



Dear Holland Junior School Families,

What a great start to our new academic year! As I walk through our corridors and peek into classrooms, it is great to see how beautifully our children have settled into their new classes.

Our children have embraced their fresh learning environments with the enthusiasm and resilience that makes me so proud to be their Head Teacher. Watching them navigate new friendships, reconnect with familiar faces, and step confidently into their next chapter of learning has been absolutely heart-warming. The transition has been remarkably smooth, and I must commend both our children and our dedicated staff for making this such a positive experience for everyone.

I'm particularly excited to share how engaged our children have been with their new topic entry points. These carefully crafted learning experiences are designed to spark curiosity and ignite that natural love of learning. The enthusiasm I've witnessed as classes dive into their new topics has been nothing short of inspiring. From animated discussions to thoughtful questions, our children are demonstrating exactly why we believe in creating learning experiences that capture their imagination from the very first moment.

Speaking of engagement, I'm delighted to introduce our new family homework task, which I know will create some wonderful conversations around your dinner tables.

This approach to homework reflects our commitment to learning that extends beyond the classroom walls and brings families together in meaningful ways.

This week, I'd love for you to explore our thinking question with your children: **"Would you rather be a butterfly or a caterpillar?"** This seemingly simple question opens up such rich discussions about transformation, growth, patience, and the beauty in different stages of development. I encourage you to really listen to your child's reasoning – you might be surprised by the depth of their thinking and the connections they make.

These conversations are precious opportunities to understand how your child processes the world around them, and I'm confident this question will lead to some delightful family moments while supporting their critical thinking skills.

Thank you for your continued support as we embark on another exciting year of learning together. Here's to a term filled with growth, discovery, and fun.

Deniece Graham  
Head Teacher

### PHOTO DAY

On **Tuesday 9th September** we will be having student photos taken! Please make sure you send your children to school in their correct uniform and looking as smart as possible. **Thank you**

## What's on next week?

**Tuesday - Individual Photos**

**- Meet the Teacher for Years 3/4**

**Thursday - Meet the Teacher for Years 5/6**

## THIS WEEK'S STARS

CHESTNUT	Piper	BEECH	Franklin
HOLLY	Felicity	BIRCH	Emilia
OAK	Eva	WILLOW	Amelia

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## Autumn Clubs/Lessons

This Term we have the following clubs available:

**Monday Lunch** - Choir Club (Contact Mrs Osborne to join at [eosborne@holland.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:eosborne@holland.surrey.sch.uk))

**Tuesday Afterschool** - Football club ( visit [www.sportseliteld.co.uk/schools-after-school-clubs](http://www.sportseliteld.co.uk/schools-after-school-clubs) to sign up)

**Wednesday Afterschool** - Street Dance Club (visit [www.nicoles-dance-school.classforkids.io/info/432](http://www.nicoles-dance-school.classforkids.io/info/432) to sign up)

**Tuesday Afterschool** - Multi-Sports club ( visit [www.sportseliteld.co.uk/schools-after-school-clubs](http://www.sportseliteld.co.uk/schools-after-school-clubs) to sign up)

**Friday Morning** - Rocksteady (visit [www.rocksteadymusicschool.com](http://www.rocksteadymusicschool.com) to sign up)

We also have **Woodwind and Keyboard lessons** available:

For woodwind lessons please visit [www.maxiamusic.co.uk/book-a-lesson](http://www.maxiamusic.co.uk/book-a-lesson) to book.

For keyboard lessons please contact Laura at [lessons.at.lauras@gmail.com](mailto:lessons.at.lauras@gmail.com)

Our Attendance Superstars  
this week are....

HOLLY

### Sport Stars

Piper  
Romero

### Music Stars

John  
Verena

## Value Visionaries

This half term's Value is..... **RESPECT**

Chestnut	Tommy
Holly	Bertie
Ash	Freddie
Beech	James
Birch	Alexis
Willow	Joseph



AUTUMN TERM 25/26	
Tuesday 9th September 2025	Individual Photos
Tuesday 9th September 2025	Meet the Teacher 3/4
Thursday 11th September 2025	Meet the Teacher 5/6
Thursday 25th September 2025	Year 5/6 Cross Country
Tuesday 7th October 2025	Year 6 Junior Citizenship
Wednesday 8th October 2025	Year 5/6 Science Museum Trip (TBC)
Monday 13th October 2025	Girls Football Competition
Tuesday 14th October 2025	Boys Football Competition
<b>20th - 31st October 2025</b>	<b>Half Term</b>
<b>Monday 3rd November 2025</b>	<b>INSET Day</b>
Monday 8th December 2025	Flu Vaccinations
<b>Friday 19th December 2025</b>	<b>Last Day of Term</b>

SPRING TERM 25/26	
<b>Monday 5th January 2026</b>	<b>INSET Day</b>
<b>Tuesday 6th January 2026</b>	<b>First Day of Term</b>
19th—21st January 2026	Year 5 Bowles Residential
<b>16th - 20th February 2026</b>	<b>Half Term</b>
Tuesday 24th February 2026	Young Voices Concert
Tuesday 3rd March 2026	Netball Competition
Thursday 12th March 2026	Class Photos
Thursday 26th March 2026	Year 3/4 Cross Country
<b>Friday 27th March 2026</b>	<b>Last Day of Term</b>

SUMMER TERM 25/26	
<b>Monday 13th April 2026</b>	<b>First Day of Term</b>
Tuesday 5th May 2026	Year 3/4 Football
<b>25th - 29th May 2026</b>	<b>Half Term</b>
<b>Monday 1st June 2026</b>	<b>INSET Day</b>
Wednesday 17th June 2026	Athletics Competition
22nd—26th June 2026	Year 6 IOW Residential
Wednesday 1st July 2026	Cricket Competition
<b>Wednesday 22nd July 2026</b>	<b>Last Day of Term</b>

AUTUMN TERM 26/27	
Thursday 27th August 2026	INSET Day
Friday 28th August 2026	INSET Day
Tuesday 2nd September 2026	First Day of Term