



# Holbrook News



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## Helping at home.

Over the last two weeks lots of teachers have made comments in BEST Assembly about how pupil reading and doing bits of work at home has really helped their learning in school. These comment match what I see each week from some pupils as they bring in some amazing and creative homework.

One of the easiest and simplest ways of helping your child at home with their learning, that would help across all their learning is **READING**. It is such an important skill that we use across all aspects of the curriculum. Just a quarter of an hour each day hearing your child read and asking them questions about their book or magazine that they are reading, would really help them. This is as



true for Year 6 pupils as it is for Reception children. Every child has a home reading diary so you can record their reading each day. You don't have to make a comment each day, sometimes a smiley face or just signing your name will be enough. However, you might like to give more information, telling the teacher if your child enjoyed the book, how well they read it or if they found it quite hard, could they answer any questions that you asked? You can even use this section to list down new / unfamiliar words your child finds as they read, then with your child you can look them up in a dictionary or on the web, supporting extending their vocabulary.

*Mrs McCarthy*



## Spring Term Clubs

The link for signing up for after school clubs has already gone live on Facebook and people have started to sign up already.

<https://forms.gle/UCTdDoZYhEmub8Py9>

There are a limited amount of places available at each club but they are not allocated on a first come first served basis so you don't have to sign up today. Each application is carefully looked at to try and arrange it so that most children get at least one club they select.

If you need help signing up see Mr Connolly after school everyday next week.

	Class	% Attend
1	4H	98
2	2S	97.9
3	4D	97.7
	5S	97.7
5	1M	97.1
6	Nursery AM	96.7
7	3S	96.6
8	3D	95.7
9	6G	95.7
10	5C	95
11	6H	94.8
12	RM	94.6
13	2C	93.6
	Whole School	93.4
14	4P	93
15	6M	92.9
16	3R	91.7
17	1B	90.4
18	2K	90.3
19	5F	88.3
20	1F	87.9
21	RL	87.9
22	RW	85.8
23	Nursery PM	84.4

## Attendance Report

Oh no!

Our attendance has taken a turn for the worse this week!

However 4D managed to be in the top 3 for the 4th week in a row—superb consistency, 5S have now been in the top 3 two weeks in a row can they match 4Ds achievement?

25—29 Dec

**YTD 95.4%  
-0.1**






### Forthcoming Events

Assembly Themes— Advent

Hour of Code Week—9—13th December.

Monday 9th	Firefighters visit Year 4 4:30pm Full Governors Meeting
Tuesday 10th	
Wednesday 11th	<b>Wintery Wednesday</b> School Christmas Dinner
Thursday 12th	Dodgeball Tournament Choir at the Hospital Carol Singing <b>Year 4 Swimming</b>
Friday 13th	Year 1 & 2 Panto Visit—Later return to school.
Weekend!	Saturday & Sunday
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>
<b>Christmas Holiday</b>	
Monday 6th Jan	Teacher training day—Closed to pupils.
Tuesday 7th	<b>School Open for pupils.</b>

Mr Pahal will try and do normal PE lessons so please have your PE kit in school.

## Weekly Challenge

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

This week's challenge can be done outdoors or indoors.

### Challenge 27... Build a den!

Maybe with a tarpaulin to keep off the rain or branches you could build a den outside. If the weather is just too bad— use some pillows, sheets and a drying rack and build a den inside.



Once you have a snug place to hide away maybe read a book or have a snack inside your new constructed den!

It would be great to have a few pictures if you do try the challenge at home! Send them to our e-mail address:-

[challenge@holbrookprimary.com](mailto:challenge@holbrookprimary.com)

## Christmas Holiday



### CHRISTMAS POST



The school post box for Christmas cards will be in the entrance hall from next week.

Please could you ensure envelopes are clearly labelled with children's names and classes.

## Wintery Wednesday

This coming Wednesday instead of wearing your school sweatshirt dig out your Christmas jumpers, wintery dresses or snowman earrings to join in our Festive day.

If you do not want to come in a Christmas jumper, you can come in a winter themed jumper, a Christmas onesie, a Christmas hat or even tinsel wrapped around you.

## Sports, Arts, Drumming and Computing Canceled

All clubs that Mr Connolly organises are cancelled for the next two weeks as the stage will be set up in the hall for Reception's Nativity play