

Holyhead Primary Academy

April 2023

Summer term

It's hard to believe we are now in the final summer term of the school year. As usual we have got off to a busy start with Reception enjoying an excite with the Animal man, Nursey's visit to Play-tropolis and some of our Key stage 1 pupils engaging in our new after school Science club. Year 6 have started this half term working hard in preparation for their KS2 SAT tests and they are showing us their resilience and resourcefulness as they prepare for the next few weeks. Year 2 have also been showcasing their achievements this academic year in preparation for their end of key stage 1 SATS which they will be undertaking during the last weeks of May. The summer term is one of our most exciting and busiest terms as we enjoy the excitement of the warmer weather coupled with celebrating our end of year achievements. All of this happens, whilst we busily prepare with excitement for the new school year in September. With this in mind, I have listed below some key dates for you to be aware of.



Up coming dates

Key stage 2 SATS

- Tuesday 9 May 2023 – English grammar, punctuation and spelling papers 1 and 2
- Wednesday 10 May 2023 – English reading
- Thursday 11 May 2023 – Mathematics papers 1 and 2
- Friday 12 May 2023 – Mathematics paper 3

Key stage 1 SATS

- We will be administering the Key Stage 1 SATS within the 2-week period from Monday 15 May 2023.

Featured articles

Tip for helping your child with homework

Discuss the homework set – talk about their school. Even if you know nothing about a particular subject, you can still help just by talking and listening and helping them to find their own answers.

Praise and encouragement – help your child take responsibility for organising and doing their homework. Praise them for their hard work or their improved concentration, handwriting or presentation.

Read together – You are your child's first teacher, and one really practical way to help your child to learn is to read together. Even as children get older they still love to be read to. Remember to share storytelling duties between both parents, as dads are powerful role models and have a strong influence on their sons' attitudes to reading. Let them see you and older children reading yourselves, too.

You can find homework on our class sites, if you have any technical issues please see the class teacher for support in the first instance. Reading books are sent home daily, for you to enjoy together.



Attendance

As we start the Summer term we would like to remind everyone about the importance of regular school attendance. Hopefully, as the weather improves we will see a lot less coughs and colds. At the end of the academic year any child with under 90% attendance is classed as a persistent absentee and this data is shared with the Sandwell Local Authority. With a term to go, this gives children the opportunities to improve their attendance record. We do appreciate children at times are ill but all research shows that poor attendance is linked to a fall in attainment. Therefore, if as parents you have any concerns about your child's attendance or reluctance to attend school then please don't hesitate to contact us. The earlier we address any attendance concerns the better it is for the child as we can put support in at an early stage.

Summer Term Attendance rewards

For all of our pupils who have attended school every day this half term, we have planned a special treat for them on the last day of term. They will be treated to a show and share a sweet treat with their peers. Last half term over 100 pupils, celebrated 100% attendance with a visit to ice-cream van, ice-creams all around!



Coming Soon to Holyhead...Moodmasters..!

Moodmasters is a 6-week programme, free to parents, to come in, enjoy a coffee and discuss a range of topics from emotional well-being, health, stress, mental health and problem solving. The program is delivered by a qualified expert in talking therapies and looks to provide weekly sessions to encourage parents to come in and support each other and offer advice. The program will start on 6th June and will continue every Tuesday 10am – 11.30am for 6 weeks. Please feel free to come along and see what it's all about. If you require any further information, please come in and see us.

