

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a lot of fun we had on World Book Day. The children (and staff!) looked amazing dressed as their favourite book characters and the day promoted a great love of reading which we are very proud of at Holymead. We shared favourite books and stories and made recommendations to others. A group of children visited Waterstones in town to buy books for the school and we were delighted to feature on ITV News West at 6pm on 2.3.22. They were great ambassadors for reading and for Holymead.



Please see the links below for photos.

<http://www.holymeadp.bristol.sch.uk/web/march/2022/601054>

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## What's Happening

### Dates for the Diary

Please note the term dates for 2022-2023 are listed below.

**Nb all in-school meetings are subject to cancellation if Covid guidance changes.**

### March

21.03.21 Mad Science extravaganza for the whole school

29.3.22 Theatre visit

18-24.3.22 Travelling Book Fair for parents to come and buy books in school.

Parents' Evenings- please see separate item.

21-25.3.22 Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel

### April

1.4.22 Real Maths Day, where children will explore the importance of learning maths to be able to do every day activities such as cooking, shopping, building and measuring.



### Scrooge Theatre 29<sup>th</sup> March

We have booked a theatre treat for KS2 children (Y3-Y6).

We are asking for £3 donation to cover the cost of this theatre visit. Please send £3 cash in an envelope to your class teacher before 24<sup>th</sup> March. We are asking for cash as paying online

incurs charges that are prohibitive for small donations. Many thanks!



### Book Fair on both sites.

The Travelling Book Fair will be on both sites from 18<sup>th</sup> March until 24<sup>th</sup> March 2022. Please feel free to come along and spend your World Book Day tokens on a book. Thank you.

### Information for parents/carers.

If you would like some support in talking to your child about Russia's invasion of Ukraine please see this link:

<https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Feducationhub.blog.gov.uk%2F2022%2F02%2F25%2Fhelp-for-teachers-and-families-to-talk-to-pupils-about-russias-invasion-of-ukraine-and-how-to-help-them-avoid-misinformation%2F&data=04%7C01%7C%7Ca85568dbf54c4b0d825c08d9faad9cd6%7C6378a7a50f214482aee0897eb7de331f%7C0%7C0%7C637816445827077482%7CUnknown%7CTWFnBgZsb3d8eyJWljojMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQljoiv2luMzliLCBtil6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCIMn0%3D%7C3000&sdata=I%2BmvBxwqYeleTlt%2F0rR%2BxJAYiAgoZf9ijRm%2BOT12c%2B4%3D&reserved=0>



**Rights Action Group children** have told us they want to help people in Ukraine so we're currently setting up a fundraiser and will be in touch to tell parents about it soon.



### Red Nose Day – Comic Relief.

Children can wear red noses, a red tee-shirt or red nose charity merchandise on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March and bring in a £1 for charity.



### YEAR 6 LEAVERS' HOODIES

Please can we ask our Year 6 parents, that if you would like to order a Leavers' Hoodie for your child, all orders and payments must be received by Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2022. No orders will be accepted after this date.

**Please can we remind those that have placed an order, to send back the reply slip attached to the original letter sent, advising us of the size of hoodie that you require to purchase. Payment must be made in order for a hoodie to be ordered. Thank you.**



### Y6 Croft Farm Camp

Miss O'Toole will be running a meeting for parents/carers of children attending camp on 23<sup>rd</sup> March at 4.30pm via zoom. A link will be sent out nearer the time. Please make sure we have up to date email details to send you the link.



**The Y6 SATs tests** will be administered during the week beginning 9<sup>th</sup> May.

**The Year 1 Phonics Check and the Y4 Multiplication Time table Check** will be

administered in the week beginning 6<sup>th</sup> June and will run until 17<sup>th</sup> June 2022.

**The Y2 SATs test** will be administered during the month of May. **It is therefore essential that Year 6, Year 1, Year 4 and Year 2 children are in school during these weeks so any requests for holiday/leave of absence during this week will not be authorised.** If you need to attend a funeral or have an unexpected emergency during this week please see the Head teacher or ring school immediately.  
Thank you.



