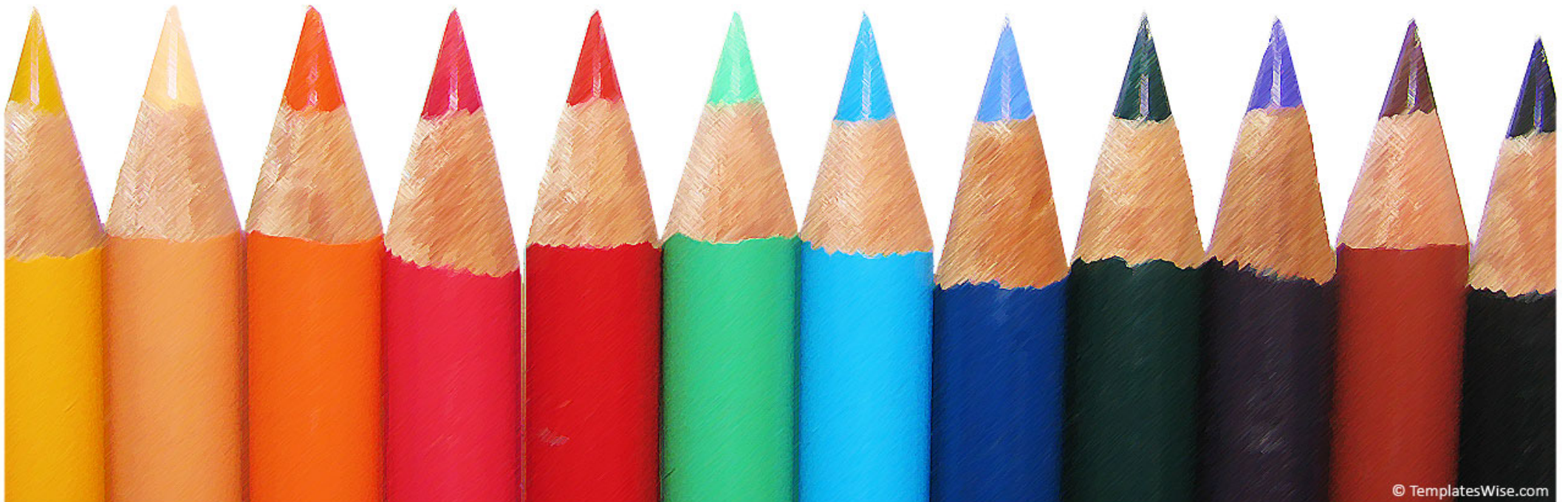


Welcome to the Year 3/4 Parents' Meeting

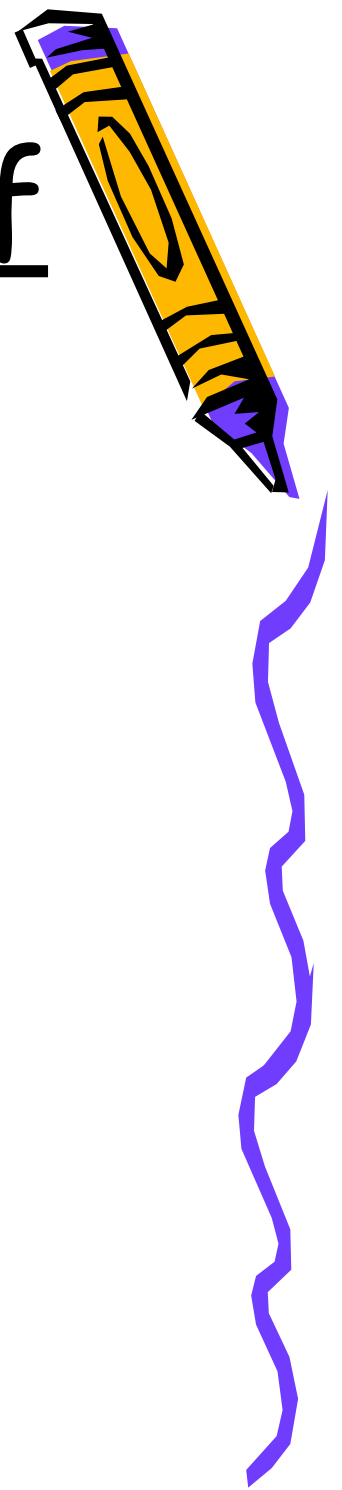
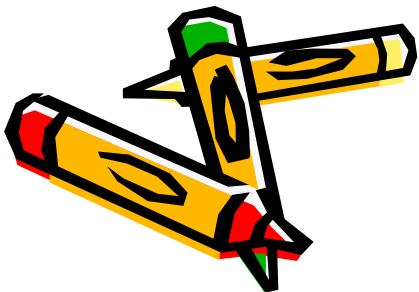


