

Well, the snow added unexpected excitement this week. Thank-you for your support this week, whether it was bringing children to school in challenging conditions or following repeated messages about changes to collections. We do appreciate it.

Year 1 had a fabulous day at The Black Country Museum. Do look at our school website where photos of the day will be posted soon.

There is a LOT of information in today's newsletter as there is lots going on. Please keep it to refer back to.

No Pen's Wednesday

No pens, not no learning!

On Wednesday 27th November, we will be taking part in No Pens Wednesday. This is a national day run by Speech and Language UK – an organization which helps children with speech and language development.

Did you know that speech and language development is the most common reason why a child may be getting extra support at school? If you would like to know more about support for families look here: [Help for families - Speech and Language UK: Changing young lives](#)

No pen's day is a chance for your child to improve their speech, language and communication skills through a whole day of talking and listening activities - no pens or pencils allowed! The special theme for the day is 'Show and Tell', so **please help your child choose something that they would like to bring in to talk about**. Examples could be; an object from home that they love, a photograph of a person who they want to talk about, a photograph of a special memory or something imaginary or they could just think of something they want to talk about a hobby, favourite book or type of music.

If you have any concerns about your child's speech and language development, please talk to your child's class teacher who can advise you or organise a meeting with our SENCO, Mrs Lloyd.

Week beginning 25th November

Monday 25th November

Clubs: netball, multiskills, Young Voices, cross-stitching, chess

Tuesday 26th November

Clubs: football, futsal, Christmas choir, drama, yoga

Family Learning (SEND) 1pm

Swimming Year 6

Wednesday 27th November

No Pens Wednesday

Thursday 28th November

Clubs: Tag rugby, forest school, engineering, gardening, art.

Family Learning 1pm

Swimming Year 4

Friday 29th November

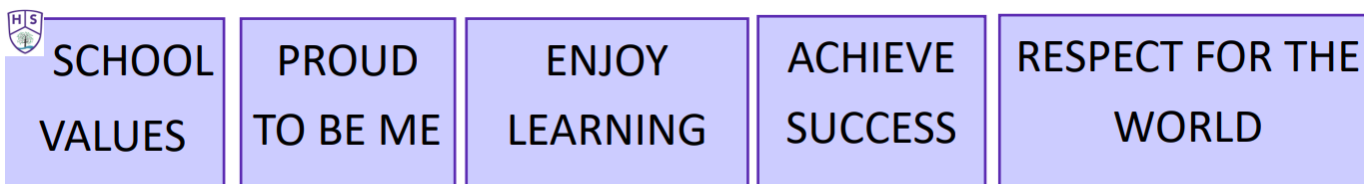
1HT class assembly 9.45am - 1HT parents' welcome

Tombola day – fins and bottles

Nativity

If you have a child in Reception, Year 1 or 2 you should have received a note about Nativity tickets. These are on sale now via sQuid. **Please only book 2 tickets per family initially, via sQuid.**

Complete the paper form if you would like more and we will organise from there. Watch out for texts with updated information on available tickets.





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 Ryan

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

Year group	Week beginning 18 th November	This half-term	This Term
Reception	80.1	91.8	94.7
Year 1	93.2	93.8	93.8
Year 2	90.1	93	90.5
Year 3	93.7	93.3	95.3
Year 4	93.1	95.02	95.7
Year 5	93.9	94.5	94.2
Year 6	94.7	95.4	96.4
Whole School (Rec – Y6)	91.3	93.8	94.4

Aperture Photography

Tuesday 10th December 2024 is the last order date for delivery of orders before Christmas. All images will be deleted in January 2025.

School Christmas Dinner

Taking part in school events is one of the most special parts of primary school. It's these memories children will take with them on to adulthood.

It is an annual tradition at Hollymount that all Reception – Year 6 children are invited to join in with a traditional Christmas dinner celebration. **It is FREE for all children.**

However, feeding 350 children a hot dinner is a mammoth task and takes all staff helping to make it run smoothly.