**24<sup>th</sup> March 3.20-6pm for YR-Y2 (infants) and 3.30-6pm for Y3-Y6 (juniors).**

**29<sup>th</sup> March 3.20-6.00pm YR-Y2 (infants)**

**5<sup>th</sup> April 3.45-6.30pm for Y3-Y6 (juniors).**

The online booking system is now open on ParentMail in order for you to make a booking.

**Staff run clubs will not run during Parents' Evenings, as teachers will obviously be in parents' meetings.**

Parents' Evenings are not suitable for children to attend. There is no crèche.

### Y6 SATs' Revision Workbooks:



In response to requests from parents we are once again selling Y6 SATs revision workbooks for maths and English (Reading, Grammar, Punctuation & spelling, Arithmetic and reasoning). These workbooks cover the Y6 curriculum and help children practise the skills that they have been taught over the year. They have proved very popular in the past and enable parents to support their children not only in preparing for the SATs tests, but securing the skills that children will need as they make the transition to secondary school. These workbooks are now available to purchase from the school office and cost £3.00 each or you can purchase the whole set of four books for £10.00.

### e-safety corner:

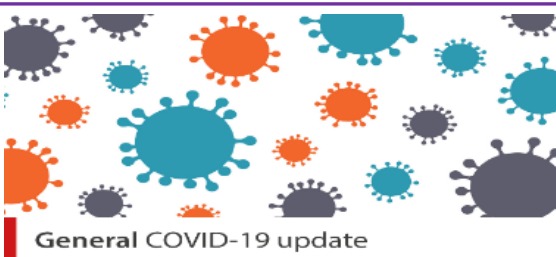
OpenView Education have put together a really useful TikTok guide for parents. This link provides a short TikTok guide for parents and carers. It outlines the steps that parents can take to help keep their children safe while using TikTok.

<https://www.openvieweducation.co.uk/tiktok-parent-guide/>



**Holymead Primary School are participating in Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel this year.** It is the UK's largest inter-school walking, wheeling, scooting and cycling challenge. The aim of the event is to encourage more families to travel to school actively and help create healthier and happier communities. Active travel is a great way to build physical activity into children's daily routine. It helps pupils arrive to school more relaxed and alert and is great for their mental wellbeing too.

This year's challenge will run for 2 weeks from 21 March- 1 April 2022. On each day of the challenge, we will be competing with other schools across the UK to see who can record the greatest proportion of their pupils walking, scooting or cycling to school. Pupils are more than welcome to scoot to school but please note that any scooters will have to be taken home again by parents or carers as we do not have the space to store them safely in school. Pupils in Years 5 and 6 who wish to cycle to school must ensure that the school cycling agreement has been signed by a parent or carer prior to the event. Year 5 and 6 pupils may use the bike shed to store their bicycles in school. Unfortunately, we do not have the capacity to store bicycles in school for other year groups; they will also have to be taken home by parents or carers.



Following the government's announcement about Covid, please see the following information

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak/step-4-update-what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges>



### Cakes, Sweets and Biscuit treats

As a healthy school we do not encourage the bringing of sweets, cakes, biscuits and treats to share for special occasions such as birthdays or children returning from holiday.

Many children have special diets for varying reasons, so we ask that parents/carers do not send any treats for consumption in school because of the issues that can arise. Thank you.

### Spelling Bee



Please note the Spelling Bee is due to take place in March. Please check your child is learning the right spelling lists and if you're unsure please ask your class teacher. There are Spelling Bee trophies and book tokens for the winners.

We have noticed that this competition is wide open and won by the children who really practise their lists. Good luck!