Year 3 & 4 Teaching Staff

- Mrs Willis - Y3/4 lead
- Mrs Carson
- Mrs Barnes and Mrs Spencer

Assistant Teachers

Mrs Hickman



Communication

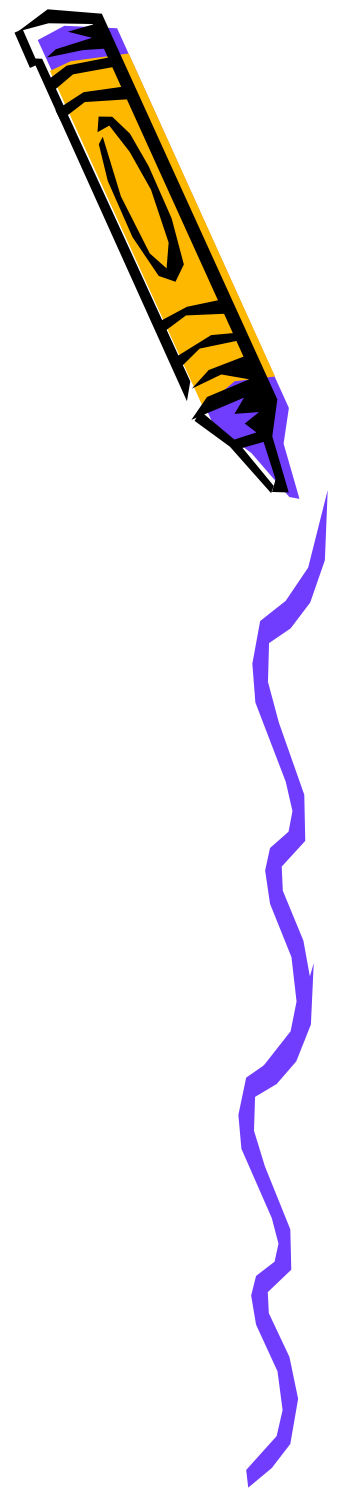
Website

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Class Dojo

This is our main form of teacher parent communication.

Text and email



Curriculum Organisation



🖐️ Children spend most of the day in their base class where they are registered.

🖐️ Some subjects are taught by different teachers in the other classrooms.

🖐️ English and Maths take place in the mornings and more topic-based lessons in the afternoon.



Example Timetable



Year 3 and 4 Timetable 2026-2027											
		9-10	10-10.30		10.45-11.45		11.45-12.45		1.30-1.45 Read	1.45-2.45	2.45-3.05
MON	MA X tabl es	9-9.20 KS2 Assembly	MATHS including Times Tables		ENGLISH		WHOLE CLASS READING		GR	SCIENCE	Story Time
TUES	MA SB	MASTERING NUMBER	MATHS		ENGLISH		SPELLING		GR	HISTORY/ GEOGRAPHY	Story Time
WED	MA X tabl es	9-9.55 PE (SC) SB Class ICT (KC) KC Class MUSIC (CW) CW Class			9.55-10.50 PE (SC) KC Class ICT (KC) CW Class MUSIC (CW) SB Class		11.05-12 PE (SC) CW Class ICT (KC) SB Class MUSIC (CW) KC class	12-12.45 French		PPA FOREST SCHOOL 1 Class YOGA/PHSE 2 Classes	Story Time
THURS	MA SB	MASTERING NUMBER	MATHS		ENGLISH		GUIDED READING BOOK CLUB		GR	RELIGIOUS EDUCATION	Story Time
FRI	MA	TORCH	MATHS		ENGLISH		ART/DT		GR	ART/DT Singing Assembly	Star of the Week



