



NEWSLETTER



Smiles all around!

'SPARKLY GOOD' OFSTED OUTCOME

As you may have seen in the media, our recent Ofsted inspection was a great success - an achievement we feel immensely proud of. As this was an ungraded inspection, we remain officially rated as 'Good.' However, in the education world, when significant improvements are recognised by inspectors, we like to call this a 'sparkly good!' We're thrilled to share that Hollingwood is the only school in the local area to receive such a glowing judgement. Our staff and children shone brightly throughout the visit, and your positive testimonials made all the difference. Thank you for your unwavering support in helping us achieve this fantastic milestone! 🌟🎉

SEASONS GREETINGS

As the year draws to a close and the Christmas holidays are about to begin, we want to take a moment to reflect on how fortunate we are to have such a caring and supportive school community. The partnership between school, teachers, parents/carers, and the local community is a gift we treasure, and together we have created a nurturing environment where our children flourish.

On behalf of everyone at Hollingwood, we would like to wish you all a very **Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year** filled with love, laughter, and special moments with those we hold dear. ❤️🎅🎁



ABSENCE = MISSED OPPORTUNITY!

Our current school attendance stands at **96%**, which is slightly below our school target of 97%.

We would like to express our thanks to all parents and carers for supporting our ongoing efforts to improve pupil attendance. Your partnership in prioritising your child's education is invaluable.

We are especially grateful to those who work closely with us to ensure their child's regular attendance and to families who are mindful of avoiding holidays during term time.

We remain hopeful and committed to working together to improve persistent absence, ensuring every child has fair access to education.



*Together, we solve problems;
communication is the key!*

97%

The higher a pupil's attendance, the more they are likely to reach their full potential.

ADDRESSING CONCERNS CONSTRUCTIVELY

At Hollingwood, we always strive to maintain open and respectful lines of communication between home and school. If you have a question, concern, or grievance, we kindly ask that you contact us directly so that we can address it promptly and effectively.

Recently, we've been made aware of a few instances where negative comments about the school or staff have been shared on social media platforms. While we understand the importance of expressing concerns, addressing them directly with us allows for a constructive conversation and ensures any misunderstandings can be resolved appropriately.

CONGRATULATIONS, MRS BARBER!

We are delighted to announce that Mrs. Barber has been successfully appointed as the school's Business Lead. Please join us in congratulating her on this exciting new role! We are confident that she will bring about positive changes and improvements to our school office. 🌟

To kickstart her journey, Mrs. Barber will be evaluating our communications to ensure they meet the needs of our school community. We value your input - please take a moment to complete the attached form and have your say. Together, we can make our school even better! 💬

Click [here](#) to complete the short form.



We are so proud of you!

≡ Welcome ≡



A WARM WELCOME TO MISS STANLEY

We are thrilled to welcome Miss Stanley to the Hollingwood staff team! Starting in January, Miss Stanley will be joining us as a Teaching Assistant, working across KS2. She brings with her a wealth of experience and a genuine passion for supporting children with SEND and SEMH needs. 🌟

We know you will join us in giving Miss Stanley a warm welcome as she becomes part of our fantastic school community. We're excited about the positive impact she will bring to our children and team! 😊



A WONDERFUL NATIVITY PERFORMANCE BY OUR YOUNGEST STARS!

Our Nursery and Reception children delighted family and friends with a fantastic performance of the nativity play. 🌟 These are our youngest children, and they amazed us all with their confidence and talent, bringing the Christmas story to life so beautifully. 🎄🌟



A heartfelt thank you to the parents and carers who provided costumes and cheered the children on - it made the occasion even more special! ❤️

Thank you to Brian and Zoe from Springwell Community School for lending us sound and lighting equipment and providing brilliant tech support on the day. Your help made all the difference - thank you!





FESTIVE CHEER FOR STAVELEY TO HEAR

Our school choir, led by the wonderful Mrs. Holmes, brought festive cheer to the Staveley Christmas Market at the start of December. They delighted shoppers with a fantastic selection of Christmas songs, spreading joy and holiday spirit. 🎄 ✨

A huge thank you to the children for their brilliant performances and to the parents and carers who supported us by attending on a Sunday - it was truly appreciated! ❤️🎵

SANTA CLAUS CAME TO TOWN

We would like to say a massive thank you to our amazing PTA for organizing such a successful Christmas Bazaar for everyone to enjoy! The event was filled with festive cheer, offering a wonderful variety of stalls featuring beautiful handmade items, delicious confectionery, and even a special visit from Santa himself. 🎅 ✨

The school was buzzing with excitement, and we are so grateful to everyone who came along and supported the event. All the money raised will be used by the PTA to fund valuable resources and opportunities for our children. Thank you for making it such a memorable and meaningful occasion! 🌟🎁

THE TOTAL RAISED BY OUR PTA SO FAR THIS YEAR IS...