**Holidays in term time.** It is very unlikely holidays will be authorised as circumstances have to be really exceptional. AS A GUIDELINE PARENTS SHOULD ASSUME APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE WILL NOT BE AUTHORISED AND YOU ARE LIKELY TO BE FINED FOR ANY UNAUTHORISED ABSENCE OVER 4 DAYS (8 SESSIONS). Fines start at £60 per child, per responsible adult. For example, if you have 2 children in school and there are mum and dad sharing responsibility for the children then you will be fined £240. Fines rise if they are not paid on time.

Fines are not only issued for children being taken on holiday but can be given out when children are kept off school for 4 days or more without the head teacher's authorisation. PLEASE FILL IN A LEAVE OF ABSENCE FORM IN ADVANCE OF TAKING YOUR CHILD OUT.





### Term Dates 2021-2022

#### Term 4

Mon 28<sup>th</sup> Feb- 8<sup>th</sup> April 2022

#### Term 5

Mon 25<sup>th</sup> April- 27<sup>th</sup> May 2022

#### Term 6

Closed for INSET Mon 6<sup>th</sup> June 2022

Re-opens Tues 7<sup>th</sup> June- Wed 20<sup>th</sup> July 2022.

Closed for INSET Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2021.

Additional school holiday to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee - Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2022

### Term Dates 2022-2023

#### Term 1

Closed for INSET 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2022

Pupils start Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September- 21<sup>st</sup> October

#### Term 2

Closed for INSET Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2022

Re-opens Tues 1<sup>st</sup> November- 16<sup>th</sup> December 2022

#### Term 3

Closed for INSET Tues 3<sup>rd</sup> Jan 2023

Re-opens Wed 4<sup>th</sup> Jan-10<sup>th</sup> Feb 2023

#### Term 4

Mon 20<sup>th</sup> Feb- 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023

#### Term 5

Mon 17<sup>th</sup> April-26<sup>th</sup> May 2023

#### Term 6

Mon 5<sup>th</sup> June-Thurs 20<sup>th</sup> July 2023

Closed for INSET Fri 21<sup>st</sup> July 2023

Schools are closed for Bank Holidays.



**Please note** the school tries to pass on information it considers may be helpful or of interest to parents in this newsletter. We do not

necessarily endorse or check the security and safety of the services on offer. Parents and carers need to satisfy themselves that they are happy to leave their children at any of the clubs and services advertised which are not based on the Holymead School sites. Holymead School carries out DBS checks on clubs who have hire agreements to run children's clubs with this school.



### The Friends of Holymead Primary

New friends and pre-schoolers always welcome. The Friends will be holding a Hamper Raffle for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, which the school will be celebrating w/b 23.5.22.

We will hold a non-uniform day on 29<sup>th</sup> April to bring in hamper gifts but as this is somewhat off, details will follow later.

### Covid cases in school as at 17<sup>th</sup> March 2022.

YEAR GROUP	COVID CASES
YR	3
Y1	2
Y2	3
Y3	3
Y4	1
Y5	2
Y6	1
<b>TOTAL PUPILS</b>	<b>15</b>



### Governors' Corner

We wish to thank Mrs Ruth Clacey- Roberts who is standing down as a governor after many years of outstanding service to the school. We are very grateful to Ruth for all her support and expertise in the area of HR and Health, Safety and Well- being.

With Ruth's departure, we now have a vacancy for a parent governor at the school. This is an opportunity to work supportively with the staff of the school. We will be running an election for parent governor and particularly welcome parents who have skills to bring to the board regarding health and safety, finance and HR, and curriculum and inclusion. If you can commit to two regular two hour meetings each short term at 4.30-6.30pm please ring the office for an informal chat about what the role involves.

# Clothes swap for Ukraine

**Saturday 26  
March**  
1pm - 4pm

The Langton,  
Langton Court  
Road,  
BS4 4EG



Swap your pre-loved clothes for something new to you and help us raise money for the Disasters Emergency Committee's Ukraine Appeal.

