfulness, and wellbeing. What a week!

What's happening

Stars of the Week

Haiqa & Inaya	1DH
Eesa Q & Jax	2CQ
Harley & Safia	3CH
Alfie & Emily	3/4GG
Farhan & Friya	4GE
Lydia & Shay	5DL
Ahmed & Eliza	5WB
Harrison & Hibbah	6AH
Ariba & Lucas	6JH



Dates to remember

- 13.10.25 - Individual photographs
- 20.10.25 - Year 5 three day residential to Robinwood
- 23.10.25 - Halloween Disco
- 24.10.25 - School closes for Half Term
- 03.10.25 - School opens for Autumn Term 2
- 24.11.25 - Book Fair starts
- 26.11.25 - Parents evening (new date)

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 Fajr
- ☆ 2CQ Eesa S
- ☆ 3CH Florence
- ☆ 3/4GG Melody
- ☆ 4GE Lucas
- ☆ 5DL Emma
- ☆ 5WB Emelia
- ☆ 6AH Olly
- ☆ 6JH Amarah



Harvest Celebration



Our Harvest Celebration this year will take place on Wednesday 15th October. We are once again supporting Tameside East foodbank. We always appreciate any donation you can make; the following items would be especially appreciated:

Tinned Tomatoes
Tinned Vegetables
Powdered Mash
Tinned Potatoes
Tinned Fruit
Tinned Soup
Pasta
Rice
Rice Pudding/Tinned Custard
Tea Bags / Instant Coffee

We will be accepting donations from Monday 13th- Wednesday 15th October. All donations will be taken to the foodbank after our assembly on the 15th October. If you wish to make a donation after this time, please send it directly to Tameside East foodbank.

Your generosity will make a real difference to families in need, and as always, we are grateful for your support.



World Food Day Celebration – Thursday 16th October

Victorious Academies Trust is thrilled to mark World Food Day with a delicious themed menu for all our pupils!

Main Meal Options:


- Beef burger in a bap (Red)
- HALAL beef burger in a bap (Blue)
- Margherita pizza (Green)
- Tuna mayo wrap (Purple)
- Jacket potato with a choice of filling (Yellow)

Sides

- Chips
- Pasta
- Selection of vegetables


Desserts


- Pancakes with sauce
- School cake
- Variety of ice cream
- Fresh fruit

 **Ordering via Arbor** All meals must be selected through Arbor and the above meals have replaced the usual menu for that day. If you've already made a meal choice for Thursday 16th October, it has automatically updated to reflect the new options. Please review and update your selection if needed.

How to Change Your Meal Selection

1. Go to the meal you wish to change.
2. Open the drop-down menu and select **NO CHOICE SELECTED**, then click **Proceed**.
3. Reopen the drop-down menu, **CHOOSE YOUR NEW MEAL**, and click **Proceed** again. Your changes will be saved.

 **Payment Details** For children in Years 3–6, please ensure your Arbor account has at least **£2.95** credit to order a meal. Children in **Reception, Year 1, Year 2**, or those eligible for **Pupil Premium benefit-related meals** do not need to make a payment.

 **Packed Lunch Option** If your child will bring a packed lunch from home, please select **Packed Lunch from Home** in Arbor.



Ticket sales now live! Get your children booked in for our upcoming event using the below links. Please remember to select the correct event option based on your child's Key stage group and ensure you enter your child's full name and Class in the 'Notes to merchant' section on ticket purchase form.

LINKS BELOW:

KS1 (Reception, Year 1 & Year 2)

<https://pay.sumup.com/b2c/OTC3FNPV>

KS2 (Years 3-6)

<https://pay.sumup.com/b2c/OM2PX0JF>

Don't miss out...

...on a school place for your child

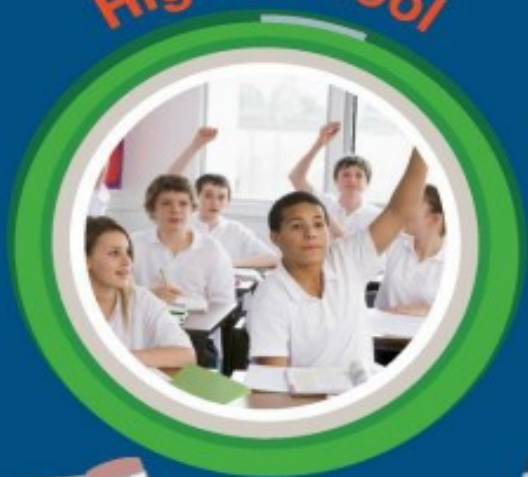
Primary School



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.





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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

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 29th September 2025

1st - 5DL - 100%

2nd - 3CH - 99.33%

3rd - Reception & 1DH 99.31%



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.