

HOLLY GROVE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



28TH APRIL 2025



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We hope you had a great Easter break!

REMINDER

There will be no Merry Berries this week due to staff attending the Blackpool Residential.

Reminder



As a school we have tried to keep the cost of a school meal at £2.50 for as long as possible. Unfortunately, due to rising costs, Lancashire County Council have recommended a price increase for school meals, making the new price per meal £2.90 per day.

If you wish your child to continue on school meals, please continue to make payments via School Spider or alternatively please send in a cash payment in an envelope each week, with your child's full name and 'dinner money' written on it.



Chill and Chat



We are holding our next Chill and Chat group on

Tuesday 29th April 2025 from 1-3pm.

This is an informal group for our parent's/carer's and you are welcome to attend, have a brew and a chat.

There will be no guest speaker attending the group this week, however, it is an opportunity for you to unwind and chat with other parents.

You will also have the opportunity to speak to Shagufta about any concerns or support you require.

PLEASE FEEL FREE TO BRING IN ANY SNACKS TO SHARE.



We are thrilled to introduce our brand new school Makaton choir - The Signing Stars.

Last week we kicked off our very first rehearsal, and we're already shining bright.

We can't wait to share our signing talents with you all soon.



In half term, Aminah and her Dad were invited to watch Burnley v Norwich in the new sensory room at Burnley Football Club

She really enjoyed herself and will be looking to go back again very soon.



SPONSORED WALK



We are excited to announce that the pupils of Holly Grove School will be taking part in a fun event called the **March of the Animals on Friday, 16th May**. This sponsored walk is a wonderful opportunity for our students to get involved, have fun, and raise money for two fantastic charities that support our school.

We invite all students to come to school dressed as their favourite animal! Whether it's a lion, a cat, a frog, a fish, or any animal you can imagine, feel free to get as creative as you like. Please don't feel the need to buy a special costume; simply put together something you already have at home, or come in non-uniform clothes if you prefer. We also have animal masks available for the children to colour in and wear during the walk.

The money raised from this walk will be split between two charities that provide significant support to our school: Happy Days Children's Charity and Trewan Sands Children's Trust. Both of these charities play a vital role in funding our Blackpool residential trips, which provide our pupils with incredible experiences and memories.

Happy Days Children's Charity also funds a theatre company to perform for our students. This year, we enjoyed a performance of The Wizard of Oz, and last year it was The Railway Children. Next year, we are thrilled to announce the performance of The Jungle Book, which our children will look forward to!

We kindly ask that you encourage friends and family to sponsor your child for this event, with any donation, big or small, greatly appreciated. All funds raised will go towards supporting these wonderful causes.

The walk itself will be a 2-mile route around the running track, giving the children a chance to enjoy the fresh air while making a difference to the lives of others.

Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to seeing all the children in their animal costumes and sharing a fun and memorable day!





A huge thank you to Marsden with Pennine Lodge no 6183 who came into school and presented us with a cheque for the Georgia Fourie Butterfly Fund to support the pupils of Holly Grove School. Thank you for your kind generosity!



Celebration for Headteacher, Karen Alty's Retirement



Are you currently a parent at Holly Grove? An ex-pupil, or perhaps your child once attended? We would love for you to join us on Monday, 7th July at 1 pm for a special celebration assembly in honour of our amazing Headteacher Karen Alty, who is retiring this summer after 9 years of dedicated service as our headteacher.

We want to send Karen off with love, gifts, and plenty of cherished memories. The assembly will be followed by tea and cake, so we can all share in the celebration together!

Please note that space is limited, so make sure to reserve your spot by filling out the form below as soon as possible.

Let's make this a **send-off** to remember for Karen!

