



Newsletter week beginning 16th March



Happy Mother's Day



It's a special day for all you "mums." Thank-you for all you do for your children - we know it's not always easy! We hope you have a lovely, relaxing day.

Comic Relief - Red Nose Day

RED NOSE DAY

20TH MARCH 2026

Lets raise some money!

- Crazy hair day - Wear your hair in the craziest way you can think of.
- Paint your nose - It doesn't have to be red, it could be a ladybird, a character or a rainbow, you decide.

Bring in your donations to take part

CHALLENGES

In school find the Red Nose - Classes will be asked to find noses that are hidden around school. How many can you find?

What a joke! - Enter your funniest joke to perform to your class, best joke wins.



THURSDAY 20 MARCH



This **Friday, 20th March, it is 'Red Nose Day.'** For those of you new to the UK, the Comic Relief Charity, was set up in the mid 80s, by comedians, to raise money for good causes in the UK and abroad. The idea is people have as much fun as they can raising money!

Children in the school council would like to invite all children (staff and parents, too) to take part in **Crazy Hair Day**. Get creative with those hair styles, or wigs. Children are also welcome to wear official Red Noses or paint their nose; wear official Comic Relief merchandise or wear some red with their uniform. The School Council have also organised activities children can take part in during the day. We will open a donation option to Arbor accounts so that you can make an optional money donation. If you can only donate through cash, then we will accept that too. Thank-you

Ramadan and Eid

We are approaching the end of the holy month of Ramadan. Many of our families will be celebrating Eid at the end of the week - we hope you have a lovely time with your families.

Parents' Meetings



Thank-you if you were able to come to parents' meetings or take a phone call on Wednesday or Thursday. We hope you found it helpful.

We know that some parents who were expecting a phone call, didn't receive it. Either this was because there was no answer when teachers' called or because teachers had connection problems on their phone. We didn't know there was work scheduled to take place on the local mobile mast! Please do talk to your child's class teacher, if this affected you.

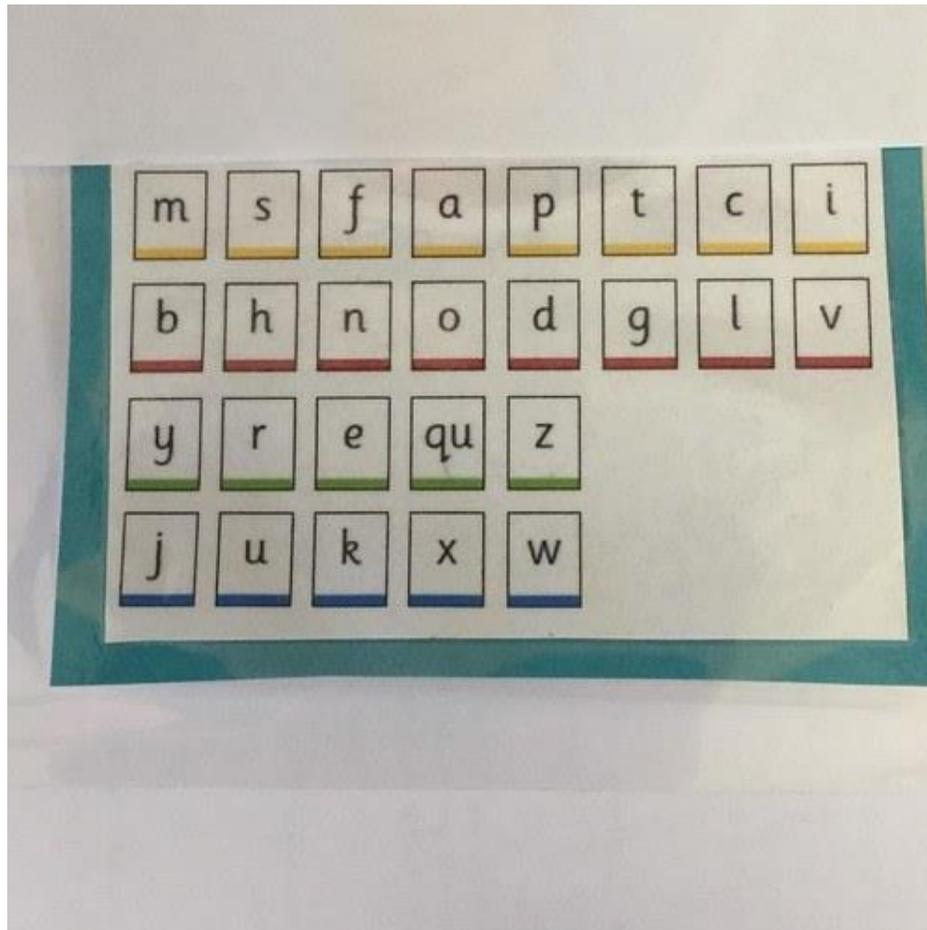
Easter



As the school term comes to an end, we also look forward to our annual Easter activities.

We will be holding our usual Easter competitions and attach information for you in this email. Children are invited to make an Easter Bonnet (Reception, Year 1 and Year 2) or a decorated egg (Years 3 - 6) Entries cost 50p (please pay via Arbor where possible) and must be in school by 3pm Wednesday 25th March. Winners will be announced on Friday 27th March during our Easter Assembly- we are sorry we are unable to invite parents to this event due to space.

Phonics Screening Meeting - Year 1



In June, there is a statutory phonics screening check for all children in Year 1. This is to check whether children have a good recall of all letter sounds (phonemes) in order to be able to read words. Results are collected by the DFE.

For the children, it is nothing to be worried about. We check their phonic knowledge all the time - this is just another time to them!

If you would like to know more about the check and what it involves, Mrs Train will host a **meeting at 9am on Wednesday 18th March**. It would be lovely if you could come along, however we will also send out information to those who can't make it.

Solar Panels



The work on the solar panels is now complete - fingers crossed for some sunny days ahead so that we can begin to store some energy. We hope that once they are up and running fully, we should be able to generate enough electricity to cover 20% of the energy the school uses. That may not sound much, but every little helps both the school budget and the environment.

Tomorrow, Year 5 will be taking part in a workshop to learn more about solar panels; we look forward to them sharing what they learn.

Relationship, Health and Sex Education Policy

RHSE policy is a statutory document all schools must have in place. It is reviewed annually but due to changes in Government expectation now needs to go out to parent consultation before final changes can be made.

We are currently at the stage of asking for your general opinion about what children should learn in school around these areas. We would be grateful if you could take a few minutes to complete this survey (you only need to do it once for all your children.) The survey will stay open until the end of the Easter holidays.

[Parental Consultation 2026 on Statutory Relationships, Sex & Health Education \(RSHE\) – Fill out form](#)

Thank-you

This Week



Mrs Parry (office manager) is on a First Aid course from Monday - Wednesday this week. Please be patient with other office staff whilst they are short-staffed - it might take a little longer for the phone to be answered or for people to be available to help you. Thank-you

Monday 16th March

Tuesday 17th March: Swimming Year 5

Wednesday 18th March - Year 1 parents; Phonics screening meeting 9am

Thursday 19th March Swimming Year 3

Friday 20th March: Red Nose Day

Future events:

Wednesday 25th March 3.15pm deadline for Easter bonnets and Easter Egg entries

RockSteady Music concert - Friday 27th March 2pm

Easter holidays - Monday 30th March - Friday 10th April



Your opinion matters

If there is anything else you would like to see being provided in our regular newsletter, let us know. Please email the school office - office@hollymountschool.org

Similarly if you have any other suggestions about school in general, then please let us know.

Thank-you