

# HOLLY GROVE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

8<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2025

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

Welcome back everyone! We hope you all had a lovely summer and are ready for an exciting new school year. A special warm welcome to all our new staff and children joining us – we're so pleased to have you as part of our school. We're looking forward to a fantastic year ahead filled with learning, fun, and adventures for everyone.

## REMINDER

Flu Immunisations will take place on 22nd September 2025 in school.

Please can you complete the form to say whether you would like your child to have the immunisation or not, and return this to school no later than Thursday 11th September 2025.

thank  
you

A huge thank you to Lorna Woodruff who has designed, supplied and fitted our new signs on our school car.



# Staff Development



Wednesday 3pm-4:30pm

**Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September**  
Team Building

**Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> September**  
GDPR/Health and Safety

**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> September**  
Class Team Meetings

**Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> September**  
Safeguarding

**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> October**  
Evidence Me updates

**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> October**  
Safer Eating Training

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> October**  
Communication/Reading  
Workshops

# Chill and Chat

We are holding our next Chill and Chat group on

**TUESDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> SEPTEMBER 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.

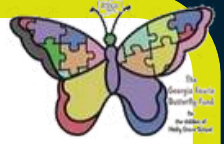
There will be no guest speaker at the group this week, however, it is an opportunity for you to unwind and chat with other parents. Our new family support worker will be attending, so you will have the chance to chat with Carley and Shagufta .

**PLEASE FEEL FREE TO BRING IN ANY SNACKS TO SHARE.**



# 100 CLUB

SEPTEMBER 2025



Well done to our September  
100 club winners.  
Cheques are in the post.

Number **45** - Hazel Croft **£50**

Number **58** - K.Hicks **£25**

**WINNER**



**100 Club Memberships are due to be renewed in October.**

We still have some numbers available if you would like to join or would like to buy an extra number.



# CANCER RESEARCH UK

One of our wonderful Teaching Assistants, Rebecca and her family are taking on a special challenge to raise money for Cancer Research UK. This cause is very close to their heart, as they are doing it in support of a dear friend. We're so proud of the effort they are putting in and wish them every success. If you'd like to support their fundraising, please look out for more details coming soon.







It has been absolutely wonderful to welcome your children back to school last week. Over the next couple of weeks, I'm really looking forward to meeting all of our new pupils who will be transitioning into Holly Grove and wish every child success and happiness during their time with us.

As we begin a new school year, I'm delighted to introduce myself as the new Headteacher of Holly Grove. Having been part of this amazing school since we first opened our doors in 2005, it's a true honour to step into this role, especially as we celebrate our 20th anniversary this year (which also makes me feel very old!).

Over the past two decades, I've had the privilege of working alongside our dedicated staff, supportive families, and, most importantly, our amazing pupils. Holly Grove has always been a place where children are nurtured, encouraged, and celebrated. I'm committed to continuing that tradition with a clear vision for the future, where we work together to ensure every child feels safe, secure, happy, and able to achieve their very best. As a parent of a child with SEND myself, I understand how important it is for every child to attend a school where their individual needs are recognised, supported, and celebrated.

This year is a special milestone for us, and we'll be celebrating our 20th anniversary later this term. I'll be sharing more details with you soon and hope you'll be able to join us in marking this exciting occasion.

We'll also be holding a New Starters Afternoon, and if your child is joining Holly Grove for the first time this September, you'll receive an invitation shortly. It will be a lovely opportunity to meet me in person, get to know our fantastic team, have a coffee and learn more about life at Holly Grove. We're very much looking forward to welcoming you.

I'm truly excited about the journey ahead and the opportunity to lead Holly Grove into its next chapter. I welcome your thoughts, questions, and ideas as we work together to ensure the very best for every child.

