



HOLDEN LANE PRIMARY NEWS

"Working Together, Learning for Life"

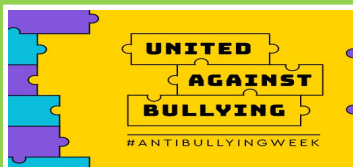


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ANTI-BULLYING WEEK

14th to 18th NOVEMBER 2022

Anti-bullying Week begins on Monday 14th November. The whole school will be involved in activities to promote working together to prevent bullying at Holden Lane. Each class will focus on working hard to encourage positive

relationships and to spread the anti-bullying message throughout school and our local community.

This year's theme - **Reach Out** - aims to empower children, staff and families to do something positive to counter the harm and hurt that bullying causes.

Bullying affects millions of lives and can leave us feeling hopeless. However, if we challenge it, we can change it and it all starts by reaching out. Whether it's in school, at home, in the community or online, let's reach out and show each other the support we need. Reach out to someone you trust if you need to talk. Reach out and consider a new approach! Together, let's be the change that we want to see. Let's reflect on our behavior, set positive examples and create kinder communities.

Throughout the week, our children will be learning to understand what constitutes bullying, where to go for help and how to help others. They will be raising awareness of the effects of bullying on the lives of children both in the short and long term. They will be discussing the safe and responsible use of technology and exploring how anti-bullying links to our school's STARS Values.

Children and staff are warmly invited to come to school on Monday 14th November wearing odd socks with their school clothes to mark the start of Anti-bullying Week.

This will help us to remember and celebrate that we are all unique and equally special in our school.

In addition, families are warmly invited to join us on **Wednesday 16th November at 1.30pm** to take part in our anti-bullying workshops. There will be a range of activities in the Learning Street for parents and carers to take part in with their children. Each class will lead an activity and refreshments will be served. Please sign in at the school office.

LET'S WORK TOGETHER TO SHOW THAT BULLYING BEHAVIOUR WILL NOT BE TOLERATED AT HOLDEN LANE!

To find out more visit <http://www.antibullyingweek.co.uk/>, <http://anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/aba-week.aspx> or <http://www.childline.org.uk>

Thank you for your continued support.



NON-UNIFORM DAY FUNDRAISER FRIDAY 18th NOVEMBER CHILDREN IN NEED

We are holding our annual non-uniform fundraising day on Friday 18th November to raise money for Children in Need. Children are invited to come to school in their own clothes, in spotty clothes or dressed as Pudsey Bear in exchange for a small donation to the charity.

We hope that everyone will get involved to help less fortunate children and their families.

Thank you for your continued support.

ATTENDANCE CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY ~ THANK YOU!

Thank you to the families that came along to share our Attendance assemblies this week.

We awarded our special badges and certificates for last half term and were delighted that so many of you were able to join us. Our whole school attendance for last half term was **95%**.

We need to keep working really hard to reach our target of **96%**, eliminate Persistent Absence and reduce the amount of children arriving late.

Many congratulations to all our wonderful Attendance Award winners! Wear your badges with pride!



YEAR 2 VISIT STANLEY HEAD OUTDOOR EDUCATION CENTRE

On Tuesday, Year 2 visited Stanley Head Outdoor Education Centre to enhance their literacy learning based on their study of the children's book 'The Tunnel' by Anthony Brown.

They started the day sitting around the camp fire to share the story. They then used natural materials to create scenes from the story. The children braved the wet weather to complete the obstacle course, the nightline (with and without blindfolds) and then experienced crawling through tunnels. They finished the day by completing an orienteering course.

The children showed super behaviour and a positive attitude to learning.

Well done Year 2, you are enthusiastic learners and you have made us very proud.





TIMES TABLES ROCK STARS

A huge well done to all of our Year 5 and Year 6 children who have been working hard to practise and improve their times tables using Times Tables Rock Stars.

