



# MARCH NEWSLETTER

## Holyhead Primary Academy

What a wonderful way to end the Spring term! We would like to take a moment to celebrate the fantastic events that have taken place over the past few days and weeks.

Firstly, we had a highly successful Easter Bonnet Parade, where our students and families showcased their creativity and craftsmanship. The effort and enthusiasm put into the bonnets were truly eggstraordinary! We were also thrilled with the turnout for our Egg-cellent exhibit, where students displayed their artistic skills by decorating eggs. The level of creativity and attention to detail was truly impressive.

In addition, we today held a Magical 100% Attendance assembly, and we are proud to announce that over half (55%) of our school achieved perfect attendance this half-term! It is a remarkable accomplishment and demonstrates the commitment of both students and families towards ensuring regular attendance at school. We believe that consistent attendance plays a vital role in enabling students to make the most of their educational journey.

This term, we had a specific focus on literacy, and we were delighted to see the overwhelming attendance of parents at our phonics, early reading and SATS workshops. Your active involvement and support greatly contribute to the progress and success of our students. We appreciate your dedication and commitment to helping your child develop their literacy skills.

Another highlight of this term was our whole school World Book Day celebrations. From a whole school project to shared reading experience and our popular bedtime stories afterschool event, it was a day full of literary delight and imagination. We want to acknowledge the efforts made by both students and families in dressing up as their favourite book characters. Your engagement and promotion of reading at home are truly valued and make a significant impact on your child's literacy development.

As we approach the half-term holiday, we would like to encourage all families to continue the fabulous reading routines at home. Reading is not only a fantastic way to unwind but also enhances vocabulary, comprehension, and critical thinking skills. We strongly recommend setting aside dedicated time each day for reading together as a family or encouraging independent reading. .

. We look forward to a restful and enjoyable half-term break, and we have exciting plans for the upcoming Summer term.

Enjoy the holidays, and we will see you back at school rejuvenated and ready to embark on further learning adventures.

# AFTER SCHOOL OFFER NEXT HALF TERM - BOOK A SPACE ON PARENT PAY

Afterschool Summer one				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Football key stage 2	Rugby Year 5 and Year 6	Art club Key stage 2	Cricket Key stage 2	
	Hockey Years 1 and 2	Gymnastics		
Art club key stage 1	Maths Booster club Year 6		Reading club Year 5	
Reading Booster club Year 6	HEN club key stage 2		booster club Year 6	
Cooking club Years 3 and 4			Dance club	
Times table club Year 4				

## PARKING

I would like to kindly remind you about an important matter concerning the car park belonging to the Residential Homes. It has come to our attention that some vehicles have been regularly parked on or blocking the car park, causing inconvenience and difficulty for the elderly residents.

It is of utmost importance that they have uninterrupted access to the car park at all times. This is necessary for the prompt arrival of medical professionals, ensuring the safety and wellbeing of our residents. Your kind cooperation in this matter will go a long way in ensuring their needs are met promptly and efficiently. We greatly appreciate your understanding and support in maintaining the smooth running of the Residential Home.

# EYFS PLACES FOR TINY TWO'S

An exciting update regarding our 2 year old provision at Holyhead School. We have recently finalised our agreement with the Department for Education (DFE) to lower the age at which we admit pupils, allowing us to offer more places to 2 year old children.

The DFE has also extended government-funded places for 2 year olds, providing more opportunities for families to access high-quality early education at Holyhead School. We encourage you to come and see us to find out if you are eligible for one of these funded places and to reserve a place for your child.

We believe that starting early provides a solid foundation for your child's future educational journey, and we are committed to supporting their growth and development every step of the way.

## Term-time holidays

We understand that unexpected circumstances may arise, making it necessary for parents to request time off during term time. However, it is crucial to keep in mind the impact it can have on your child's education. Regular attendance is crucial for your child's progress and success. When students miss school, they miss out on valuable learning opportunities, which can be challenging to make up later. The knowledge and skills taught in class build upon previous lessons, and consistent attendance ensures that your child stays on track with their peers.

It is important to note that term time holiday requests are subject to approval for authorised leave.

We encourage you to plan family holidays during school breaks to ensure that your child receives the uninterrupted education they deserve. By aligning holidays with the official school calendar, you demonstrate to your child the value of education and the importance of commitment.

Thank you for your continued cooperation and support in promoting regular attendance at Holyhead.

### Whole school attendance to date -September - March