Eve Taylor  
Headteacher



WELL

DONE



THANK  
YOU

**Well Done Phil!**

**An absolutely incredible achievement completing 'Castle to Castle' 100 mile ultra marathon.**

**Not only did he finish in the amazing time of 23 hours & 40 minutes but was also in 26th place out of approximately 600 competitors.**

**A huge Thank you for all your donations.**

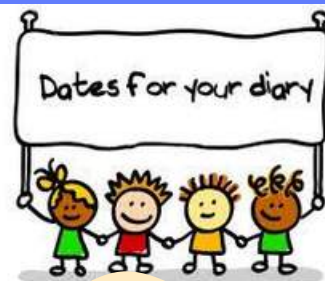
**Phil has raised over £2000 for The Georgia Fourie Butterfly Fund. We will let you know the final amount raised soon.**





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>



**22ND-26TH SEPTEMBER** Multicultural Week

**MONDAY 22ND SEPTEMBER** Flu Immunisations

**TUESDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> SEPTEMBER** Chill and Chat

**FRIDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER** Pendleside Hospice Coffee Afternoon

**FRIDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> OCTOBER** Non Uniform Day

**MONDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER** Harvest Day

**6<sup>TH</sup> AND 7<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER** School Photographer

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[www.holly-grove.lancs.sch.uk](http://www.holly-grove.lancs.sch.uk)



## HOLLY GROVE HEROES



**Aisling's Class**- Everyone

**Katie's Class** - Kiayn

**Samantha's Class**- Watan

**Leah's Class**- Millie-Anne

**Josh's Class**- Tommy

**Courtney's Class** Hunter

**Laura's Class** - Alfie

**Julie's Class** - Menaal

**Adam's Class** - Harvey

**Libby's Class** - Lucas

**Jenny's Class**- Minnie

**Michael's Class** -Jacob





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



# Self-Care September 2025



MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

SUNDAY

1 Find time for self-care. It's not selfish, it's essential

2 Notice the things you do well, however small

3 Let go of self-criticism and speak to yourself kindly

4 Plan a fun or relaxing activity and make time for it

5 Forgive yourself when things go wrong. Everyone makes mistakes

6 Focus on the basics: eat well, exercise and go to bed on time

7 Give yourself permission to say 'no'

8 Be willing to share how you feel and ask for help when needed

9 Aim to be good enough, rather than perfect

10 When you find things hard, remember it's ok not to be ok

11 Make time to do something you really enjoy

12 Get active outside and give your mind and body a natural boost

13 Be as kind to yourself as you would to a loved one

14 If you're busy, allow yourself to pause and take a break

15 Find a caring, calming phrase to use when you feel low

16 Leave positive messages for yourself to see regularly

17 No plans day. Make time to slow down and be kind to yourself

18 Ask a trusted friend to tell you what strengths they see in you

19 Notice what you are feeling, without any judgement

20 Enjoy photos from a time with happy memories

21 Don't compare how you feel inside to how others appear outside

22 Take your time. Make space to just breathe and be still

23 Let go of other people's expectations of you

24 Accept yourself and remember that you are worthy of love

25 Avoid saying 'I should' and make time to do nothing

26 Find a new way to use one of your strengths or talents

27 Free up time by cancelling any unnecessary plans

28 Choose to see your mistakes as steps to help you learn

29 Write down three things you appreciate about yourself

30 Remind yourself that you are enough, just as you are



ACTION FOR HAPPINESS

Happier · Kinder · Together



# CYGNET COURSE

## AUTUMN 2025

*Cygnet is a support programme for parents and carers of children and young people aged 5- 18 who are autistic. The course will run over seven weeks (one session per week) and you will need to commit to all sessions. Sessions are led by Lyndsay Daly and Emma Walsh. Places are limited.*

**Each Monday morning**

**9:30am - 12:30pm**

**29th September - 17<sup>th</sup> November 2025**

*(half term break 27<sup>th</sup> October)*

**at Ewood Conference Room, Tor View**

**Please email [office@torview.svt.org.uk](mailto:office@torview.svt.org.uk) or  
call the office on 01706 214640 if you  
would like a place.**



**Changing childhoods.  
Changing lives.**



Core 4th Edition

## SEN coffee morning



**SEN  
PARENT  
SUPPORT  
NETWORK**

**SEN  
ACTIVITIES**  
INCLUSIVE SESSIONS FOR  
ALL AGES

**BASICALLY  
Cheer**

Looking for a friendly and fun way to connect with other SEN families?

Join our monthly parent support network coffee morning for an informal drop in and chat with like minded people.

Parenting is better with a bit of laughter and great company!