**Tickets £3 in advance**

Book using the QR code, visit [shorturl.at/nwRT2](https://shorturl.at/nwRT2) or search 'Clothes Swap for Ukraine' on Eventbrite

For info email: [sharewear22@gmail.com](mailto:sharewear22@gmail.com)

Yours sincerely  
Ms Kate Slatcher



Rights Respecting Schools Article 13: Children have the right to get and to share information

Holymead Primary (Infant Site)  
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T: 0117 3772381-F: 0117 3772382  
E: [office@holymeadprimary.co.uk](mailto:office@holymeadprimary.co.uk)  
[www.holymeadp.bristol.sch.uk](http://www.holymeadp.bristol.sch.uk)

Holymead Primary (Junior Site)  
Wick Road, Brislington, Bristol, BS4 4HB  
T: 0117 9030377-F: 0117 9030378  
E: [office@holymeadprimary.co.uk](mailto:office@holymeadprimary.co.uk)  
[www.holymeadp.bristol.sch.uk](http://www.holymeadp.bristol.sch.uk)

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# FREE Workshops

## Is your child on the Autism Assessment Waiting List?

This exciting project is aimed at parents and carers who are on the waiting list for an Autism assessment for their child. We know that in some areas this can be a long process.

For the first time Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire (BNSSG) Parent Carer forums have teamed together and are delivering specific workshops to provide information, support and practical guidance.

A combination of professional expertise, knowledge and the lived experience of parenting a SEND child is at the basis of each workshop. Attending our workshops will give you the benefit of years of professional training and expertise. We will be running both on-line and face-to-face workshops. Our face-to-face workshops will focus on four themes, turn over for a summary, and our on-line sessions will cover a variety of themes based on feedback we receive from families.

Please sign up to your local Parent Carer Forum to be the first to get dates and locations for our workshops and on-line sessions.

### **Bristol Parent Carers**

E: [info@bristolparentcarers.org.uk](mailto:info@bristolparentcarers.org.uk)  
T: 07306 650 222  
W: [www.bristolparentcarers.org.uk](http://www.bristolparentcarers.org.uk)

### **North Somerset Parent Carers Working Together**

E: [admin@nspcw.org](mailto:admin@nspcw.org)  
T: 01934 440 844  
W: [www.nspcw.org](http://www.nspcw.org)

### **South Glou Parent Carers**

E: [training@sglopc.org.uk](mailto:training@sglopc.org.uk)  
T: 07916 275 440  
W: [www.sglopc.org.uk](http://www.sglopc.org.uk)



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SOUTH GLOUCESTERSHIRE PARENT CARER FORUMS



# Free face-to-face workshops for families awaiting an autism assessment

All workshops delivered by a SEND professional and an experienced SEND parent carer.



## An Introduction to Understanding and Supporting Communication

This workshop is an introduction to effective communication strategies. All behaviour is a form of communication and so much of our day to day life centres around it; and this is no different for our children and young people. When we are unable to communicate effectively, it can cause distress, anxiety and behaviours that challenge. This session offers an insight into effective communication and strategies to develop and improve communication with your child.



## An Introduction to Understanding and Supporting Anxiety

This workshop provides an insight into anxiety. Everybody experiences anxiety at various times in their lives. For our children, anxiety can be very distressing and can have a deep impact on their lives and ours. During this session we will look at how to recognise triggers for anxiety, why we experience anxiety and provide strategies to help.



## An Introduction to Understanding and Supporting Sensory Differences

This workshop provides an introduction to what sensory needs are. Sensory needs are key to many behaviours and often we do not realise the impact that they have on day to day life. This session will provide tips on recognising a sensory need together with practical ways to help your child.



## An Introduction to Understanding and Supporting Behaviour

All behaviour is a form of communication. Some behaviours can be really challenging for parents and carers. This can be shown as aggression, frustration or the child who shuts down and 'checks out'. Join us for our introduction to behaviour workshop designed with educational psychologists and parent carers to explore behaviour and behaviour managing strategies.



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SEND Local Working in Partnership is  
a South Gloucestershire Parent Carer Forum

