



# HOLDEN LANE PRIMARY NEWS

“Working Together, Learning for Life”



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## HAPPY SCHOOL HOLIDAYS!

School closes next Friday for the Easter holiday. We would like to congratulate the children for their excellent attitude to learning throughout the school year so far. They have been very busy learners and have enjoyed exploring and taking part in a wide range of activities and events. They have also looked immaculate in their school uniform which always receives positive comments whenever the children represent our school.

In addition, the children impressed our Ofsted visitors who enjoyed every minute that they spent in their company. We look forward to welcoming all the children back to school on **MONDAY 8th APRIL** for the start of the Summer Term 2024.

On behalf of the staff and governors, we would like to wish all of our children and families a very happy break.

Thank you for your continued support for our school.



## OFSTED INSPECTION 2024

Our school was inspected by OFSTED last week.

The report is now being processed and will be shared with parents once it has been finalised. The inspectors would like to sincerely thank all the children for welcoming them so warmly into the school and for being so pleasant and polite throughout their visit.

The inspectors estimated that they spoke to at least 108 of our pupils throughout the two days. They would also like to thank all the families that took the time to talk to them and to complete the parent questionnaire. The pupils were an absolute credit to the school throughout the inspection.

They made us all feel extremely proud to be members of our Holden Lane School community.

Thank you for your continued support.



## WORLD BOOK DAY 2024

A huge well done to all the children and staff who came to school dressed as characters from their favourite books or in their pyjamas for story time to celebrate World Book Day last week. We had a fabulous day as everyone enjoyed taking part in a range of activities to promote the joy of reading and a love of books. The children and staff enjoyed the experience of sharing books and worked together to carry out a class author study. The range of authors studied included Martin Waddell, Kes Gray, Dr Seuss, Anthony Browne, JK Rowling, Anthony Horowitz and Jeff Kinney. Classes also paired up to share books together.

Each child received a World Book Day voucher which can be exchanged for a book of their choice in a range of shops until Sunday 31st March.

Daily reading with an adult makes such a huge difference and we are very grateful to all the parents and carers who continue to support reading development in our school.

Well done to everyone for celebrating World Book Day and the joy of reading!

Enjoy your new book and enjoy sharing it with your family!



## YEAR 1 CLASS ASSEMBLY

Families of our Year 1 class are warmly invited to join us for their class assembly on

**Tuesday 19th March at 9.10am.**

We hope that you will come along to share their special assembly to celebrate Easter time and the coming of Spring.

We look forward to seeing you and thank you for your continued support.



## YEAR 2 CLASS ASSEMBLY ~ VERY WELL DONE!

Many thanks to all the families that joined us to share our Year 2 class assembly last Thursday to celebrate World Book Day.

We would like to congratulate our Year 2 children for creating such a **WONDERFUL** assembly all about the enjoyment of reading. The children looked fantastic in their outfits, they performed their parts beautifully and sang with great enthusiasm.

They kept us smiling throughout and were a credit to the school.

What a fabulous way to start the day!

Well done Year 2, we are so very proud of every single one of you!



## YEAR 6 LEARN ABOUT WORLD WAR TWO

A **HUGE** well done to our Year 6 class who travelled back in time to take part in a special workshop to enrich and enhance their learning about World War Two. The children thoroughly enjoyed learning all about the Women's Land Army who kept the nation fed during the war. The children explored a wide range of artefacts. They found out how rationing worked and learnt how to use a rationing book. They discovered what life was like as a Land Girl and explored life on the farm, crops, tools of the trade, milking and butter churning and compared recruitment propaganda with first-hand accounts. The children showed great interest throughout the day and were a credit to the school.

Well done to our Year 6 historians, we are proud of you all!







### YEAR 2 VISIT THE ANCIENT HIGH HOUSE

A **HUGE** well done to our Year 2 class who visited the Ancient High House in Stafford this week. They travelled through time from the Tudor period to the Stuart period to the Georgian period to the Victorian period and finally to the Edwardian period. They looked at changes to the building during each historical period and discussed which materials were used for everyday objects and why. The children dressed up as servants, lords and ladies and sorted various items into what the rich would have and what the poor would have. They made a wattle and daub wall and tried to construct their own frame for a Tudor building. Their enthusiasm and behaviour were outstanding throughout the day! As always, they were a credit to the school and made us extremely proud. Very well done to our Year 2 time travellers, what a wonderful day of history learning!