**What's included:**

- FREE refreshments
- Sessions delivered by external agencies
- Share stories
- Swap tips in a relaxed, supportive atmosphere
- Signposting & support

**Monthly on a Wednesday  
9:15AM - 10:30AM**

**FREE**

**Dates for your diary:**

- 23<sup>rd</sup> April - Let's get brushing (Oral Health Training)
- 21<sup>st</sup> May - New Era
- 18<sup>th</sup> June - Parent Led Session
- 16<sup>th</sup> July - Lancashire Mind
- 10<sup>th</sup> September - Sendias
- 8<sup>th</sup> October - Parent Led Session
- 5<sup>th</sup> November - ADHD Northwest
- 10<sup>th</sup> December - Carers Link

BASICALLY CHEER CIC, COG LANE, BURNLEY, LANCASHIRE BB11 5AH  
MOBILE: 07766743934 EMAIL: HELLO@BASICALLYCHEERCIC.COM

Wed, 10 Sep at 09:15

## SEN coffee morning

Basically Cheer CIC · Burnley

Going





# FAMILY MATTERS

Time out for parents courses

£25

## JUNE/JULY

### ADHD

Big energy turns to big emotions all too quickly!  
Explore strategies to help your child thrive with ADHD  
and feel more confident too.

### ASD

Every child is unique — as is parenting a child with  
autism. Support your child with calm, confidence and  
connection.

### Handling Anger in the Family

When calm turns to chaos, connection matters most.  
Handle anger with confidence and build a more  
peaceful family dynamic.

### The Teenage Years

From "I love you" to "Whatever" in 0.2 seconds!  
Get the tools you need to stay calm, keep connected, and  
ride the teen wave with confidence.

## AUGUST

### Primary Years with free Kids Club 0-11 yrs

From cuddles to eye-rolls in a flash!  
Tackle the ups and downs of parenting 5-11s with  
confidence and calm.

## SEPTEMBER

### Dads

From hero to "so embarrassing" overnight!  
Build strong bonds, tackle challenges, and parent  
with confidence.

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Connect with us



Your choice - Your Way  
Join us in person or online



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### Early Years (0-4yrs) with free Day Tots Club

Big futures begin in the early years. Build strong bonds,  
boost early learning and feel confident in your parenting.



Scan the QR code to see  
course dates, times and full  
details and to  
book your place online

Need more info?  
Contact our office -  
we're happy to help

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Chapel Place, Hammerton Street  
Burnley BB11 1LE  
01282 435302 078777 14693  
Email [info@neweraburnley.co.uk](mailto:info@neweraburnley.co.uk)



# CARERS MEETUPS

**MONTHLY / 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

**3rd WEDNESDAY**

## **FORMER CARERS**

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

# Lancashire SEND Roadshow

2025/2026

The roadshows are for families and practitioners to find out more about support and services available for Children and Young People with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) and their parents and carers.

These Roadshows are happening across Lancashire bringing the SEND Local Offer to your area.

The SEND Local Offer brings together all services in Lancashire for children and young people aged 0-25 with SEND, and their families.



## North Lancashire Directions Group

8 Aug · 🌐

Timeline photos

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Lancashire  
**SEND**  
Roadshow

## Dates across Lancashire are:

25th Sept 2025 9:30 – 1 pm	Kirkham Family Hub
22nd Oct 2025 9:30 – 1 pm	Skelmersdale Family Hub and The Zone
3rd Dec 2025 9:30 – 1pm	Pendle and Burnley 1882 Lounge Burnley Football Club
28th January 2026 9:30 – 1 pm	The Park Family Hub Accrington
4th February 2026 9:30 – 1 pm	Inspire Youth Zone Chorley
26th March 2026 9:30 – 1 pm	Clitheroe Family Hub
15th April 2026 9:30 – 1 pm	Lune Park Family Hub Lancaster
6th May 2026 9:30 – 1 pm	Rawtenstall Family Hub and the Zone
16th June 2026 9:30 – 1 pm	Fleetwood Library
1st July 2026 1:30 – 4:30 pm	Moor Nook Ribblesdale Family Hub

