

# HOLLY GROVE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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**We hope you had a great week!**

**SUMMER  
HOLIDAYS**

School closes today for the summer holidays and re opens Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2025

Have a wonderful Summer Everyone and please share your summer adventure photos with us.

**GOOD  
LUCK**



**WOW**

**Good Luck to Phillip Smith!**  
On July 19<sup>th</sup>, he will be taking on an incredible challenge: 'an ultra marathon!' running 100 miles in under 24 hours, from Bamburgh Castle to Edinburgh Castle, to raise funds for the Georgia Fourie Butterfly Fund.  
We will be cheering for you!



Our incredible Deputy Headteacher, Eve Taylor, is stepping out of her comfort zone and onto the dancefloor as she takes part in Pendleside Does Strictly 2025!

Eve says: "I am stepping out of my comfort zone and hitting the ballroom to raise money for an amazing cause – Pendleside Hospice's Strictly Come Dancing 2025!"

As part of this amazing challenge, the group is aiming to raise over £80,000 to support the vital work of Pendleside Hospice

You can support Eve [here](#):

# YEAR 6 LEAVERS

A huge thank you to everyone who joined us last week for our Year 6 Leavers Evening at Holly Grove School. It was a truly special occasion as we came together to celebrate the incredible achievements of our wonderful Year 6 pupils.



## Celebration Assembly



Congratulations to all of our award winners! We're very proud of everything you've achieved at Holly Grove School.

A big thank you to everyone that attended and to our special guests who presented some of the awards.

Lastly a huge well done to every single child in our school - even if you didn't receive an award this time, you've all worked extremely hard and we are very proud of you all.



# AWARD WINNERS 2025

**Swimming- St.Peter's - Minahil**

**Water Confidence - Aminah. A**

**Hydrotherapy- Oliver. W, Martha.T**

**KS1 PE - Louie.G , Hana.B**

**KS2 PE - Bhryss., Mia**

**MOVE - Roza, Rahma**

**Sports Superstar- Charlie. M**

**Friendship Award - Minnie**

**Georgia Fourie Award - Henry. S**

**Super Star Award - Ella**

**The Smile for Stephen Award - Lucas .C**

**Resilience Award - Joshua.C**

**Special Achievement Award (FS) - Freddie..P, David S**

**Special Achievement Award (Lower School) - Arthur, Tia**

**Special Achievement Award (Upper School) - Isaac, Dalia**

**Headteacher Award - Leighton, Macie-Rose**



# WELL-BEING



We have held 2 well-being workshops for Holly Grove Dads over the past 2 weeks.

The first session was a Quiz Afternoon run by Michael Sutcliffe. This was lots of fun and brought out people's competitive side!

This week was a Forest School session run by Adam Todd. We had lots of fun making bow and arrows, mallets and sitting round the campfire eating jacket potatoes.

Thank you so much for to the staff who put so much effort into these sessions.

We will hopefully be running more of these sessions in the next academic year.



I Just wanted to take a minute to say a final goodbye to everyone. It has been an absolute honour to be the Headteacher at Holly Grove for 9 years (and 10 years prior as Deputy). Not many people can say they love their job but I truly did. I have seen many changes in education during my 43 year career but I have never not wanted to be in school with the children.

Thank you to everyone who have bought me gifts and sent me cards etc. I have been very moved by your kind words and generosity. I want to wish you all a healthy and happy future.

Love and best wishes  
Karen xx



On behalf of myself and all the governors I would like to thank the pupils and the staff at Holly Grove for another fantastic year. They have all excelled and I'm so proud of everyone. Without your support as well we wouldn't be the school we are so thank you.

I hope you have a lovely summer holiday and here's to next year being as successful.

Nicola - Chair of  
Governors

# GOODBYE



We're sad to be saying goodbye to Alex as he leaves Holly Grove school, but we wish him all the very best in the next chapter of his career.

He will be greatly missed by staff and children.

. Thank you, Alex, for everything you've contributed during your time with us.

Good luck and keep in touch!



## — HAPPY — Retirement



Wishing Sharon a very happy and well-earned retirement! Sharon has been a much-loved and dedicated member of the Holly Grove team for many years, While we'll miss seeing her every day, we're delighted to know that this isn't goodbye for good, as she'll be coming back to help us out in the near future. Thank you, Sharon, for everything you've given to the school—enjoy your retirement and we look forward to welcoming you back soon!

# RETIRED



*We will miss  
you!*



Wishing Karen Alty OBE a truly wonderful and well-deserved retirement! Thank you for everything you have done for Holly Grove School throughout your time here, especially during your time as Head Teacher. Your dedication, leadership, and unwavering commitment to the pupils, staff, and families have made a lasting impact. Your legacy will be felt for many years to come.

Enjoy the next exciting chapter.

You will be greatly missed!





