

HOLYHEAD

APRIL NEWSLETTER

I hope this newsletter finds you well and enjoying the long awaited spring weather. I wanted to take a moment to update you on the wonderful learning adventures your children have been engaged in since returning to school in April following the Easter break. Throughout the month, your children have been actively participating in various educational activities that have not only nurtured their curiosity and creativity but also honed their academic skills across different subjects.

One of the key highlights has been our focus on writing skills across the curriculum. From creative writing tasks, we have been encouraging the children to express themselves clearly and cohesively in their written work. The progress we have seen is impressive, and I'm confident this will continue to flourish in the coming months.

In mathematics, your children have been tackling challenging problems, sharpening their critical thinking and problem-solving abilities.

Handwriting and pencil grip refinement have been a priority for all pupils. We recognise the importance of developing good motor skills early on, and we have been working diligently to ensure that your children have a solid foundation in this aspect of their education.

Our Early Years and Year 6 students had the opportunity to visit the theatre recently. The children's behaviour during the trip was exemplary, and witnessing literacy come to life on stage was a memorable experience for all.

Year 2 and 5 students have taken part in a first aid session, where they learned invaluable life-saving skills. Instilling confidence and preparedness in our students is crucial, and I'm pleased to see them actively engaging with this vital aspect of their education.

Year 4 students have been busy preparing their singing voices for our upcoming performance at Lichfield Cathedral. I must say, they sound truly amazing, and I'm sure their hard work will shine through on the day of the event.

Overall, it has been a fulfilling month of learning and growth for our students, and I want to thank you for your continued support in their educational journey. Together, we can empower them to reach their full potential and thrive academically.

Wishing you a pleasant month ahead.

I wanted to take this opportunity to remind you of the guidelines regarding term time holidays.

Recently, we have noticed an increase in requests for term time holidays. While we appreciate the importance of spending quality time with family, it is essential to remember the regulations set out by the DEF regarding term time holiday rules. These guidelines are put in place to ensure that your child's education is not disrupted.

I would like to encourage all our families to try to plan holidays during the designated 13 weeks of school holidays. This will help to minimise any impact on your child's learning and ensure they are able to make the most of their time in school.

If you do need to request time off during term time, please make sure to follow the correct procedures by filling out the necessary forms and discussing the matter with the school office in advance. We will always consider exceptional circumstances on a case-by-case basis.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation in this matter.

REMINDER: CHECK YOUR CHILDREN'S ONLINE PRESENCE

As part of our ongoing commitment to ensuring the safety and well-being of our students, we would like to kindly remind you to be vigilant about monitoring your children's online presence.

In today's digital age, it is essential for parents to stay informed about their children's online activities. It is important to know what your children are doing online, who they are communicating with, and how they are presenting themselves on various social media platforms.

We recommend that you regularly check your children's online accounts and have open discussions with them about their online behaviour. Encourage them to limit their time spent online and to talk to you about any concerns or issues they may have encountered.

By staying actively involved in your children's online lives, you can help ensure that they are using the internet responsibly and safely. Together, we can work towards creating a positive and secure online environment for our children.

Year 6 SATS WEEK – 13th May – 17th May

As we approach the upcoming SATS week from 13th May to 17th May, I wanted to take this opportunity to update you on how your child has been preparing and share some important information with you.

First and foremost, I want to express how proud we are of your children for the hard work and dedication they have shown in getting ready for their end of Primary tests. They have been putting in their best efforts, and we believe they are now well-prepared to showcase all that they have learned.

It is crucial for your children to be well-rested and full of energy during SATS week. To help with this, I recommend ensuring they have an early night's sleep in the days leading up to the exams. A good night's rest can make a significant difference in their performance and overall well-being during this busy week.

Additionally, I am pleased to inform you that we will be providing breakfast for all Year 6 students during SATS week. More details regarding the breakfast arrangements will be communicated by Mr. Farley shortly. This is to ensure that your children start the day nourished and ready to tackle the exams ahead.