



HOLDEN LANE PRIMARY NEWS

"Working Together, Learning for Life"



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QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

A **HUGE** thank you to all the families that joined us before half term for our Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebration.

This special event included performances by the children involving music, singing, dancing and African drumming. As always, it was an absolute pleasure to see the children perform with such enthusiasm, excitement and enjoyment. Every single child played their part beautifully and we are very proud of each and every one of them. We were delighted by the marvellous speakers, sensational singers, incredible musicians and outstanding dancers.

The performances were made all the more special by so many families and guests joining us to share this historic event and to offer superb support and encouragement to the children.

Very well done to all of our children, we are very proud of you all!

A **HUGE** thank you also to all the staff who worked so hard to make each performance such a great success!

Thank you for your continued support.



THE ANIMAL MAN VISITS RECEPTION AND YEAR 2

Our Reception and Year 2 classes enjoyed a very exciting visit from the Animal Man before half term. He brought along a wide range of animals to meet the children. The animals included a python, lizard, a skunk, a cockroach and a type of hedgehog. The children were thrilled to get up close and touch the animals. They were able to learn interesting facts and ask questions.

Well done Reception and Year 2, we are very proud of you!



THE VIKINGS VISIT YEAR 5

Our Year 5 class were very excited when they were visited by the Vikings on Tuesday. The visit transported the class back through time for a fabulous day of learning.

The experience enabled them to learn about life as a Viking and the trials of travelling by sea. The children explored Viking weapons and body armour. They became archaeologists in order to examine artefacts used in everyday Viking life and found out what food they ate.

They also recreated a Viking burial in preparation for the journey to Valhalla. The children showed great enthusiasm throughout the day and were able to learn many interesting facts and ask questions.

Well done to our Year 5 historians ~ we are very proud of your interest and passion for learning!



OLYMPIC AND COMMONWEALTH SUPERSTAR VISITS HOLDEN LANE!

On Wednesday, we were delighted to welcome James Dasaolu to our school.

James is a British sprint, track and field athlete who specialises in the 100m. He became European Champion in 2014 and is the second fastest Briton of all time after running a 100m time of 9.91 seconds in the British Championships. James delivered a special assembly and shared his own personal journey with the children. He talked about his experiences competing at the Olympics and how he had raced against Usain Bolt, the fastest man in the world. He then led a morning of circuit training and fitness activities that the children thoroughly enjoyed.

He was extremely pleased to meet our children and answer their questions about his life as an athlete.

Thank you and well done to all the children for giving James such a warm welcome and for participating in the activities with such great enthusiasm.





PARENT PARTNERSHIP READING PROJECT ~ VERY WELL DONE!

Many thanks to the parents and carers who joined us before half term to congratulate our Year 2 and Year 6 pupils for their participation in our Parent Partnership Reading Project. The aim of the project was to challenge pupils and their families to read every day for 5 weeks at home in order to measure the power of daily reading and to promote a love of books.

The children also read every day at school and each child was assessed at the start and end of the 5 weeks to measure their progress. All the pupils that committed to the project made super progress and we were delighted to celebrate their success during a special assembly during which they were awarded with a book of their choice.

Special congratulations also go to the boy and girl who made most progress in each class who were awarded with a fabulous electronic Kindle as well as a book of their choice.

We hope that the awards will encourage the children to continue to enjoy reading and develop a lifelong love of books.

Many thanks to the parents that supported the project and well done to all the children who took part!
Superstar readers ~ we are extremely proud of you!

WALK TO SCHOOL WEEK

16th to 20th MAY 2022

Very well done to everyone who took part in Walk to School Week 2022 before half term. We hope that pupils, parents, carers and staff had an enjoyable time taking part, as well as supporting sustainable travel in and around the City.

This year, the #PowerUp challenge took pupils through five, video game inspired levels. In the process, they learnt about the social, road safety, health and environmental benefits of walking, encouraging sustainable travel habits for life. It has been wonderful to see the children joining other schools from all over the country to find out about the important benefits of walking.

Well done to everyone who walked to school! Thank you for your support for Walk to School Week 2022.



CLASS PHOTOGRAPHS

Our annual class groups, Year 6 Leavers and Reception Graduation photographs will be taken after half term on **Wednesday 22nd June**.

We look forward to seeing all of our children looking their very best, super smart in their uniform, ready for their class photograph.

Thank you for your continued support.



SPORTS DAY DATES 2022

Families are warmly invited to our Sports Days that will soon be taking place to celebrate the sporting achievements of our children. This year, weather permitting, our Sports Days will take place on the school field. They will take the form of a celebration of the wide range of sports and PE activities that the children have enjoyed and practised throughout the year.

Year 1 and Year 2 Sports Day ~ Monday 20th June at 9.15am
Nursery and Reception Sports Day ~ Tuesday 21st June at 9.15am
Year 3 and Year 4 Sports Day ~ Thursday 23rd June at 9.15am
Year 5 and Year 6 Sports Day ~ Thursday 23rd June at 10.45am

We hope that you will all join us to support and encourage the children. Refreshments will be provided for the children.
Thank you for your continued support!



SCIENCE SPACE WEEK 2022

Science Week begins on Monday 27th June 2022. The whole school will be involved in activities and investigations to promote the wonderful world of science. There will be a wide range of investigations, experiments and activities taking place throughout the week linking to the themes of electricity, the seasons, animals (including humans) and plants.

The children will be carrying out the role of 'science expert' and ASM Sports who will be exploring pulse and breathing rates while exercising.

Families are warmly invited to join us on **Wednesday 29th June from 1.30pm to 2.45pm** to take part in our Science Fair.

Our Science Ambassadors will present a range of investigations and share their findings. There will also be ideas for investigations that families can explore at home.

Please come along and join us for a celebration of the world of science. We very much look forward to seeing you.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Please make a note of the following dates for your diary:

- ♦ Monday 20th June ~ Year 1 and Year 2 Sports Day at 9.15am
- ♦ Tuesday 21st June ~ Nursery and Reception Sports Day at 9.15am
- ♦ Wednesday 22nd June ~ Class photographs
- ♦ Thursday 23rd June ~ Year 3 and Year 4 Sports Day at 9.15am
- ♦ Thursday 23rd June ~ Year 5 and Year 6 Sports Day at 10.45am
- ♦ Wednesday 29th June ~ Science Space Fair in the hall from 1.30pm to 2.45pm
- ♦ Wednesday 6th July ~ Parent Consultation Evening
- ♦ Tuesday 19th July ~ School closes for end of Summer Term 2022
- ♦ Wednesday 20th July ~ SCHOOL CLOSED FOR STAFF TRAINING