The importance of reading

If your child reads for 15 minutes a day, they are likely to be academically just over one school year ahead of their peers who don't read by the end of Primary school.

Children who read books more than once a week are more likely to achieve higher results in their GCSE examinations.

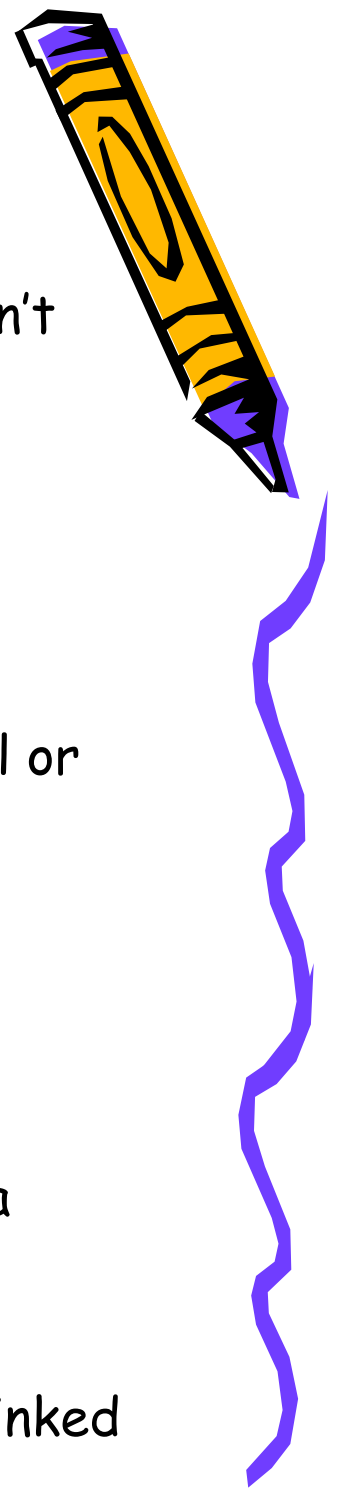
Children who read for pleasure are more likely to secure managerial or professional jobs.

Adults who read for pleasure have better emotional health, are more confident and even sleep better.

Our school expectations are that you read with your child 4 times a week.



Throughout the school year there will be events and competitions linked to reading.

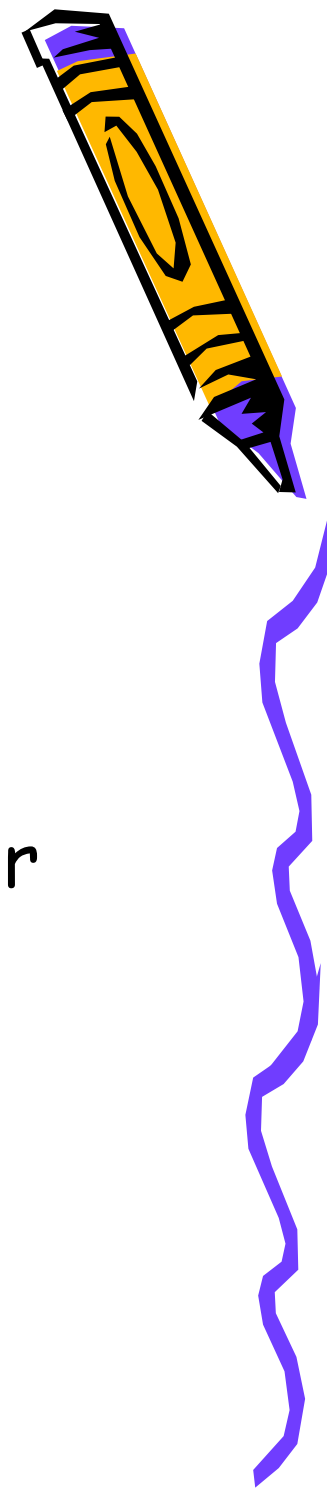


How can you support your child?

