



**HOLLYWELL
PRIMARY SCHOOL**

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Dear Parents and Carers

I hope this letter finds you well and that you had a restful and enjoyable summer break. Welcome back to a new school year! I am excited to have your child back in our class and look forward to an engaging and productive academic year ahead.

School reopens to pupils on Wednesday 2nd September following our INSET day. This week we will welcome 30 new children into our school. Starting school is a special time and we are thrilled to have 30 new additions to the Hollywell family.

Just a few reminders and updates before the start of term.

Start and end of the day.

Our morning opening routine works well, with children in Y1-6 coming in at 8.40am and gates closing at 8.50am. Children need to be in class for the register at 8.50am, please ensure they are not late as learning starts promptly. In fact, activities such as handwriting, and grammar will start from 8.40am in all classes. Tiger cubs can enter their class from 8.45am – 8.55am. If they have an older sibling in school, please drop these off first.

At the end of the day, we are still operating staggered finish times:

YR	3.15pm
Y1/2	3.20pm
Y3/4	3.25pm
Y5/6	3.25pm

Year 6 children with signed parental permission may walk home from school unaccompanied.

Both gates will be open at the beginning and end of the school day. The main playground gate opens at 8.30am, however the playground is unsupervised at this time and children must be accompanied by an adult.

Please do not allow your children to play on the playground equipment at the beginning and end of the day.

Uniform including PE uniform.

All children must be in correct school uniform including the requirement for school shoes to be worn, **not** black trainers. If children come in trainers, staff will remind them of our uniform policy and parents will be asked to provide school shoes. Skirts, trousers, and shorts should be dark grey, not black. More information for uniform can be found on the school website.

All children require PE kit in school every day. **Rucksacks are not allowed in school** apart from if needed for swimming or GROWTH.

We have a policy of no jewellery or nail varnish. Only small stud earrings are allowed for school. Children must be able to remove these for PE.

Please remember we have a second-hand uniform shop in school if you need anything.

Please do not allow children to play on the equipment at the start and end of the day.

Staffing

Year R	Tiger Cubs	Mrs Brown & Mrs Sharpe Miss Hadley, Miss Iremonger
Year 1	Bobcats	Mrs Photiou Mrs Turner-Paxton
Year 2	Wildcats	Mr Owen Mrs Turner-Paxton
Year 3	Ocelots	Mrs Harlin Mrs Sankey, Mrs Lamb, Mrs Till
Year 4	Lynx	Mrs Sibley & Mrs Painter Mrs Sankey, Mr Marsden
Year 5	Jaguars	Mr Chadburn Mrs Collins, Miss Quinn
Year 6	Tigers	Mr Hales Mrs Collins
SENCO		Mrs Sibley

Mobile Phones

As some of our Year 6 children walk to school unaccompanied, we do find that some Year 6 children bring a mobile phone to school with them. These must not be used on the school premises and have to be handed into the class teacher at the beginning of the day and cannot be collected until the end of the day. School accepts no responsibility for these devices if they are lost, stolen or damaged.

Key Dates

We know family life is often very busy so we would like to give you some advance notice of some key dates for the term ahead. Wherever possible we will try not to change these, but as with everything sometimes changes are unavoidable.

