



Newsletter week beginning 20th April



Welcome Back

We hope you all had a good holiday. The first week back at school went well and it was lovely to hear about what children had been doing with their families. Chocolate seems to be a consistent theme!

Thank-you to everyone who helped children make bonnets and egg decorating entries; we had a lovely Easter assembly.

As we enter the Summer Term we are hoping for some fine, dry weather. However we ask that all children bring a coat to school every day; the weather is very changeable in the UK and where we can get outside we do - whatever the weather! Please remember that names must be in all jumpers and coats.

Rock Steady



We were treated to a fantastic concert on the last day of last term. 15 children who have been working with Dan, our RockSteady teacher performed the songs they had been working on: We will Rock You; Green Green Grass and Seven Nation Army. For children who had only been playing for 9 weeks, their skills were amazing! But better than skills was their confidence! It was amazing to see young children, some of whom appear very quiet on a day-to-day basis, get up on a stage in front of 150 children and about 50 adults and perform. Incredible! We were all so proud.

RockSteady has started again for the summer term. There are some places available if any other children are interested. If you need more information please email head@hollymountschool.org¹.

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Term Dates

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Jul 4: Independence Day, Sep 7: Labor Day, Oct 12: Columbus Day, Nov 11: Veterans Day, Nov 26: Thanksgiving Day, Dec 25: Christmas Day

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Nov 25: Thanksgiving Day, Dec 24: Christmas Day (observed), Dec 25: Christmas Day, Dec 31: New Year's Day (observed)

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Term dates have now been set across all Black Pear Trust schools. Although we have used Worcestershire dates as a guideline, please keep these dates as a reference - all schools are slightly different. A separate document will be included in the email with this newsletter.

We have also listened to families who tell us that booking holidays or flights at the end of August is very expensive. We have therefore made the decision to group some INSET days into the first week of September. We hope this will enable some families to travel back to the UK a little cheaper and allow others to take a week's holiday when other schools have returned. We will trial the approach this year and get feedback in the Autumn Term.

Monday 7th September: Children return to school (Reception and Nursery will give their own transition days/ times)

Thursday 22nd October: Children break up

Half-term holiday Friday 23rd October - Friday 30th October

Monday 2nd November: Children return

Friday 18th December: Children break up

Christmas Holiday Monday 21st December - Monday 4th January

Tuesday 4th January: Children return

Friday 12th February: Children break up

Half-term holiday Monday 15th February - Friday 19th February

Tuesday 23rd February: Children return

Thursday 25th March: Children break up

Easter Holiday Friday 26th March - Friday 9th April

Monday 12th April: Children return

Thursday 27th May: Children break up

Half-term holiday: Friday 28th May - Friday 4th June

Monday 7th June: Children return

Wednesday 21st July: Children break up

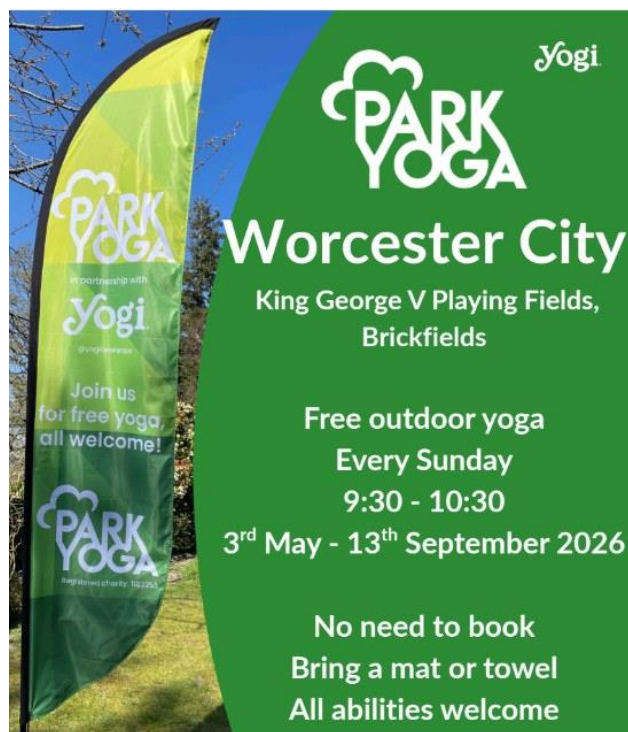
School staff are required to work a number of INSET days for training purposes. These are reflected in the above dates and are:

1st - 4th September; 23rd October; 4th January; 22nd February; 28th May

We kindly request that all family holidays or travel for any purpose are kept within school holiday dates.

Summer Term Events

Final dates and times are being put together for our usual summer term events and these will be published next week. We would like to take this opportunity to remind all parents of **Year 6 children that SATs week is Monday 11th - Friday 15th May**. Children are not able to sit tests on any other date than the one published unless there is genuine illness and permission is granted by the DFE.



1 - This is being organised by externally from school, however we thought you may be interested.

Research Trial: Obsessive Compulsive Disorder

The school has been approached by the CAMHS-WEST team to identify any children who may be showing traits of OCD. They are working in partnership with The University of Oxford who are running a trial to support children who are aged 5 - 12 years old.

If you think your child may be suitable, then please contact Mrs Hussain, our mental health lead, via the school email address (office@hollymountschool.org²) She will put you in touch with a WEST practitioner who will talk to you in more detail.

We are including a poster about the trial with this email. The deadline for children to be involved is July.

²<mailto:office@hollymountschool.org>

This Week



Monday 20th April: Clubs BSL, Forest School

Tuesday 21st April: Clubs: Yoga, Rounders, Performing Arts, Big Sing, Parachute Games

Wednesday 22nd April: House singing competition

Thursday 23rd April: Clubs: Cricket, Gardening, Dance

Friday 24th April: RockSteady

After school clubs ran well this week. Some clubs are very full, others still have spaces. If your child did not apply for a club and would like one, then please talk to your child's class teacher or email the office and collect him or her at 4pm. Clubs will run each week on the following dates:

- 20th April 2026
- 27th April 2026
- 4th May 2026

Break for staff commitments and half-term

- 1st June 2026

- 8th June 2026
- 15th June 2026
- 22nd June 2026



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.org³

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

Thank-you

³<mailto:office@hollymountschool.org>