- Read daily or as often as you can.
- Ask questions.
- Read something your child enjoys - joke books, comic books, fact books, top trump cards...
- Read a book or an article about something or someone they are interested in.
- Make use of the local library.
- Listen to them read and let them listen to



-Practise their times tables (songs, rhymes, dances)



Year 4 Times Tables Check



🖐️ The government times tables check will be held this academic year during the summer term.

🖐️ It is an online timed test testing children's knowledge up to the 12 times table.

🖐️ There is no pass mark although full marks are encouraged

🖐️ All children should have a TT Rockstars login and it is important that all children practice through the app.

🖐️ Please ask if you have any questions.

🖐️ <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/multiplication-tables-check>



Reward systems

Monster Points

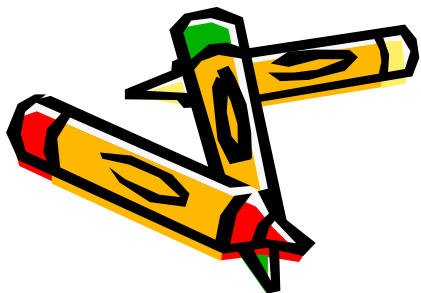
Children earn Monster Points. This is an electronic, interactive system which tracks and rewards good behaviour. Whereby the children earn points for their monster avatar.

TORCH

Children who demonstrate one of our TORCH values will receive a certificate from Mrs O'Hare, you will be invited to the assembly.

Star Of The Week

A star of the week is celebrated in each class on a Friday.



Reading Rabbit For someone who has read at least 4 times in a week children can receive the reading suitcase with books and treats.



Expectations



- ✋ Correct school uniform that is labelled.
- ✋ Provide a named water bottle. Available from school office. Cost £1
- ✋ Correct PE kit. PE is on Wednesday (Forest School for one class at a time is on Wednesday) Please can children wear shorts underneath their PE trousers in preparation for gymnastics.
- ✋ Due to a child in school who is now taking immune suppressant drugs, it is essential that any child with a severe illness such as chicken pox, flu, sickness and diarrhoea remain at home until the symptoms have passed and any school policies for specific illnesses are adhered to. Please contact the school office if you are unsure of the incubation period.