1 st September 2026	INSET DAY – staff return to school	
2 nd September 2026	Pupils return to school	
7-10 th September 2026	Bikeability	All day
7 th September 2026	Y6 curriculum meeting	2.50-3.15pm
8 th September 2026	Y1 Curriculum meeting	2.50-3.15pm
9 th September 2026	YR Forest schools starts	1.30pm
9 th September 2026	Y2 Curriculum meeting	2.50-3.15pm
10 th September 2026	Y3 curriculum meeting	2.50-3.15pm
11 th September 2026	KS2 GROWTH starts	1.00-3.15pm
14 th September 2026	Y5 Curriculum meeting	2.50-3.15pm
15 th September 2026	Y4 Curriculum meeting	2.50 – 3.15pm
16 th September 2026	YR Curriculum and phonics meeting	2.30 -3.15pm
25 th September 2026	Individual school photos	8.30-12.00pm
9 th October 2026	Inset day	
13 th & 14 th October 2026	Parents Evening	3.30-6pm
16 th October 2026	Non-uniform Day	
19-30 th October 2026	Half Term	
2 nd November 2026	Staff and pupils return to school	
5 th November 2026	Y3 School trip	
13 th November 2026	Children-In-Need (Non-uniform)	
27 th November 2026	Non-uniform – bring a bottle fundraiser	
4 th December 2026	Xmas Fair	2.00-4.00pm
8 th December 2026	Y1/2 Christmas performance (parents)	9.30am & 4.00pm
9 th December 2026	YR Nativity	9.30am
11 th December 2026	Christmas jumper day, Xmas dinner etc	
15 th December 2026	KS1 Xmas parties	
16 th December 2026	Whole school panto trip	9.00-1.30pm
17 th December 2026	KS2 Xmas parties	
18 th December 2026	Toy day	
18 th December 2026	Carols on the terrace	1.45pm
21- 1 st Jan 2027	Christmas Holidays	
4 th Jan 2027	INSET DAY – staff return to school	
5 th Jan 2027	Pupils return to school	
14 th Jan 2027	Y2 & Y5 Mini first aid	9.00-12.00pm
15 th Jan 2027	Y5 School trip	9.00-12.30pm
22 nd Jan 2027	KS2 GROWTH starts	
3 rd Feb 2027	EYFS forest school starts	
9 th Feb 2027	Safer Internet Day	
9-10 th Feb 2027	Parents Evening	3.30-6pm
12 th Feb 2027	Grandparents' open morning	9.00-11.00am
15-19 th Feb 2027	February Half term	
22 nd Feb 2027	Staff and pupils return to school	
4 th March 2027	Swimming starts - 9 weeks (Y5 & Y4 X15)	12.45 – 3.00pm
5 th March 2027	World Book Day (PJ's)	
19 th March 2027	GROWTH community café	9.30-11.00am
24 th March 2027	Y3/4 performance to parents	9.30am

		4.00pm
26-9 th March/April 2027	Easter Holidays	
12 th April 2027	Staff and Pupils return to school	
16 th April 2027	KS1 GROWTH starts	
19 th April 2027	Y1 School trip	
30 th April 2027	ART day	
3 rd May 2027	May Bank holiday	
10-13 th May 2027	Y6 Statutory Assessments -SATS	
20 th May 2027	Swimming Y3 & Y4 X15	12.45 – 3.00pm
21 st May 2027	Colour Run	
25-28 th May 2027	Y6 residential	
31-4 May/June 2027	Half Term	
7-18 th June 2027	Y4 MTC check	
14-18 th June 2027	Y1 Phonics screening	
21-23 rd June 2027	Y5 Residential	
24-25 th June 2027	Y4 Residential	
7 th July 2027	Y5/6 production to parents	9.30am 5.00pm
8-9 th July 2027	Y6 Transition days TKS	
9 th July 2027	Whole school transition day	KS1 AM KS2 all day
9 th July 2027	Reports to parents	
13 th July 2027	Open afternoon and parents evening	2.00-5.00pm
16 th July 2027	Sports Day	1.30pm
21 st July 2027	Disco	
23 rd July 2027	Toy Day	
23 rd July 2027	Y6 leavers assembly (Y6 parents)	9.30am
26 th July 2027	Inset Day	
27 th July 2027	Inset Day	
28 th July 2027	Inset Day	
29 th July- 1 st September	Summer holidays	

Communication is key, so please feel free to get in touch with me if you have any questions, concerns, or updates regarding your child. Whether it's through a quick chat at drop-off or a class dojo message, I value our partnership in supporting your child's education.

I also encourage you to promote a love for reading at home by setting aside dedicated time for reading each day. Reading not only improves literacy skills but also fosters imagination and creativity in children. You can support this by visiting the local library or setting up a cosy reading corner at home.

Additionally, please ensure that your child has all the necessary equipment and uniform for school each day. This includes a water bottle, a book bag, and a well-fitted school uniform and PE kit. Being prepared sets a positive tone for the day and helps your child stay organised and focused in class.

Lastly, I would like to invite you to our upcoming curriculum meetings. Your involvement in your child's education is invaluable, and these meetings provide an opportunity for us to work together towards your child's success.

Thank you for your continued support, and I look forward to a fantastic year of learning and growth with your child.

Kind regards

Elizabeth Ellis