



# Holbrook News



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## Democracy in Action at Holbrook School.

At Holbrook Primary School we are very proud of our School Council and the way they represent the pupils of our school, making many decisions about fund raising as well as offering the view of the pupils to senior teachers to help improve the school.

This year, the School Council decided that it was only correct that pupils in Year 1 should join the School Council after Christmas, once they had made the transition from Early Years to Key Stage 1.

My team of teachers in Year 1 really took this idea on and held proper elections on the day of the general elections, trying to give pupils an idea of what it would be like to vote when they are 18. Candidates talked to the class to canvas votes, polling cards were issued and a polling station



was manned by some superb Year 6 pupils as returning officers to supervise the counts. I offer my congratulations to Iris, Momina and Tommy who were elected to serve their class on the school council and look forward to their input into the school.

One of the challenges the School Council have set for themselves is to raise money, not for a charity, but to buy games and equipment to be used in the classroom during wet break times and lunchtimes. I am sure with Mr Connolly's help they will achieve this goal. In fact, next week as Reception parents are waiting for their children to perform the Nativity play, you can buy a drink and mince pie from the School Council and support this excellent cause!



*Mrs McCarthy*

## Forthcoming Events

Assembly Themes— Nativity

Monday 16th	<b>Mindfulness Monday—Y1-6 need PE kit.</b>
Tuesday 17th	<b>Indoor Athletics Competition</b> <b>Santa's Grotto</b>
Wednesday 18th	
Thursday 19th	<b>9:30 RL &amp; RW—AM Nursery Nativity</b> <b>2pm RM &amp; RW—PM Nursery Nativity</b>
Friday 20th	<b>Last day of term.</b>

## Christmas Holiday

Monday 6th Jan	Teacher training day—Closed to pupils.
Tuesday 7th	<b>BACK TO SCHOOL!</b> <b>Remember PE Kits</b>

**All After School Clubs, apart from Year 6 3rd Space Maths, are cancelled next week.**

	Class	% Attend
1	6G	98.7
2	6H	97.9
3	3D	97.1
4	4D	96.3
5	6M	96.1
6	5S	94.7
7	2C	94.3
	4H	93.3
9	3R	92.7
10	RL	91.5
11	2S	91.4
Whole School		91.1
12	1F	89.9
13	3S	89.7
14	1M	89.6
15	4P	89.3
16	2K	88.3
17	RW	87.3
18	Nursery AM	86.7
19	5F	86.7
20	RM	85.8
21	Nursery PM	83.3
	5C	83.3
23	1B	81.4

## Attendance Report

Ohh dear!

Our attendance has taken a big hit the week! Hopefully a weekend off to recover will help get us back up to the 96% target.

Well done to 6G, 6H, 3D, 4D & 6M that all had attendance above our target.

**YTD 95.1%**  
**-0.3**

2-6 Dec



# Weekly Challenge

We will **CHALLENGE** ourselves every day, in and out of school, to extend our experiences and widen our knowledge.

## Challenge 29... Run, run as fast as you can!

This week's challenge is a baking challenge! Gingerbread houses and gingerbread men are really associated with Christmas. So this week I would love to see some home baking and maybe even decorating of delicious biscuits. I have found a couple of recipes for you use. Remember ovens can be very hot, so please get a responsible adult to help you.

[https://www.bbc.co.uk/food/recipes/gingerbread\\_men\\_99096](https://www.bbc.co.uk/food/recipes/gingerbread_men_99096)

[https://www.waitrose.com/home/recipes/christmas\\_recipes/baking/gingerbread.html](https://www.waitrose.com/home/recipes/christmas_recipes/baking/gingerbread.html)

It would be great to have a few pictures if you do try the challenge at home! Send them to our normal e-mail address:- [challenge@holbrookprimary.com](mailto:challenge@holbrookprimary.com)

## And the Angels Sing.



On Thursday 12th December 2019, the choir of Holbrook School performed at the University Hospital in Coventry. Mr Connolly drove the minibus carefully from School as Mrs Richardson led the vocal warm up and sang a few carols. Coats were put away as pupils got set up in front of the display. The first song to kick off the hour was Snow Business, a medley of several different Christmas songs in one!

It was heart warming how many elderly visitors and patients joined in with the singing as they donated money.

After a short break with drinks and cookies to recharge our voices, the choir did more carolling before heading back to school and receiving their School Colour for representing the school so well!

Rahma, Ruvimbo & Natalia

## Reception School Places for 2020

Don't miss out on coming to Holbrook School in September. If you do not apply you may not be allocated your choice of school for your child.



Applications for reception places for 2020 can be made online.

[http://www.coventry.gov.uk/info/148/school\\_admissions/113/school\\_admissions\\_-\\_online\\_applications/1](http://www.coventry.gov.uk/info/148/school_admissions/113/school_admissions_-_online_applications/1)

The closing date for applications is 15 January 2020.

Don't leave it too late. Sign up now!

## Spring After School Clubs

So far 109 pupils have signed up for after school clubs but there is still time before Mr Connolly sorts them out and sends the letters out next week.

Most clubs have a few spaces—Even Year 5 & 6 Dodgeball has 4!

If you haven't signed up and still wish to get a space please do it before Monday and Mr Connolly sort out who has what club next week.

<https://forms.gle/ygQ4ELfMn8qE2Ldr5>