To book please use the following  
<https://forms.office.com/e/yVJR4rwppk>



## Burnley, Pendle, Rossendale

## Additional Needs Groups & activities

Sept-Dec 2019



**Busy Bees Stay and Play Support Group @ Colne Children's Centre BB8 0EL**  
Mondays 9.30-11.30 Ages 0-5  
01282 690536  
[info@homestartpendle.plus.com](mailto:info@homestartpendle.plus.com)

**Uniqorns SEND group @Burnley Central Zone**  
Tuesdays 7.00-9.00  
Ages 12-19+  
Kelvin 07880 401463

**Action For ASD Stay and Play Burnley**  
Thursdays 9.30-11.30  
5th Sept, 3rd Oct,  
7th Nov, 5th Dec  
Ages 0-5 £2.50 per child  
01282 415455

**Cotton Shed Theatre @Haslingden Primary School Rossendale**  
Ages 4-7 Tues 4.30-5.30  
Ages 8-11 Tues 5.45-7.00  
Ages 12-15 Mon 5.30-6.45  
Ages 16+ Mon 7.15-8.30  
£5.00 (£4.50 Siblings)  
01706 214309  
[info@cottonshed.co.uk](mailto:info@cottonshed.co.uk)  
[www.cottonshed.co.uk](http://www.cottonshed.co.uk)

**Homestart @The Family Tree Centre Brierfield**  
Mondays 12.30-2.30 Ages 0-5  
07702555078  
[rachael@homestarteastlancs.org](mailto:rachael@homestarteastlancs.org)

**Shining Stars @South West Burnley Neighbourhood Centre**  
Thursdays 3.30-5.30  
Ages 5-11  
01282 628530

**Action for ASD Parent carer Coffee Morning Burnley**  
Fridays 11.00-1.00  
6th +20th Sept, 4th +18th Oct,  
1st,15th,29th Nov, 13th Dec  
01282 415455

**Air Autism @Air Unlimited Inflatables Burnley BB11 3AQ**  
Mondays 6.00-8.00  
£6.50 carer FREE  
01282 930300  
[www.airunlimited.co.uk](http://www.airunlimited.co.uk)

**Kidz to Adultz North 14th November 9.30-4.00**  
Event City, Barton Rd Manchester FREE entry  
<https://www.kidzexhibitions.co.uk/kidz-north/>

[northlancsdirectionsgroup@gmail.com](mailto:northlancsdirectionsgroup@gmail.com)



# Feel Good Fridays

@ Holly Grove

Relaxed • Friendly • Supportive •  
By Parents for Parents

Come and join us for a warm drink, a chat, and a chance to share stories, worries, tips, and laughter with other Holly Grove parents.

**Location:**

**Upper School Dinner Hall**

**(Enter via the Main Turning Circle entrance)**

**Time: 9 am - 11 am**

**Dates for 2025-2026:**

**3rd October**

**7th November**

**5th December**

**9th January**

**6th February**

**6th March**

**17th April**

**1st May**

**5th June**

**3rd July**





Access the Outdoors  
making the  
unreachable accessible

# Festival for Children

SUNDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> SEPTEMBER 2025



Forest of  
Bowland  
National  
Landscape

A free, inclusive event for families with a disabled child aged 7–16 offering a day full of discovery, creativity and adventure in nature.

Join us for a relaxed, supportive and joyful day where your child and family can:

- 🌲 Explore nature through bushcraft, forest bathing and woodland crafts
- 🎨 Get creative with art workshops and storytelling sessions
- 🎵 Enjoy the senses with sound bathing, alpaca experience and interactive exhibits
- 🚲 Try out climbing, all-terrain wheelchairs and adaptive cycling
- 🔥 Gather around a campfire at the end of the day for stories and shared experiences

**Choose your own pace, meet other families and enjoy the beauty of Gisburn Forest.**

- 🕒 Registration Opens: 9:30 AM
- 🕒 Activities Run: 11:00 AM – 3:30 PM
- 🔥 Campfire Finale: 3:30 PM
- 📍 Location: Stephen Park, Gisburn Forest, BB7 4TS

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🅑🅖 Parking: Free

Booking Link via QR code or:

[www.trybooking.com/uk/events/landing/87035](http://www.trybooking.com/uk/events/landing/87035)



📱 Scan with QR App - Accessible QR Code





## **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