For this reason, we cannot supervise children eating sandwiches that day. The only exception is children who have special meal plans due to allergies or food related conditions.

School Christmas Dinner will be on Wednesday 18th December. The tables will be decorated and Christmas crackers will be enjoyed. Food will be traditional – turkey, roast potatoes and vegetables. Alternatively, children can have Quorn or roast fish. There will be cookies or chocolate cake for pudding.

Please could you follow the forms link to order your child's main dinner (they can choose pudding on the day) so kitchen staff can prepare **link removed** (closes Friday 29th November)

If for any reason you do not want your child to take part, you are free to take them home for lunch and bring them back to school. Please let us know; we will advise of timings closer to the day.

Christmas Fayre

This year, our Christmas Fayre will return with a daytime slot.

To make this possible, we will need to close school for all children Reception to Year 6 from 1pm on Monday 16th December. We hope that a member of the family will be able to collect children and then enjoy the Christmas Fayre together. If you have no available child care, children will be looked after by staff within Nursery. Nursery children are also free to go home but staff there will organise separately.

At this stage, we need you to let us know what you will do that day. Please complete the following Forms link by Monday 9th December – **link removed**

Tombola

As part of the Christmas Fayre, we will be running a Tombola stall and would be grateful for your donations. On the next 3 Fridays we would love to receive the following:

Friday 29th November – tins and bottles

Friday 6th December – chocolate and sweets

Friday 13th December – little toys/ games/books (good quality 2nd hand accepted)

Thank—you

Book Recommendations

Our school reading ambassadors met again this week and have a new set of reading recommendations for you. You will find them on our dedicated reading ambassador website page [Reading Ambassadors | Hollymount School](#)

Worcester Rotary Writing and Art Competition

KS2 children have been invited to take part in our annual Rotary competitions. The theme this year is "Wonderful Water." Children are encouraged to complete their entries at home so please do remind them. All entries must be in by 6th December.

Health and Safety

Parents have reported the increased amount of dog poo on the pavement outside of school. We know it is unlikely to be dogs belonging to parents here – we don't allow dogs on site. However, if you are aware of loose dogs fouling the streets please do contact the council. The following link takes you to a website which deals with all issues with dogs.

[Dog Service | Worcestershire Regulatory Services](#)

The council have advised us to contact all parents to give this message.



**Please clean up
after your dog**

Previous attachment

Tea with Santa

4th December at The Green Community Hub 4pm to 6pm
5th December at The Horizon Community Hub 4pm to 6pm
6th December at The Tolly Community Hub 4pm to 6pm

£2.50 PER CHILD AGES 5 TO 10 BOOKING ESSENTIAL

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 CHARACTER VISITS

Tea with Santa

Tolly Community Hug

Friday 6th December 4 – 6pm

£2.50 per child

Booking essential

Autumn Term Events

Friday 29th November: 2HT Class assembly 9.45am Parents of children in Miss Hoare's and Mrs Train's class invited.

Monday 2nd December: Christingle 5pm

Children from Years 3 and 4 will be taking part in our annual Christingle service. Further details will be sent home with children in these year groups.

Nativity – Reception, Year 1 and Year 2

Tuesday 10th December 2pm

Wednesday 11th December 10am

Thursday 12th December 2pm

Friday 13th December 11.15am and 2.45pm Nursery Christmas Sing-a-long

Monday 16th December 1.30pm Christmas Fayre

More details will be sent but **school will close for all children Reception – Year 6 at 1pm**. This is to enable families to enjoy the Christmas Fayre together.

Wednesday 18th December School Christmas Dinner. ALL children will be invited to eat a tradition Christmas lunch together

Friday 20th December Christmas Parties for all children across the school.

HAVE YOU ORDERED YOUR CHILD'S LUNCH FOR NEXT WEEK? IF NOT, PLEASE DO SO VIA SQUID.