



HOLDEN LANE PRIMARY NEWS

“Working Together, Learning for Life”



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A VERY WARM WELCOME BACK

We would like to welcome all of our children back to school as the Summer Term begins.

The children have returned to school eager to learn, full of enthusiasm and looking super smart in their uniforms.

We are all very much looking forward to a happy and successful Summer Term at Holden Lane.

Thank you for your continued support.

YEAR 4 AND YEAR 5 VISIT STANDON BOWERS OUTDOOR EDUCATION CENTRE

Very well done to our Year 4 and Year 5 pupils who recently spent three days at Standon Bowers Outdoor Education Centre. They left school on Wednesday and returned on Friday after an action packed visit, full of exciting adventures in the great outdoors. The children enjoyed a wide range of activities including caving, pond dipping, rope climbing, orienteering, map reading and working as a team. They had a fabulous time and thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to learn new skills whilst being active and having fun. We would like to congratulate them all, especially for their enthusiasm when trying new activities and experiences.

Many thanks to Mrs Reece, Mrs Kent and Mr Lightfoot for giving of their time so generously to support the visit, their commitment is greatly appreciated by us all.

We look forward to more exciting residential visits next year.



THE FARM ON WHEELS VISITS NURSERY

Our Nursery children recently enjoyed a special visit from the Farm on Wheels. They were excited to meet and learn about a range of different farm animals. They met a calf and bottle fed a new born lamb. They also met rabbits and ducks and enjoyed every moment of each encounter.

They returned to class full of enthusiasm for their learning.

Each and every child was a credit to the school.

VERY WELL DONE NURSERY ~ WE ARE PROUD OF YOU ALL!



YEAR 1 CLASS ASSEMBLY ~ VERY WELL DONE!

Many thanks to all the families that joined us to share our Year 1 class assembly in the last week before the break.

We would like to congratulate our Year 1 children for creating such a **WONDERFUL** assembly all about Easter and the coming of Spring. The children performed their parts beautifully and sang with enthusiasm.

They made us all smile and were a credit to the school.

Well done Year 1, you made us very proud!



DANCE EXTRAVAGANZA 'LIGHTS, CAMERA, ACTION!'

HUGE congratulations and well done to our exceptionally talented Year 5 and Year 2 dancers who joined schools from all over the City to perform at the Victoria Hall as part of the annual Stoke School Sport Partnership Dance Extravaganza.

They performed a wonderful routine based on Bollywood, a celebration of the film industry based in Mumbai, along with the traditional Indian folk dance called Bhangra. The dance was high energy and huge amounts of fun.

The children performed with great skill and confidence.

They were an absolute credit to our school.

Many thanks to Miss Georgina Clare from ASM Sports for her wonderful choreography and expertise.

A huge thank you also to Mrs Reece and Miss Bagguley for their leadership and support with organisation of the event, transport and costumes. Thank you also to Mr Lightfoot, Mrs Lovatt, Mr Gibson, Mrs Kent and Miss Yoxall for joining us to add their support and encouragement.

Congratulations once again to all of our fabulous dancers, you made us all smile and burst with pride!

And finally, many thanks to the families that supported this very special event, your support as always is greatly appreciated by the children and staff.





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 last 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.

BANK HOLIDAY

School is closed on **MONDAY 6th MAY** for the May Bank Holiday.

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STAFF TRAINING DAY

MONDAY 3rd JUNE

Please note that school is closed on **MONDAY 3rd JUNE** for staff training.

YEAR SIX SATS TESTS

Our Year 6 children continue to work extremely hard in all aspects of their learning in order to prepare for their SATs tests which begin on **Monday 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, we know that you will make us very proud!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

FAMILIES LUNCH INVITATION ~ OUR THANKS

We would like to thank all the parents and family members who joined us before the break for dinner. We were delighted to welcome parents and family members into school. The children and staff were delighted to warmly welcome you all to share a school lunch. We hope that you enjoyed the experience and will join us again in the near future. The next "Stay for Lunch" days will take place this term. More details coming soon!

NON-UNIFORM DAY FUNDRAISER ~ OUR THANKS

A **HUGE** well done to everyone who took part in our non-uniform day to raise funds for Mind, which supports all aspects of mental health. We raised a wonderful £131.87. Very well done to everyone for taking part in order to help helping others through our school charity fundraising. Your support is greatly appreciated.



THANK you!

NURSERY PLACES AVAILABLE FOR SEPTEMBER 2024

We still have Nursery places available for September 2024. Please contact the school office for further information.



CURRICULUM NEWSLETTERS

Curriculum newsletters have been sent home today. They provide important information about the topics that the children are learning this term. They also provide guidance on how parents can support their child's learning at home. We hope that you find them useful and informative. They can also be viewed on our school website under the 'Our Curriculum' section. Thank you for your continued support.

PARENT PARTNERSHIP READING PROJECT ~ WELL DONE!

Many thanks to the parents and carers of our Year 2 and Year 6 pupils who have taken part in our Parent Partnership Reading Project. The aim of the project is to challenge pupils and their families to read every day for 4 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 is assessed at the start and end of the 4 weeks to measure their progress. Families of each class are warmly invited to a special celebration assembly after half term during which we will present a range of awards to all the participants. Thank you for your continued support. More details to follow shortly.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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

- ◆ 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**