**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-1cII5F5rLYZBfDNltKBx3WfQ/viewform?usp=header>

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## Introducing P.R.I.C.E.



### Supporting Every Child: Staff Training in Positive Behaviour Approaches

In June, four of our staff team (pictured below) became certified **PRICE Trainers**—that stands for **Protecting Rights in a Caring Environment**. This is a big step forward in how we support children and young people.

By September, all our staff will have completed training in the **PRICE Principles**, which focus on understanding and meeting each child's needs before challenges arise. The training helps staff:

- Recognise early signs that a child might be struggling—whether physically, emotionally, or through their behaviour.
- Use positive, non-restrictive strategies like **distraction, calming techniques, and gentle redirection** to prevent situations from escalating.
- Respond safely and respectfully if a child becomes physically distressed, always prioritising the child's dignity and well-being.

This training is rooted in a **person-centred approach**, meaning we always look at what each individual child needs to feel safe, understood, and supported.

As a school we are committed to creating a calm, caring, and respectful environment for every child.



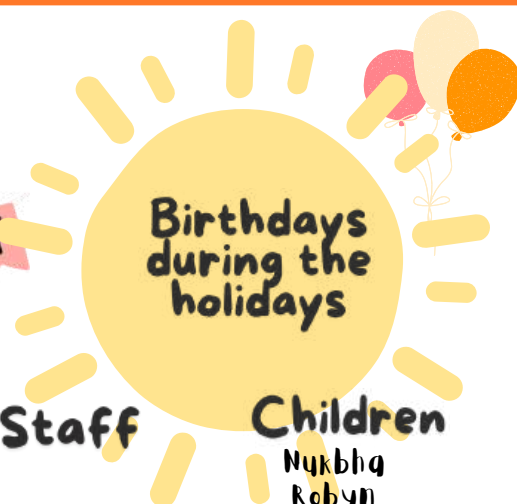
Since 1994, PRICE Training has developed a system that is rooted in trauma-informed practice and positive behaviour support that places human rights and the well-being of vulnerable people at the very heart of what we do. We help organisations develop strategies for both planned and unplanned interventions to ensure a safe workplace and improve the quality of life for service users.

For further information please visit... [Positive Behaviour Support Training & Courses | PRICE Training](#)

OR speak to Nick Barnett by phoning the school telephone number.



HAPPY  
BIRTHDAY



**Staff**

**Children**

**Staff**

**Children**

Jenny

Alice B  
Freddie S

Ashton  
Karen A  
Julie C  
Rebecca T  
Iqyn  
Joanne M  
Holly  
Sam N  
Adam  
Kate  
Sharon  
Aisling

Nukbha  
Robyn  
David P  
Archie  
Harvey R  
Manha  
Ariz  
Eesa  
Amelia Rose  
Sofia  
Jibreel  
Evie  
Mackenzie  
Freya  
Jade  
Nayal



# OUR SCHOOL TEAM 2025/26

## Head Boy

Bhryss

## Head Girl

Sofia

## Deputy Head Boy

Aadam

## Deputy Head Girl

Mia

## Sports Captain

Mackenzie

## Attendance Champion

Lucas.C

## Librarians

Aayan  
Sophie. H

## Playground Friends

Jacob  
Jamie  
Roxana

## Prefects

Joshua.H  
Abdullah  
Manha



## School Council

Bhryss	Roxana
Aadam	Mia
Sophie	Abdullah
Sofia	Mackenzie



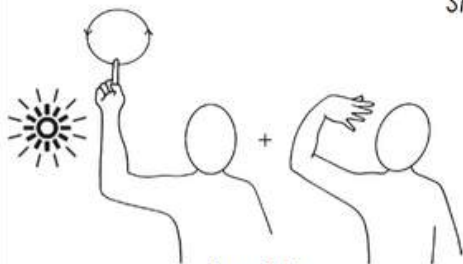
# SUMMER SIGNING



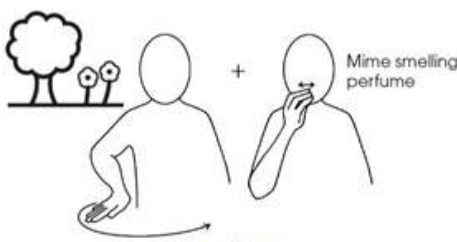
Makaton

## Signing

Practise signing the words. Share your Makaton Moments on Social Media.  
Share the signs with friends and family.



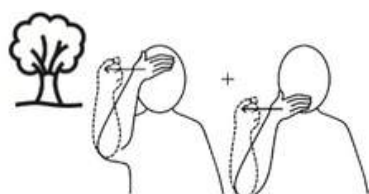
Sunshine



Garden



Ice Cream



Summer



Shadow



Bee



GEORGIA FOURIE  
BUTTERFLY FUND  
PRESENTS

CASH  
PRIZES FOR  
THE  
WINNERS

LET IT SHINE!