[Click here to reserve](#)



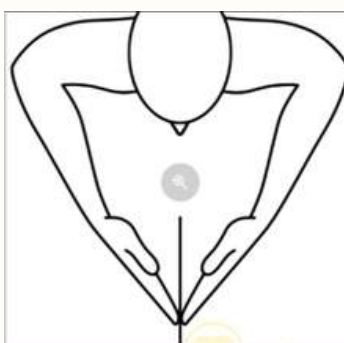
SIGNS OF THE WEEK



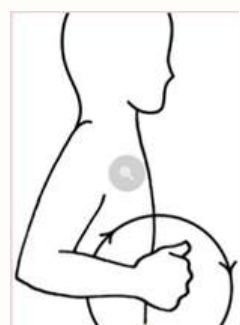
We are putting 2 different Makaton signs every week onto the newsletter. These are our school signs of the week and your child will be practising them in class.

These will give you the opportunity to practise different signs with your child at home.

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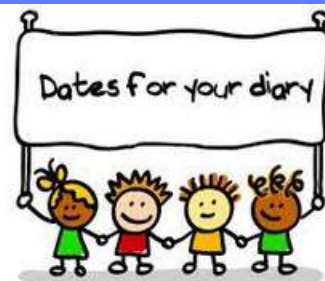
train





We really welcome any positive comments or suggestions you may have about Holly Grove School. Please click the link to share your views with us. Please note this is for comments and suggestions only and although checked regularly will not be checked daily. Any queries, concerns or complaints should be submitted in the normal way by contacting your child's class teacher, a member of SLT or by following the Procedure for Handling Complaints Policy which can be found on our school website or by requesting a copy from the school office.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfTyPviLN3pzurXOKyakrxOY-1clISF5rlyZBfDNltKBx3WfQ/viewform?usp=header>



MONDAY 28TH APRIL Blackpool Residential
Hairdresser in school

TUESDAY 29TH APRIL Hairdresser in school
Chill and Chat

THURSDAY 1ST MAY - Early Help Information
Day

MONDAY 5TH MAY - School closed for Bank
Holiday

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notices on the school website
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HOLLY GROVE HEROES



Aisling's Class - Ebony

Katie's Class - Rahma and Fatimah

Samantha's Class - Alex

Rebecca's Class - Alfie

Josh's Class - Nukhba

Courtney's Class - Oliver and Logan

Laura's Class - Archie

Julie's Class - Ryan

Adam's Class - Eesa

Alex's Class - Kyle

Jenny's Class - Theo.T

Michael's Class - Leighton



SAVE THE DATE

We are excited to invite you to our Early Help Information Day at Holly Grove School on **Thursday, 1st May 2025, from 10am-12pm.**

This event is designed to bring together local providers who can offer valuable support and advice to families like yours.

At this event, you will have the opportunity to meet and speak with representatives from a variety of services, including:

The Communication Team at

Holly Grove

Family Support Team

Oral Health

Debt Advice Services

Limitless Clarets

Lancashire SEND Partnership

Children and Family Wellbeing Service

Lancashire Fire & Rescue

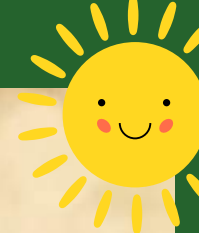
And many more!

We are offering free entry to all parents, along with complimentary refreshments. There will also be exciting prizes – including a chance to win a hamper, and the first 30 parents through the door will receive a free goody bag!

To help us plan, please RSVP using the form below to reserve your spot. While entry is free, we kindly ask that you confirm your attendance so we can ensure we have enough space and refreshments for everyone.

[Click here to reserve](#)

Early Help Information Day



Date: Thursday, 1st May 2025

Time: 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Location: Burnley Campus, Barden Lane, Burnley BB10 1JD

Free Entry | Free Refreshments | Everyone Welcome

Join us for an informative and supportive day where you can access help and advice on a range of services:

- Oral Health Team
- Financial Advice
- Lancashire Fire and Rescue
- Holly Grove Family Support Team
- Children and Family Wellbeing Service
- Lancashire Adult Learning



And More...

Whether you're looking for expert guidance, local support services, or just want to learn more about what's available, this event is for YOU!

Come along, meet the teams, and get the help you need.



We look forward to welcoming you and supporting you with the range of services available. This will be a fantastic opportunity to gain helpful advice and connect with local resources.

THANK YOU, AND WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!



