



THE BUZZ



Honilands Primary School Newsletter



Dear families,

It has been a long autumn term, but the children have had a fantastic time and have packed so much into the last few weeks. We have enjoyed our Year 6 journey, a visit from the fire brigade, National Poetry Day, and Remembrance Day, alongside lots of Christmas activities to bring the term to a joyful close. Highlights have included the whole-school pantomime and our brilliant Winter Wonderland event.

We can't wait for all the exciting things we have planned next half term... and do keep an eye on the KS2 playground — there's something in the pipeline for our Key Stage 2 children! I would like to wish you all a lovely festive (or winter) break, and we look forward to seeing you and the children again in the new year.

Warm regards
Mr Irvine

Attendance

Our target is to reach 96% and above.

Whole school: 94.2% | **Best class:** Willow 6 with 96.7%

Thank you for supporting great attendance and punctuality. We made a strong start to the year, but winter illnesses and absences have brought our overall figure down. Improving attendance will be a key focus in the spring term so that every child can make the best possible progress.

TTRockstars

Congratulations to our top players and the amazing effort you make to practise your times tables!

Best class effort: Cedar 3

Best pupil effort: Paulina in C3 for the most minutes played this term

Quickest Studio Speed: Ridran in C4 with an average of 0.54secs per question

Stars Readers

Well done to our Star Readers for showing great effort in their reading this term!

Safeguarding and Wellbeing

As we head into the festive (winter) break, we are reminding pupils about staying safe at home, out and about, and online — including speaking to a trusted adult if anything worries them.

Tip for families: Please keep an open conversation with your child about how they are feeling and what they are doing online. Check privacy settings and remind them never to share personal information or meet someone they only know online.

If you have a concern: Please contact our Designated Safeguarding Lead, Mr Irvine, via the school office. Mr Irvine is supported by our Deputy DSLs: Elizabeth Newport, Hazel Menezes, Angela Maisary and Gill Eden.

School Updates

We would like to say a fond farewell to **Lacey Finn-Gibson**, who has worked in our Nursery and will be known to many of you. We would like to thank Lacey for all she has contributed during her time at Honilands.

GO Pola | **W1** Archie | **C1** Sofia | **W2** Dania | **C2** Ari | **C3** Bridget | **W4** Havin | **C4** Ava | **W5** Defne | **C5** Aleks | **W6** Joshua | **C6** Ella

We are also pleased to welcome **Jack Burrow**, who has joined us as our new **Site Manager**. We hope you will join us in giving him a warm Honilands welcome.

Spring Term Notices

PE days

Children come into school wearing their PE uniform on the selected day below

- Year 1:** Tuesday
- Year 2:** Friday
- Year 3:** Friday
- Year 4:** Wednesday
- Year 5:** Swimming on Wednesday
- Year 6:** Tuesday

Afterschool Clubs

All clubs: 3.15pm-4.15pm, £50 per term via Parent Pay. Please contact the school office.

- Monday:** Football (Year 3-6)
- Tuesday:** Football (Year 1 & 2)
- Wednesday:** Basketball (Year 3-6)
- Thursday:** Multisports (Year 3-6)

Breakfast Club

From 8.00am, £3 per day via Parent Pay. Please enter through the main school office

Walkers Afterschool Care

From 3.15pm- 6.00pm, please contact Mary from Walkers on admin@walkerchildrensclub.com

Upcoming Events and Dates

Spring Term 2026

5 Jan	Children return to school – 10.00am (Except am Nursery children)
6 Jan	Morning Nursery children return
12 Jan	Fluoride Treatment for Nursery, Reception and Year 1 (details to follow)
14 Jan	Swimming starts for Year 5
15 Jan	Deadline For Reception Admissions
4 Feb	Parents Coffee Morning – 9am – All Welcome
10 Feb	Hearing Checks for Reception (details to follow)
11 Feb	Chinese New Year Lunch
	Spring Disco: Years 1, 2, 3 – 3.15pm to 4.15pm Years 4, 5, 6 – 4.30pm to 5.45pm (Ticket available for purchase soon)
13 Feb	Year 4 class assemblies – 2.30pm School closes for half term break- 3.15
16 - 20 Feb HALF TERM	
23 Feb	INSET DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED
24 Feb	Children return to school- 8.40am
2 March	Year 1 and Year 2 Family Fun afternoon
3 March	Year 4 and Year 5 Family Fun afternoon
4 March	Year 3 and Year 6 Family Fun afternoon
5 March	Reception Family Fun afternoon World Book Day- Dressing up day (details to follow)
10 March	National Height and Weight Measurement Reception and Year 6 (details to follow)
19 March	Eid lunch
20 March	Year 1 Class Assemblies – 2.30pm
24 March	Parent Consultation Meetings – 3.30pm-5.30pm
26 March	Nursery Easter Bonnet Parade Parent Consultation Meetings – 3.30pm-6.40pm
27 March	School closes for Easter Break– 2.00pm

30 March - 10 April EASTER BREAK

