



HOLDEN LANE PRIMARY NEWS



“Working Together, Learning for Life”

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OFSTED INSPECTION REPORT 2024 HOLDEN LANE PRIMARY CONTINUES TO BE GOOD!

Please find your copy of our recent Ofsted inspection report enclosed with this week's newsletter.

The report provides details of the inspection findings and describes areas for future development to further improve our school. We are delighted that Ofsted has judged our school as continuing to be good and we are all incredibly proud of the inspection findings.



We are over the moon to be described as **a small school with a big heart** where **pupils perform well in their learning** and where **attitudes to learning are highly positive and pupils give their best to all they do**.

We are so proud that the report notes that **'pupils' behaviour is exemplary**, and **pupils are immensely proud of their school and feel that they have a responsibility for making it a 'nice place to be'**.

One pupil described the school as a **'happy school, which feels like a family'**, which is all we could possibly ask for.

Thank you for your continued support in helping to develop our school to make it the best it can be for our pupils and our school community.

Each family will receive one copy of the report.

We hope that the report makes you as proud as we are of everyone at Holden Lane!

YEAR 3 VISIT APEDALE HERITAGE CENTRE

Year 3 visited Apedale Heritage Centre last week to enrich their learning about the local history of the coal mining industry. The children explored the lost industrial heritage of the Apedale Valley in Newcastle under Lyme.

They took part in a guided tour of an authentic drift mine. The underground tour enabled them to experience the unique atmosphere of a real coal mine that was once the workplace of hundreds of miners. They looked at the mine's workings, found out about the methods used to mine the coal and discovered insights into the working life of a coal miner.

They also visited the museum where they looked at how the local area has been shaped by the coal industry and why the area has such large quantities of coal. They finished the day with a walk in the country park where they looked at the railway and discussed the different ways that coal and pottery have been transported in recent history.

The children learnt a huge amount throughout the experience and showed great interest in their learning.

Well done to our Year 3 local historians — you have made us all proud.



FAMILIES COME TO SCHOOL FOR LUNCH!

We would like to invite families to join us once again to try a school meal and eat lunch with their child.

The next 'Stay for Lunch' days are:

Tuesday 21st May for Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1

Thursday 23rd May for Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6.

We look forward to sharing lunch with you.

Letters were sent out this week.



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!

MOVIE NIGHT

We will be hosting our next Movie Night on Thursday 23rd May.

We will be showing Migration (2023 U rated) in our school hall from the end of school until 5pm.

The cost is £3 which includes a drink and a snack.

More information coming soon!

ATTENDANCE CELEBRATION ~ THANK YOU!

The attendance success of our children was celebrated in our special assemblies last week.

We awarded our special badges and certificates for last half term. Our attendance for last term was **94%**.

We continue working really hard to reach our target of **96%**, eliminate Persistent Absence and reduce the amount of children arriving late. Many thanks to all the families that joined us to share the children's success, your support makes such a difference.

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



PARENT QUESTIONNAIRES ~ OUR THANKS!

Many thanks to the parents and carers who completed our questionnaires during last term's parent consultation evening. The questionnaires are an important method of gathering information on what is working well and how we can continue to improve our school.

The parent questionnaire results from Spring 2024 show that under the strongly agree category:

90% of parents believe that their child is happy at school.

92% of parents believe that their child feels safe at school.

91% of parents believe that their child makes good progress at the school.

95% of parents believe that their child is well looked after at the school.

90% of parents believe that the school is well led and managed.

92% of parents believe that their child is taught well at the school.

91% of parents stated that they would recommend the school to another parent.

We very much appreciate your thoughts and ideas and will be discussing all the suggestions that were made.

Thank you again for your continued support.

NURSERY PLACES AVAILABLE FOR SEPTEMBER 2024

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



STAFF TRAINING DAY ~ MONDAY 3rd JUNE

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



SAFETY ON OUR SCHOOL GROUNDS

We politely request that parents and carers discourage their children from using the outdoor play equipment on the school playgrounds before and after school.

We also request that children are discouraged from walking along the stone edging of our school path or on the grass or field. Please encourage your child to use the pathway to avoid trip hazards and damage to the trees.

Thank you for your support and cooperation in helping keep everyone safe at Holden Lane.



SCHOOL UNIFORM—SUMMER TERM 2024

We would be very grateful if parents and carers would continue to support us by ensuring that your child attends school in the correct school uniform to reinforce our high standards.

This includes their shirt, tie, school jumper and sensible black shoes.

Please note that our summer dress colour is lilac.

Please note that trainers, shoes with heels, purple sweatshirts, polo-shirts and jogging bottoms are not part of our uniform.

Please support us to ensure that each and every child feels proud to be part of Holden Lane Primary School.

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation.



PARENT GOVERNOR VACANCY

We have a committed and dedicated Governing Body who work very hard for our school and we are now looking to recruit a Parent Governor to join our team.

Please ask at the office, see Miss Thomas, Mrs Reece or David Walley (Chair of Governors) to find out more.

We look forward to hearing from you.

BANK HOLIDAY

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



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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

- ◆ Monday 6th May ~ School closed for **BANK HOLIDAY**
- ◆ **Monday 13th May 2024 ~ Key Stage 2 SATs Week**
- ◆ Tuesday 21st May ~ Stay for Lunch for families of Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2
- ◆ Thursday 23rd May ~ Stay for Lunch for families of Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6
- ◆ Thursday 23rd May ~ Movie Night from 3pm to 5pm
- ◆ Friday 24th May ~ Charity Fundraiser Non-uniform Day
- ◆ 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**