# TALENT SHOW!

FRIDAY  
17 OCT | 7 PM  
ROSEGROVE UNITY, BURNLEY

TICKETS £10 ADULTS £5 UNDER 12S  
INCLUDES PIE & PEAS SUPPER, QUIZ,  
ENTERTAINMENT AND RAFFLE



**ARTS &  
CRAFTS**

**GLITTER &  
CHARACTER  
TRANSFERS**

**LUNCH  
STATION 11-1PM**

Please note this is a family event and children must be  
accompanied by an adult at all times

**10 - 2pm | DownTown Above NEWLOOK**

**COME AND JOIN US ON**

**Themes for the events**

**Tuesday 29th July - Jurassic Park**

**Tuesday 5th August - Pirate's**

**Tuesday 12th August - Jungle Safari**

**Tuesday 19th August - Sensory World**

**Please call 01282 470707  
to book your place**

Events and activities are open to all families in Burnley and  
priority will be given to children eligible or in receipt of Free  
School Meals (FSM).  
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Children and Family  
Wellbeing Service Burnley

# SUMMER Events

Thur 31 July - Towneley Park

Thur 7 Aug- Thompson Park

Thur 14 Aug - Padiham Leisure Centre

Thur 21 Aug - Scott Park

2pm-6pm

To Book Please Call Burnley Wood Family Hub:  
**01282470707**

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priority will be given to children eligible or in receipt of Free  
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Make Your Own Wrap Station  
Climbing Wall  
Archery

**CHILDREN TO BE SUPERVISED AT THIS FAMILY EVENT BY AN ADULT AT ALL TIMES**

Children and Family Wellbeing  
Service Burnley

# SENSORY WORLD EVENT

Please Bring Your Own Family Picnic

Wed 20th August  
@ 11am-3pm

To Book Please Call  
Burnley Wood  
Family Hub:  
01282 470707

## THOMPSON PARK

Glitter & Character Transfers  
Arts & Crafts  
Boxercise & Obstacle Course

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Children are to be supervised at this family event  
by an adult at all times.

## "AHOY, ME HEARTIES"

**CHILDREN AND FAMILY WELLBEING  
SERVICE BURNLEY PRESENTS OUR...**

# PIRATE SHIP EVENT

Please bring  
your own  
family picnic

Wed 6th August  
Scott Park 11am - 3pm

Arts & Crafts  
Glitter & Character Transfers  
Obstacle Course

To Book Please Call Burnley  
Wood Family Hub:  
01282470707

Family event and children are  
to be supervised at all times

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Children and Family Wellbeing  
Service Burnley invites you to

**STOMP  
CHOMP & ROAR**

Come and join us for a

# Dino Day

Wednesday 30th July 2025

11am - 3pm

Please note this is a family event and children must be  
accompanied by an adult at all times

Bring along your  
own family picnic

 **AIM education**

**Boxercise  
class**

**Glitter  
Transfers**

**Arts &  
Crafts**

Please call 01282 740707 to book your place

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Padiham Leisure Centre, Park  
Road, Padiham, BB12 8ED

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Free School Meals (FSM).

CHILDREN AND FAMILY WELLBEING  
SERVICE BURNLEY PRESENTS

Holiday  
activities  
and food

LANCASHIRE

TO BOOK PLEASE CALL  
BURNLEY WOOD FAMILY  
HUB:  
01282 470707

# JUNGLE SAFARI FAMILY EVENT

A TRUE WILDLIFE ADVENTURE

WED 13TH AUG  
TOWNELEY PARK  
11AM - 3PM

PLEASE BRING YOUR  
FAMILY PICNIC

GLITTER & CHARACTER TRANSFERS  
BOXERCISE & OBSTACLE COURSE  
ARTS & CRAFTS  
SAFARI TRAIL

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Burnley and priority will be given to children  
eligible or in receipt of Free School Meals (FSM).

**CHILDREN ARE TO BE SUPERVISED AT THIS FAMILY  
EVENT BY AN ADULT AT ALL TIMES**

# SENsational Summer 2025

Inclusive session for all families who have children with additional needs

Friday 1st August - Jurassic Park  
Friday 8th August - Pirates  
Friday 15th August - Jungle Safari  
Friday 22nd August - Sensory World

10- 2pm

Please note this is a family event and children must be accompanied by an adult at all times

**ARTS &  
CRAFTS**

**PHYSICAL  
ACTIVITIES**

**GLITTERS  
TRANSFERS**

**LUNCH  
PROVIDED**

**SUPPORTED BY  
MENTAL HEALTH  
SUPPORT TEAM**

**Please call on 01282 470707 to book your place**

Burnley Wood Family Hub,  
33 Brunswick Street, Burnley,  
BB11 3NY

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## **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