Both classes recently took part in the city-wide Stoke Rocks competition.

Huge congratulations to Year 6 who came in at 36 out of the 149 classes that took part.

They answered an incredible 55,672 questions correctly.

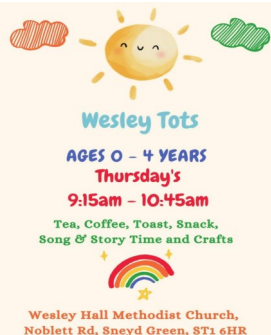
Year 5 came 110th with 2554 questions answered correctly.

The top three highest scoring pupils were all from Year 6. Many congratulations to Paryah, Jazmin and Tayia who have been awarded with medals and certificates in recognition of their fantastic hard work and commitment. The top ten highest scoring pupils also received a times tables stationary prize.

All pupils in Key Stage 2 are now registered to take part in England Rocks which begins next week. The children will be working hard on their times tables in school but can also play at home until 7.30pm.

We wish them all the best of luck as they have fun whilst improving their times tables skills!

Good luck Key Stage 2, we wish you great success!



WESLEY HALL METHODIST CHURCH ~ WESLEY TOTS

Families with children from 0 to 4 years of age are warmly invited to 'Wesley Tots' at Wesley Hall Methodist Church each Thursday (term time only). From 9.15am to 10.45am, there will be tea, coffee, toast, snacks, songs, story time and crafts.

For more information, please contact the church.



CHRISTMAS MARKET AT THE INDI CLUB

The Indi Club, Sneyd Green, warmly invite you to get into the festive spirit by joining them at their Christmas Market on Saturday 26th November from 11am to 3pm. Come along and visit Santa's grotto, then enjoy festive food and drinks, stalls, raffles, games, live music and much, much more. Entry to the market is free of charge.

Everyone at The Indi Club look forward to seeing you!

HELPING ANGELS PRESENT JACK AND THE BEANSTALK

Helping Angels present Jack and the Beanstalk at the Indi Club, Sneyd Green. Tickets are now on sale for an action-packed, fun-filled Christmas pantomime taking place on Tuesday 13th December at 6pm and Saturday 17th December at 12pm.

Please contact The Indi Club for more information.



SAINT ANDREW'S CHURCH ~ GLORIOUSLY MESSY

Families are warmly invited to 'Gloriously Messy', a fun event for all the family, led by Saint Andrew's Church at the Indi Club, Ralph Drive. From 4.30pm to 6pm on 20th November and 11th December, there will be crafts, games, activities, songs and interactive talks, concluding with a meal.

For more information email:

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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

- ♦ Monday 14th November ~ Wear odd socks with your uniform to promote anti-bullying
- ♦ Monday 14th November ~ Anti-bullying Week begins
- ♦ Wednesday 16th November ~ Anti-bullying Family Workshop at 1.30pm
- ♦ Friday 18th November ~ Children in Need Non-uniform Day
- ♦ Thursday 15th December ~ School closes for end of Autumn Term 2022
- ♦ Tuesday 3rd January ~ School opens for Spring Term 2023
- ♦ Friday 17th February ~ School closes for Half Term
- ♦ Monday 27th February ~ School opens for pupils
- ♦ Friday 31st March ~ School closes for end of Spring Term 2023
- ♦ Monday 17th April ~ School opens for Summer Term 2023
- ♦ Monday 1st May ~ School closed for **BANK HOLIDAY**
- ♦ **Monday 8th May 2023 ~ Key Stage 2 SATs Week**
- ♦ Friday 26th May ~ School closes for Half Term
- ♦ Monday 5th June ~ School opens for pupils
- ♦ Friday 21st July ~ School closes for end of Summer Term 2023
- ♦ **Monday 24th July ~ SCHOOL CLOSED FOR STAFF TRAINING**
- ♦ **Tuesday 25th July ~ SCHOOL CLOSED FOR STAFF TRAINING**

