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# NEWSLETTER

## Important Messages

We are very sad to share that our wonderful Mrs Hicklin will be leaving us next Friday to start on a new adventure. Mrs Hicklin has been a highly valued member at staff at Holgate for a VERY long time and will be greatly missed – especially by those groups of children who have worked very closely with her through pastoral, Glee, and Choir. We wish Mrs Hicklin all the best with her new ventures but also want to reassure the children and families of Holgate that we will be continuing with lots of our choir events ably led by Miss Kennedy.



### **F2SB Trip to Pizza Express - 16th January**

See letter on ParentMail for full details.

### **Luna New Year Dinner - 16th January**

Aspens promotional meal. Look out on ParentMail for details.

### **F2 Aspens Bread Making - 17th January**

Parents invited to join a cooking session. Details to follow.

### **Y1 Trip to Sherwood Forest—21st January**

See letter on ParentMail for full details.

### **F2WS Trip to Pizza Express - 23rd January**

See letter on ParentMail for full details.



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# HERE'S THE NEWS

**Nursery** have had a special visitor this week to talk to us about road safety. We were taught how to stay safe when we're walking near the road by holding a grown ups hand or holding onto a pushchair. We also practised our special stop, look, and listen song to help us keep safe.



**F2** have enjoyed being creative this week whilst completing our snowman challenge. We used a range of different resources to make the different features and accessories. We even used shells for the hat!



## EYFS

## Years 1 and 2

New year, new vehicle for the **year 2's**. We are looking at germs and how to stay hygienic. We learned all about Florence Nightingale - The Lady with the Lamp. The children discovered that she took nursing to another level and saved many soldiers lives in the Crimean War due to her insistence on hygiene and proper food in hospitals.



# HERE'S THE NEWS

## Years 3 and 4

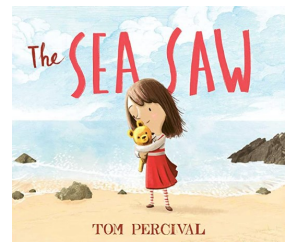
**Year 3** have made a great start to their new vehicle – 'Can I take your order?' We have read and researched why people choose an alternative diet. We have read about being vegetarians, vegans and flexitarians. We are also learning about using persuasive language to convince people.



In **year 5** we have had a strong week back and got straight into some new topics. In maths we have been covering fractions, comparing, ordering, adding and subtracting them. In English we have recapped on modal verbs and contractions, direct speech and explored the use of apostrophes for plural and singular possession. We have explored different biomes across the world and looked at similarities and differences between them. We have explored our new topic of the Blues in our music lessons and started looking at forces in science



**Year 6** listened to the book *The Sea Saw* by Tom Percival today. It's a story about the loss of a treasured item, which showed how nothing is ever really lost if you keep it in your heart. We talked about what we can do to help ourselves feel better, when we are sad.



## Years 5 and 6

### Message from the Children's Parliament and Children's Forums

Keep a look out here for updates and messages about the Children's Parliament and Forums.



# Celebrate

This week at Holgate we are celebrating ...

## PRIDE AWARDS

This week we are very proud of the following children who have received **PRIDE** awards from Mrs Sheridan for demonstrating that they are taking **Personal Responsibility In Delivering Excellence**:

For our Friday Mentions Assembly this week, we looked at the winner of each classes Autumn 2 PRIDE box. Classes have looked together at those children who have shown excellence in who they are, how they behave, awards and achievements outside of school and PRIDE awards in assemblies and have made a class democratic decision as to who they think is the most deserving in their class of the half termly PRIDE award. These children all received a gift and an extra special mention in assembly today. We are hoping to be able to invite parents/carers of chosen children, to these assemblies in the future.

Whole School  
Attendance:  
**94.33%**

2DG—96.15%

F2SB—96.25%

## Special Mentions

This week our assembly special mention is for: **Someone who has made a great start back.**

We are pleased to announce that the following children received a nomination from their year group team in assembly this week:

**Nursery:** Logan H, Jadon S.

**Reception:** Princess N, Oscar H, Willow-Lynne J, Kobe-Joe M.

**Year 1:** Ellis H, Kyreece P,

**Year 2:** Andrew A, Lennie S,

**Year 3:** Amelia W, Kylan E, Alfie S, Gracie J.

**Year 4:**

**Year 5:** Darcey C, Kacey P

**Year 6:** Christopher A, Emily W, Ethan O, Louie H.



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## Golden Table



Each week we have a special Golden Table set up in our school dinner hall. This table is for those “always” children who always make the right choices, always follow our school rules and uphold the Transform Trust Values of *Respect, Kindness, Equity and Creativity*. This week the following children were celebrated on our Golden Table.:

***Golden table will be re-launched soon—please keep an eye out here for details! In the meantime, chosen children will be rewarded in class.***



Reading is such an important life skill and as a school we actively encourage regular reading alone and with others. Using our Boom Reader Records we can see which children are recording their reading regularly.

We now have 223 Parents signed up for Boom Reader.

2DG currently have the most parents signed up 88%

Most in school reads this week = 1HO

Most parent reads this week = 1/2EB

Most pupil reads this week = 3JB

“READING IS A PASSPORT  
TO COUNTLESS ADVENTURES.”  
—MARY PIRE GORDON





## Signs of the Week

This week our school signs of the week are:



Diwali



Lights



Diwali

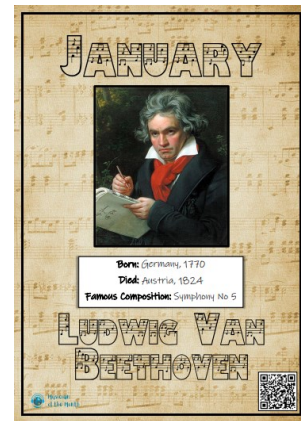
[Makaton sign for Diwali - isabella signs - YouTube](#)

Light

[Makaton sign for LIGHT - YouTube](#)

## Musician of the Month

This month's Musician of the Month is:



More information can be found on the school's website: [Holgate Primary and Nursery - Musician of the month](#)

Musician  
of the Month

## After-school Enrichment

Clubs for Spring Term 1 are as follows. Please contact the school office for booking information:

**Monday:** Dance (KS2)

**Tuesday:**

**Wednesday:** Dodgeball (KS2), Girls Football (KS2).

**Thursday:** Cinema Night (F2 -Y6)

**Friday:**

## Time 2 Chat

For this weeks time to talk we would like you to use your imagination. We would like you to imagine you were out for a walk and came across the cave below.

What do you think may be in the cave?

Where do you think the cave may lead to?

Do you think anything lives in there?

Does it remind you of a story you have read?

Can you create your own adventure story thinking about what you might see and do?





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School Holidays
  Public Holidays
  Administration Day

**Autumn Term**  
 2 September - 18 October **7 weeks**  
 4 November - 20 December **7 weeks**

**Spring Term**  
 6 January - 14 February **6 weeks**  
 24 February - 4 April **6 weeks**

**Summer Term**  
 22 April - 23 May **4 weeks 3 days**  
 2 June - 29 July **8 weeks 2 days**