



# Newsletter

Autumn 2 Week 7

Week beginning – 13/12/2021



*From all the staff at Holgate Primary School, we hope you have a lovely Christmas break and look forward to seeing you in the New Year!*

## Mentions:

This week, we have celebrated all the children and all of the wonderful adults of Holgate for working so hard this term, for representing Holgate well and for making us proud to be Team Holgate. A huge WELL DONE to all of the children and staff of Holgate for being so fantastic this term!

## Attendance:

**Whole School attendance:** 89.53%

**Winning Classes:**



The **Year 6** children did their bit for the environment last week, helping to plant some tree saplings on our school site. They did a fabulous job!

## Sign of the week:

Makaton Sign		Makaton Symbol	
  <p>Mime wrapping present and hanging string</p>		 	
<b>Tree</b>	<b>Present</b>	Christmas Tree <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=thgCBbYChf0">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=thgCBbYChf0</a> Present <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uqkX_hWihao">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uqkX_hWihao</a>	
Makaton Sign		Makaton Symbol	
  <p>Take the hands and arms and use them to make a tree</p>		 	
<b>Happy/Merry</b> <b>Christmas</b>			
"We wish you a Merry Christmas"			
We wish you a merry Christmas – can you sign along? <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a-PBixyD_GU">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a-PBixyD_GU</a>			



### Christmas Cracker Jokes

**What do you get if you cross Santa with a duck?**  
*A Christmas quacker!*

**What do Santa's little helpers learn at school?**  
*The elf-abet!*

**What do you get when you cross a snowman with a vampire?**  
*Frostbite!*

**Who hides in the bakery at Christmas?**  
*A mince spy!*

**What do you call a reindeer that can't see?**  
*No-eye deer!*



**What do they sing at a snowman's birthday party?**  
*Freeze a jolly good fellow!*

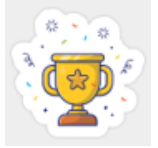
**What goes 'Oh, oh, oh'?**  
*Santa walking backwards*



**How do snowmen get around?**  
*They ride an icicle!*

**Who delivers presents to cats?**  
*Santa Paws!*

### Sports Hero of the Week



This week, we would like to celebrate the achievements of Sergio Aguero. A player who has played football at the highest level for some of the biggest clubs in Europe. He has recently had to retire due to illness but has continued to play at the highest level. It just goes to show once again that barriers that are placed in front of people can be challenging and big decisions are made that will impact their careers. He scored a record 184 goals for Manchester City before moving to Barcelona. He scored 41 times for Argentina and will be missed in the game.



We hope you've enjoyed **KS2's Advent countdown!** If you've missed any of the videos, feel free to catch up by following the link to our YouTube channel:

<https://youtube.com/playlist?list=PLKt1I8BPO7QMLxerVOCUvgIMJqFZlp7jE>



With poetry, songs, Christmas messages and more, it's sure to put you in a festive mood in the run up to Christmas!

## Golden Table

It was our final Golden Table of the year last week – we thought you might like to see some photographs. What a festive treat for the children!





Last Friday, some of the older members of Glee Club donned their Christmas hats and tinsel to sing their hearts out on Hucknall Market Place. They did an amazing job and brought festive cheer to the passers by ☺



### Term Dates:

Please see below for the Nottinghamshire County Council School holiday dates for 2021/22.

- Christmas Holidays 20/12/2021-03/01/2022
- Children back at school Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2022
- Half term 14/02/2022 – 18/02/2022
- Easter Holidays 04/04/2022 – 18/04/2022

### Inset Days

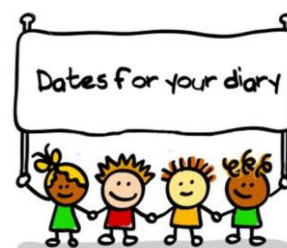
- Monday 25<sup>th</sup> July 2022
- Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> July 2022
- Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> July 2022

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### After school clubs

*Details of clubs for the next half term will follow after Christmas; keep your eyes peeled!*





## EYFS



What an end to a fantastic term! This week in **Nursery**, we have been getting ready for Christmas, making all of our grown ups a lovely Christmas card and special gift. The children were treated to a visit from a very special guest in a red suit. The party was a great success, we loved seeing all of our children enjoying party games and dancing!