### YEAR SIX SATS TESTS

Our Year 6 children are working extremely hard in all aspects of their learning in order to prepare for their SATs tests which will begin on **Tuesday 13th May**. We would like to thank you for all your support in helping the children prepare for this important week. Keep working hard Year 6 and continue with your revision. We know that you will do your very best and make us very proud!

### NON- UNIFORM CHARITY FUNDRAISER

We are inviting children to come to school in non-uniform on **Friday 22nd March**. We would request that each child makes a small donation towards our school charity. This half term, the children have chosen Mind, which supports all aspects of mental health. We hope that every child will get involved. Thank you for helping others through our school charity fundraising. Thank you for your continued support!



### EASTER FUN AT SAINT ANDREW'S CHURCH

Families are warmly invited to celebrate the coming of Easter at Saint Andrew's Church. On 21st March, there will be a wide range of activities taking place at Giggle and Grow. These include crafts, soft play, storytelling and songs. On 29th March, Good Friday, families are invited to Messy Church from 4pm to 5pm. There will be crafts, activities, music, storytelling and an Easter egg hunt. Please call 07375676033 or email office@standrewssneydgreen.com



### YEAR 5 VISIT THE PEAK DISTRICT

Year 5 visited Buxton and Leek last week to enrich their learning about rivers. They carried out a study of the River Dane with the expert staff from Stanley Head Outdoor Education Centre. They braved the great outdoors to carry out a range of investigations. They visited the source of the river and followed the river to see how it changes as it progresses on its journey. They worked together to look at the river's features, took measurements to investigate the depth and width and also investigated the speed of the river flow. The children thoroughly enjoyed the experience and showed great enthusiasm for their learning. Well done to our Year 5 geographers, you have made us all proud.

### ATTENDANCE CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY

Families are warmly invited to join us to celebrate the attendance success of our children. We will be awarding our attendance awards and certificates for this Half Term and would be delighted if families would come along to share this special assembly.

**KEY STAGE TWO ~ TUESDAY 16th APRIL at 9.10am**

**NURSERY, RECEPTION, YEAR 1 & YEAR 2 ~**

**WEDNESDAY 17th APRIL at 9.10am**

Please support us by making sure that the children arrive at school on time to ensure that they are in class by 9 o'clock ready for their learning.

**DOORS ARE OPEN FROM 8.45AM!**

Thank you for your continued support!

### NON-UNIFORM DAY FUNDRAISER RED NOSE DAY FOR COMIC RELIEF

Well done to all the children who took part in today's Red Nose Day non-uniform event to raise money for Comic Relief. We have raised a super total of £125.00. Thank you all for supporting this special charity and thinking of others. Thank you for your continued support!



### #LETGIRLSPLAY FOOTBALL CELEBRATION

A huge well done to our fabulous girl footballers from classes all across the school who took part in our #LetGirlsPlay football celebration last week. Led by our Girls' Football Sports Crew, they joined together to take part in an exciting lunchtime of football activities to promote International Women's Day. The girls participated with great enthusiasm. They showed excellent support for each other and demonstrated their fabulous football skills including dribbling, attacking and defending. They also demonstrated the school sport values including fairness and respect. They made us very proud and were a credit to our school.

Over 68 girls from Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 took part!

A special thank you to Mr Gibson for leading the event.

What an excellent way to celebrate International Women's Day at Holden Lane!

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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

- ◆ Tuesday 19th March ~ Year 1 Class Assembly at 9.10am
- ◆ Tuesday 19th March ~ Stay for Lunch for Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2
- ◆ Thursday 21st March ~ Stay for Lunch for Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6
- ◆ Friday 22nd March ~ Charity Fundraiser Non-uniform Day
- ◆ Friday 22nd March ~ School closes for end of Spring Term 2024
- ◆ Monday 8th April ~ School opens for Summer Term 2024
- ◆ Tuesday 16th April ~ Key Stage 2 Attendance Assembly at 9.10am
- ◆ Wednesday 17th April ~ Nursery, Reception and Key Stage 1 Attendance Assembly at 9.10am
- ◆ Monday 6th May ~ School closed for **BANK HOLIDAY**
- ◆ **Monday 13th May 2024 ~ Key Stage 2 SATs Week**
- ◆ Friday 24th May ~ School closes for Half Term
- ◆ **Monday 3rd June ~ SCHOOL CLOSED FOR STAFF TRAINING**
- ◆ Tuesday 4th June ~ School opens for pupils
- ◆ Friday 19th July ~ School closes for end of Summer Term 2024
- ◆ **Monday 22nd July ~ SCHOOL CLOSED FOR STAFF TRAINING**