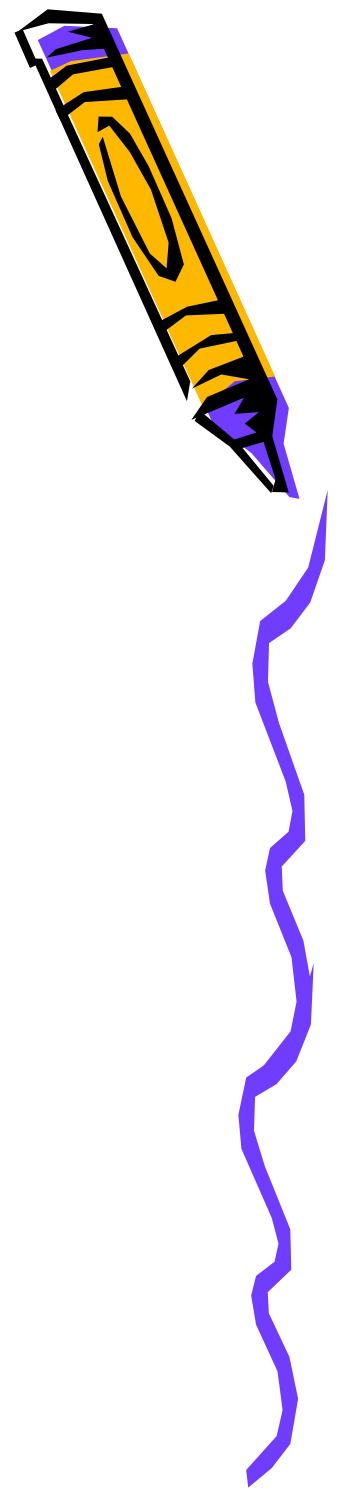
Homework

🖐️ TT Rockstars regularly

🖐️ Reading

🖐️ Spellings

🖐️ Occasional topic based homework project



Healthy Break Time Snacks

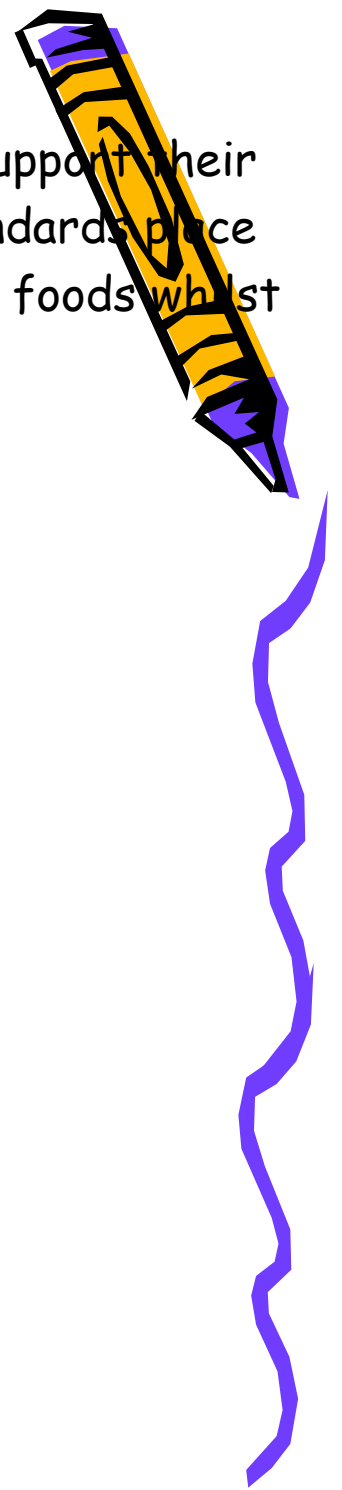
At Holly Grove, we encourage children to develop healthy eating habits that support their learning, concentration and wellbeing. The proposed updated School Food Standards place greater emphasis on increasing fibre through fruit, vegetables and wholegrain foods whilst reducing sugar and foods high in fat, sugar and salt

We encourage children to bring:

- ✓ Fresh fruit (apples, bananas, oranges, grapes, pears, berries)
- ✓ Vegetables (carrot sticks, cucumber sticks, pepper strips)
- ✓ Plain rice cakes
- ✓ Breadsticks
- ✓ Unsalted crackers
- ✓ Wholegrain snack items
- ✓ A refillable water bottle

Please avoid:

- ✗ Crisps and similar savoury snacks
- ✗ Chocolate bars
- ✗ Sweets and confectionery
- ✗ Sugary cereal bars
- ✗ Cakes, doughnuts and pastries for break time
- ✗ Fizzy drinks and energy drinks
- ✗ Drinks with high sugar content





Healthy Lunchboxes

We recognise that families will make different choices, but we encourage lunchboxes that reflect a healthy, balanced diet and support the healthy eating messages taught in school.

An ideal lunchbox might include:

-  A sandwich, wrap, pasta, rice or other starchy food, preferably wholegrain where possible
-  At least one portion of fruit
-  A portion of salad or vegetables
-  A source of protein such as cheese, yoghurt, eggs, fish, meat, beans or hummus
-  Water, milk or a sugar-free drink

Please try to limit:

- Chocolate bars and confectionery
- Large packets of crisps
- Sugary drinks
- Energy drinks
- Multiple sweet treats in one lunchbox
- Foods high in fat, sugar and salt

Remember

- We are a nut-aware school due to allergies and ask that products containing nuts are not brought into school.
- Water is available throughout the day.
- We encourage children to try new foods and make healthy choices that will support them both now and in the future.