The children in **F2** have impressed us all by how well their first term of full time school has gone! This week has been busy with lots of Christmas activities; we've made snowmen, read Christmassy stories, covered ourselves and the room in glitter and danced our way through the week! We started the week in style with our Royal Party to celebrate the end of our vehicle; the children looked



amazing and we all had a great time. We also had fun making our own stickmen at Forest Schools and we enjoyed ourselves at the F2 Christmas party!

The children are so excited for Christmas, it is a magical time of year for them all – have a lovely break!



## KS1 (Years 1 and 2)

For the end of our vehicle, **Year 1** have been making a tower that Rapunzel could live in. We made a design and then built it from box modelling. We had to make sure it was strong and sturdy.



**Year 2** have been busy evaluating bridges this week. We checked our finished bridges against the following criteria:

- Is our bridge appealing?
- Is our bridge at least 30cm long?
- Can our bridge hold a toy car?

We then thought about what we might change if we were to make our bridges again.



## KS2 (Years 3 and 4)



**Year 3** have had a FABULOUSLY FESTIVE week filled with fun, cheeky challenges, music and laughter. We have completed our D&T project to make a Christmas decoration sewing fabric and using a variety of

decorations. We have designed and used finger paints to make our own Christmas cards. They look amazing! Wednesday was PARTY DAY and WOW did we party!! The children also solved the mystery of the "missing reindeer bells" stolen by some very cheeky elves. On behalf of the Y3 team, we wish you all a very Merry Christmas – enjoy the festivities and stay safe.

This week, **Year 4** have been preparing hard for their 'Marvellous Museum' to showcase all of the work they have done in the Vehicle on the Romans. They have carefully gathered all the evidence and information from their books and from what they have built and created in school and at home. They have also been working hard to make cakes and Christmas treats to sell to parents in order to raise money for future trips or activities. When the Museum is up and running, we will share more photos via Facebook.



## KS2 (Years 5 and 6)

This week, **Year 5** have been working hard on creating a persuasive speech to persuade people to donate to homeless charities such as Emmanuel House. We have been working on our expression, use of emphasis and pausing for effect when delivering our speeches. We have also completed some artwork in the style of Banksy based on his work 'God Bless Birmingham.' Also, we have designed and completed our own Christmas card and enjoyed a Year 5 Christmas party.



**Year 6** had a fabulous time on their Christmas day. Making cards, decorations and creating melted snowman biscuits, then getting to eat them whilst watching a film of their choice. What better way to spend an afternoon.

## Nottinghamshire School Holidays 2021-22



September 2021 to July 2022

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School Holidays



Public Holidays



Administration Day\*

### Autumn Term

Schools Open - morning Tuesday 31 August 2021

Half Term - Monday 18 October 2021 - Friday 29 October 2021

Schools close - evening Friday 17 December 2021

### Spring Term

Schools Open - morning Tuesday 4 January 2022

Half Term - Monday 14 February 2022 - Friday 18 February 2022

Spring Break - Monday 4 April 2022 - Monday 18 April 2022

### Summer Term

Schools Open - morning Tuesday 19 April 2022

Half Term - Monday 30 May 2022 - Friday 3 June 2022

Late Spring Bank Holiday - Thursday 2 June 2022

Queen's Platinum Jubilee Bank Holiday - Friday 3 June 2022

Schools Close - evening Wednesday 27 July 2022

\*Nottinghamshire County Council suggests that the first day of the new school year in September is taken as an administration day/teacher training day. Please note this may vary as schools are responsible for setting these days.

### Spring Term

Schools Open - morning Monday 4 January 2021

Half Term - Monday 15 February 2021 - Friday 19 February 2021

Spring Break - Friday 2 April - Friday 16 April 2021