MONDAY



TUESDAY



WEDNESDAY



THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

SUNDAY

5 Let someone know how much they mean to you and why

6 Look for people doing good and reasons to be cheerful

7 Make a list of what matters most to you and why

8 Set yourself a kindness mission to help others today

9 What values are important to you? Find ways to use them today

10 Be grateful for the little things, even in difficult times

11 Look around for things that bring you a sense of awe and wonder

12 Listen to a favourite piece of music and remember what it means to you

13 Find out about the values or traditions of another culture

14 Get outside and notice the beauty in nature

15 Do something to contribute to your local community

16 Show your gratitude to people who are helping to make things better

17 Find a way to make what you do today meaningful

18 Send a hand-written note to someone you care about

19 Reflect on what makes you feel valued and purposeful

20 Share photos of 3 things you find meaningful or memorable

21 Look up at the sky. Remember we are all part of something bigger

22 Find a way to help a project or charity you care about

23 Recall three things you've done that you are proud of

24 Make choices that have a positive impact for others today

25 Ask someone else what matters most to them and why

26 Remember an event in your life that was really meaningful

27 Focus on how your actions make a difference for others

28 Do something special and revisit it in your memory tonight

29 Today do something to care for the natural world

30 Share a quote you find inspiring to give others a boost

31 Find three reasons to be hopeful about the future



ACTION FOR HAPPINESS

Happier · Kinder · Together



WHAT'S ON - MAY CARERS CAFES/GROUPS



- Tues 6th** **Dementia Carers Support Cafe 11am - 1pm**
For carers of loved ones with Dementia with our staff at our cafe.
- Wed 7th** **Macmillan Cancer Support Group 10am - 12noon**
For carers of loved ones with cancer with a Macmillan Nurse at our cafe.
- Thur 8th** **Hyndburn ASD Peer Support Group 10am - 12noon**
For carers of loved ones with ASD with our staff at our cafe.
- Thur 8th** **Rossendale Carers Monthly Meet 11am - 1pm**
Have a brew and a chat with other carers from Rossendale and our staff at Haslingden Community Link.
- Fri 9th** **Burnley ASD Peer Support Group 10am - 12noon**
For carers of loved ones with ASD with our staff at Downtown, Charter Walk Shopping Centre.
- Fri 16th** **Pendle Carers Monthly Meet 11am - 1pm**
Have a brew and a chat with other carers from Pendle and our staff at Lakeside Cafe, Colne.
- Tues 20th** **Ribble Valley Carers Monthly Meet 11am - 1pm**
Have a brew and a chat with other carers from Ribble Valley and our staff at Colborne House Cafe, Clitheroe.
- Wed 21st** **Former Carer Support Group 11am - 1pm**
For those who are no longer carers and/or have lost the person they once cared for at our cafe.
- Mon 26th** **Hyndburn Carers Monthly Meet 11am - 1pm**
Have a brew and a chat with other carers from Hyndburn and our staff in our cafe.
- Wed 28th** **Burnley Carers Monthly Meet 11am - 1pm**
Have a brew and a chat with other carers from Burnley and our staff at Downtown, Charter Walk Shopping Centre.
- Thur 29th** **Male Carers Monthly Meet 10.30am - 12.30pm**
Have a brew and a chat with other Male carers and our staff at The Chai Centre, Hurlley Street.

■ Pendle ■ Hyndburn ■ Ross. ■ Burnley ■ RV

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MONTHLY MEETUPS

11AM-1PM

Carers and the person you care for can join us for a cuppa and delicious lunch at one of our Carers Cafes across East Lancashire. If you haven't been to a Carers Cafe before don't worry as a staff member will be there to greet you with a warm welcome.