Our Healthy Eating Message

"Healthy food helps children concentrate, learn, play and thrive. By working together, home and school can help children develop positive habits that will benefit them for life."

This aligns with the Government's proposed focus on nutritious school food, reducing sugar.



Topics



Autumn

 The Ancient Egyptians

 In the desert

Ashmolean Trip - 25th September
Y4 - trip to Beau for an overnight
stay 15th - 16th October
Christmas Carol Concert - 16th
December

Spring

 The Victorians/IR

 European Neighbours

School Panto trip - TBC
Symphony Hall visit - 26th January
RE visit - TBC

Summer

 Lichfield

 Where food is from

Trip to Lichfield including Samuel
Johnson's house and the Guildhall
gaol



FUNDRAISING EVENTS for our School

Lots of exciting events coming up to help raise funds for our school! Please keep an eye on Class Dojo for full details as each event gets closer.

HALLOWEEN DISCO

Thursday 22nd October
3.30pm – 5.00pm
Reception – Year 6
£5 per ticket

Straight from school!

Non-uniform day!
Halloween tops and spooky outfits welcome!

Tuck & Treat Shop open during the event with items from **50p!**

More detailed information about tickets and the event will be posted on Class Dojo.

SPOOKY SPOONS COMPETITION

Friday 23rd October

Get ready for some spooky spoon fun!

More information will follow closer to the date.

CHRISTMAS FAIR

Friday 4th December

Non-uniform days in exchange for items for the Christmas Fair:

Friday 20th November
Friday 27th November

Full details of what we would like the children to bring will be shared on Class Dojo closer to the dates.

CHRISTMAS FILM NIGHT

Wednesday 2nd December

3.30pm – 5.00pm
Reception – Year 6
£5 per ticket

Join us for a Christmas film and snacks!

Further details will be shared closer to the date.

Carols by CANDLELIGHT

Thursday 10th December

Come and join us for a night of festive singing, hosted by our wonderful school choir.

- ★ A beautiful evening of Christmas carols
- ★ Refreshments will be available
- ★ Details of how to purchase tickets will follow.

ELFRIDGES GIFT SHOP

Wednesday 16th December

Open to all children throughout school!

The children will have the opportunity to choose a special gift for someone at home.

Details of how to order and how the gift shop will work will be shared closer to the date.

Thank you for your continued support!

Every ticket, treat, donation and contribution helps us to raise valuable funds for our school and ultimately benefits all of our children.

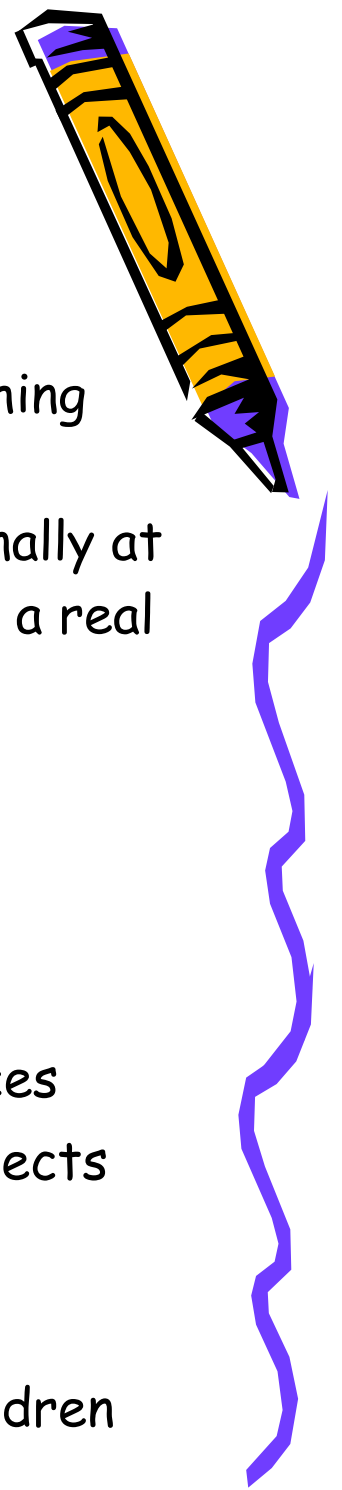
Together we make a difference!

