

Half-Term Holiday

Children will break up for the half-term on THURSDAY 8th February.

They will return to school on MONDAY 19th FEBRUARY.

Food Vouchers

Once again, parents of children entitled to free school meals (Reception – Year 6 only) are eligible for food vouchers. These will be sent out ready for the half-term holiday.

If you have changed your email address since Christmas, please let us know by 3pm, Monday 5th February.

If you think your child might be eligible for Free School Meals via benefits you receive, you can check by following this link. [Online FSM Application \(cloudforedu.org.uk\)](https://cloudforedu.org.uk)

If you have applied once and are eligible, please do not apply again.

Week beginning 5th February

Monday 5th February

Clubs: netball, forest school

Tuesday 6th February

- **Swimming Year 5**

Clubs: outdoor activities, art

Wednesday 7th February

Thursday 8th February

- **Swimming Year 3**
- **Family learning 1.15pm**

Clubs: football, cricket

Friday 9th February

NO SCHOOL FOR CHILDREN – STAFF ONLY

Job Vacancies

The school currently has 4 vacancies being advertised:

- 1) A teaching assistant (Nursery) <https://mynewterm.com/jobs/140933/EDV-2024-HS-06215#>
- 2) A teaching assistant (SEND) <https://mynewterm.com/jobs/140933/EDV-2024-HS-51591#>
- 3) A play leader (lunchtime) <https://mynewterm.com/jobs/140933/EDV-2024-HS-60223#>
- 4) An assistant caretaker <https://mynewterm.com/jobs/140933/EDV-2024-HS-84378#>

You will find details of all 4 jobs on “MyNewTerm” - you can follow the links above. Links are also on the vacancy tab of the school website.

Children's Newsletter

Children are currently working on the next edition of the children's newsletter. Featured this issue will be information about online safety, a report about Year 5s trip to Llanrug and book reviews. If your child has achieved something outside of school which you would like celebrated, please send a photo and a short description to office@hollymountschool.org. Please put the title NEWSLETTER. The newsletter will be emailed to all parents and a link put on the school Facebook page. Thank-you



**SCHOOL
VALUES**

**PROUD
TO BE ME**

**ENJOY
LEARNING**

**ACHIEVE
SUCCESS**

**RESPECT FOR THE
WORLD**



Keeping Children Safe

Safeguarding and Family Support

Designated Safeguarding

Lead: Mrs S Ricketts

Deputy Safeguarding Leads:

Mrs A Donnelly

Mr D Davies

Mrs R Hussain

Pastoral/ behaviour leads:

Mr D Davies and Mr M Harrold

Special Educational Needs:

Mrs E Davis-Lloyd (SENDCO)

Mrs L Montgomery (Inclusion lead)

If you have a concern about a child or wish to speak about any worries, please see one of our team. They can signpost families to additional support, if it is required.

Anyone can make a referral to Children's services.

[Children's Social Care |](#)

[Worcestershire County Council](#)

In an emergency, always ring 999.

Keeping Children Safe Online

It is everyone's responsibility to ensure children are safe in day to-day life and online. Please check your child's online activity,

- Check game age advisory notices
- Limit children's time spent online
- Set filters so that inappropriate material is blocked
- Keep phones, tablets etc out of bedrooms

Attendance update

	Week beginning 29 th January	This half-term	This year
Reception	90.8	91.7	92.8
Year 1	90.4	92.2	91.6
Year 2	93.1	92.6	91.9
Year 3	93.1	92.9	93.4
Year 4	92.1	91.1	90.6
Year 5	96.3	93.2	94.2
Year 6	91.3	92.5	94.7

If you received an attendance letter last week, that was to inform you that your child's attendance was below 90%, regardless of the reason. We have also invited some families to talk to us so we can see if any support is needed in order for attendance to improve.

Online Safety- "Together for a better Internet"

Next Tuesday is National Safer Internet Day. All classes will be doing a couple of special lessons about this – particularly talking about the benefits of using the internet, as long as it is used safely.

As adults, we often tell children to the thing that might harm them online, we also need to remember to say it is a positive thing too.

You will find out more in next week's Children's Newsletter but if your child is online over the weekend, ask them why it is they enjoy using it and what do they think it does to help them to learn. [Home - Safer Internet Day](#)



SAVE the DATE

Safer Internet Day

2024 | Tuesday
6 February

www.saferinternetday.org



Half-Term Fun

The following website contains information for families for the February half-term and beyond.

[Ready, Steady, Worcestershire HAF for school holiday fun | Raring2go!](#)

Website:Hollymountschool.org

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