4th MONDAY

HYNDBURN

Carers Link Facility,
54-56 Blackburn Road,
Accrington, BB5 1LE

4th WEDNESDAY

BURNLEY

Down Town,
Charter Walk
Shopping Centre
Burnley, BB11 1AE

3rd TUESDAY

RIBBLE VALLEY

Colborne House Cafe,
15 Wellgate, Clitheroe,
BB7 2DP

3rd FRIDAY

PENDLE

Lakeside Cafe,
Ball Grove Drive,
Colne,
BB8 7HY

1st THURSDAY

ROSSENDALE

Haslingden
Community Link,
Bury Rd, Haslingden,
Rossendale, BB4 5PG

LAST THURSDAY

MALE CARERS

10:30am - 12:30pm
The Chai Centre
Hurlley St, Burnley
BB10 1BY

BOWLING

THURSDAY 15TH MAY 1PM- 3PM

BURNLEY

Join us for a fun afternoon at a Bowling alley!
Whether you are a pro or a beginner, come along
for a fun afternoon and meet new people.

Regular bowling can also have many health benefits,
so if you haven't tried it before - now is the time!

£5
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Call 01254 387444 or email
activities@carerslinklancashire.co.uk
to book your place



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Women Time

Carers Support Group

SECOND TUESDAY OF THE MONTH

11AM - 1PM

The 2021 Census found that in England and Wales,
59% of unpaid carers are female.

Our monthly Women Time Carers Support Group
is an opportunity to sit with fellow female carers and
Carers Link Lancashire staff for a brew, a chat,
friendship and advice from those in a
similar caring role.

JUST DROP IN!

BRIERFIELD
FAMILY HUB

Brierfield
BB9 5GZ



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Your voice matters!

We want your lived
experience to be at the
centre of designing,
shaping and improving
our services.

Join our Lived Experience Panel

Do you live in Lancashire and
have lived experience of
mental health?

Join the Lived Experience
Panel and work alongside
others to shape decisions that
directly impact your
community.

This is your chance to share
your experiences, and ensure
that decisions truly reflect the
needs of everyone.

Have your say

Shape local services

Make a difference

Gain new skills

Get in touch for more details!

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Registered charity number: 1081427

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Are you missing out on Carer's Allowance?

Many people do not realise they are entitled to Carer's
Allowance, a means-tested benefit providing vital support, open
to those meeting the eligibility criteria below.

- You regularly care for at least 35 hours per week
- You regularly care for someone who receives either:
 - * Disability Living Allowance
 - * Personal Independence Payment
 - * Attendance Allowance
 - * Constant Attendance Allowance
 - * Armed Forces Independence Payment
- You are over 16
- You are not in full time education
- You do not earn more than £139 a week
- You are not in receipt of an 'overlapping benefit'



To download a Carer's Allowance application form visit:

www.gov.uk/government/publications/carers-allowance-claim-form

To find out more visit:

www.dementiacarers.org.uk/carers-allowance



PUPIL HOLIDAY DATES – 2024 / 2025

Autumn Term 2024

Re-open		Wednesday 4 September 2024
Half Term	5 days	Monday 21 October Friday 25 October (inclusive)
Re-open		Monday 28 October

Christmas - Closure after school on Friday 20 December 2024

Spring Term 2025

Re-open		Monday 6 January 2025
Half Term	5 days	Monday 17 February to Monday 24 February (inclusive)
Re-open		Tuesday 26 February

Easter - Closure after school on Friday 4 April 2025

Summer Term 2025

Re-open		Tuesday 22 April 2025
May Day	1 day	Monday 5 May
Half Term	5 days	Monday 26 May to Friday 30 May (inclusive)
Re-open		Monday 2 June

Summer - Closure after school on Friday 18 July 2025



Pupil Holiday Dates – 2025/2026

Autumn Term 2025

Re-open		Wednesday 3 September 2025
Half Term	5 days	Monday 27 October Friday 31 October (inclusive)
Re-open		Monday 3 November

Christmas - Closure after school on Friday 19 December 2025

Spring Term 2026

Re-open		Monday 5th January 2026
Half Term	5 days	Monday 16 February to Friday 20 February (inclusive)
Re-open		Tuesday 24 February

Easter - Closure after school on Friday 27 March 2026

Summer Term 2026

Re-open		Monday 13 April 2026
May Day	1 day	Monday 4 May
Half Term	5 days	Monday 25 May to Friday 29 May (inclusive)
Re-open		Tuesday 2 June

Summer - Closure after school on Friday 17 July 2026