Volunteers Make a Difference!

At Holly Grove, we believe that volunteers play a vital role in enriching children's learning and helping us provide a wide range of exciting opportunities. Whether you can spare an hour a week, help occasionally at special events, or support a school trip, your contribution can make a real difference to our children.

We would love your help with:

- 📖 Listening to children read and supporting literacy activities
- 🎨 Assisting with art, craft and creative projects
- 🎲 Supporting practical classroom activities and learning experiences
- 🌱 Helping with gardening, outdoor learning and environmental projects
- 🚌 Accompanying educational visits and school trips
- 🎭 Supporting performances, celebrations and special events
- 👩‍🏫 Sharing your skills, hobbies, experiences or career with our children





Interested in volunteering?

We warmly welcome volunteers into our school community. To ensure that all children remain safe, all volunteers must complete our safeguarding procedures before working with pupils. This includes:

- ✓ Completing safeguarding and child protection training
- ✓ Reading and understanding key safeguarding guidance and school procedures
- ✓ Undertaking the necessary pre-volunteering checks, including obtaining an Enhanced DBS (Disclosure and Barring Service) check where required
- ✓ Following the school's safeguarding, confidentiality and volunteer expectations

Our staff will guide and support you through this process and provide any training required.

Why volunteer?

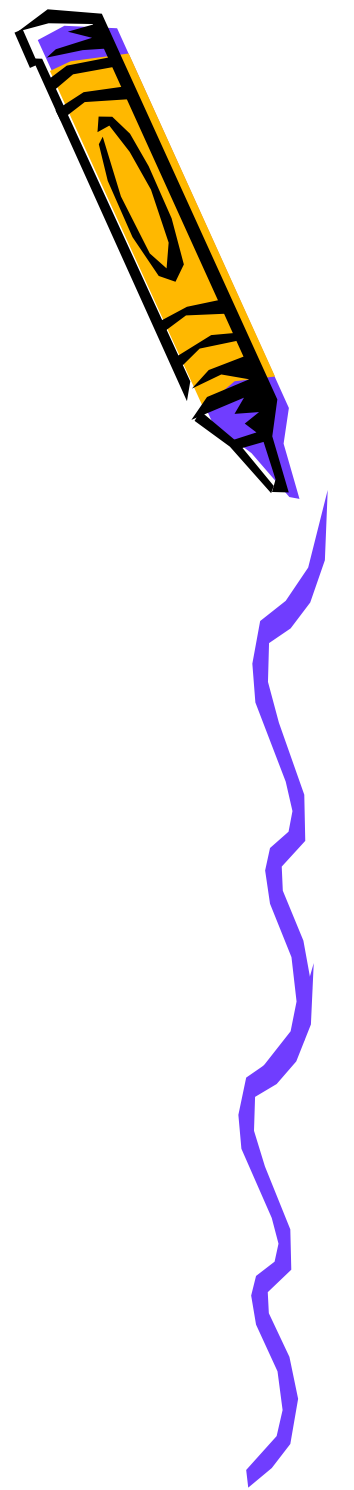
- Help children build confidence and develop a love of learning
- Gain an insight into life at Holly Grove
- Support our wider school community
- Make a positive difference to children's experiences and opportunities



Every Helping Hand Matters

"Together, we can provide even more opportunities for our children to learn, thrive and succeed."

S.E.N.D.





Feel free to ask any questions.



Thank you!