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£1743.01



THE JOY OF READING TOGETHER

Miss Hill and her fellow reading enthusiasts have had a fantastic term at Reading Club! Together, they've enjoyed a variety of activities that celebrate and promote a love for reading and books. ✨ It's been wonderful to see the joy and excitement that sharing stories brings to our club members. Here's to more adventures in reading next term! 📖✨



CROSSING NEW PATHS

Mr. Stewart and our school representatives had the honor of being the first to ride across the new bridge at Staveley Basin during its official opening. After the ribbon was cut, they cycled across to a round of applause! 🙌

A huge thank you to the Chesterfield Canal Trust for inviting us to be part of this special moment.



SPINA BIFIDA AWARENESS

We recently welcomed Nina from the Sheffield Association for Spina Bifida Awareness charity, who led an inspiring assembly to help us all understand more about Spina Bifida.

As part of the awareness campaign, we also celebrated Alexandra, one of our wonderful Nursery children, who has Spina Bifida. The assembly was a meaningful reminder of the importance of acceptance, understanding, and celebrating the unique qualities that make each of us special.



SPINA BIFIDA AWARENESS

SUPPORTING

THE FIGHT



SUPPORTING THE SYCL SERVICE

To recognise the incredible work of South Yorkshire Chaplaincy & Listening and to thank them for supporting some of our children, we hosted a cake sale to raise funds for the charity. Their confidential listening service has been invaluable in helping our children during challenging times, and we are proud to give back to such a wonderful organisation.



We raised an amazing £210. 🍰



THANKING OUR COMMUNITY HEROES

Our wonderful Ambassadors have been spreading joy and gratitude by carrying out Random Acts of Kindness (RAKs)! They have been out and about, taking the time to thank services that hold a special place in their hearts, including our incredible emergency services.

A heartfelt thank you to those who work tirelessly to keep us safe and supported - your dedication does not go unnoticed! 💙🌟

A FESTIVE FEAST

The children had a fantastic time celebrating the festive season with a delicious Christmas dinner lovingly prepared by our amazing kitchen staff. The classrooms were beautifully decorated, adding a touch of magic to the day, and each child delighted in pulling a Christmas cracker, kindly provided by our wonderful PTA. The warm, family feel of the occasion brought everyone together, creating special memories to cherish. 🎄🍴🌟



HO, HO, HO! SANTA DASH

Our Santa Dash was a fantastic way to get everyone moving and feeling festive! The children had a wonderful time dashing around the school site, following Santa on his cheerful route.

Not only was it a great deal of fun, but it was also a brilliant way to stay active and embrace the spirit of the season. Seeing all the smiling faces and festive energy was truly magical. Well done to everyone who took part. 🎄👦



STORIES WITH SANTA CLAUS

This week, we were delighted to welcome Santa and Mrs Claus to school as part of our Christmas celebrations! They created a magical atmosphere, reading festive stories to our EYFS and KS1 children by a cosy fireplace area, bringing the wonder of Christmas alive. 📖🌟

Each child was thrilled to receive a special gift - a beautifully wrapped reading book - handed out by Santa himself. These books were kindly funded by our incredible PTA, ensuring that every child takes home a new story to enjoy over the holiday season.

A huge thank you to our PTA and, of course, to Santa and Mrs Claus for making this a memorable and heartwarming experience for our children. 🎅❤️



KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE OVER THE HOLIDAY

It's crucial to take immediate action if you suspect a child is being harmed or living in dangerous circumstances. Here's a clear breakdown of the steps you should follow:

Immediate Danger

If a child or adult is at immediate risk of harm and requires protection:

- Call the Police: Dial **999** immediately.

Non-Emergency Advice

If you need advice but the situation is not an immediate emergency:

- Contact the Police: Dial 101 for non-urgent police inquiries.

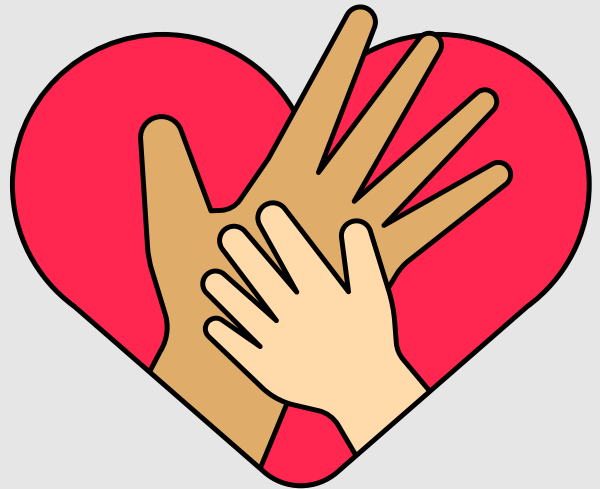
Reporting Concerns About a Child's Welfare

If you are concerned about a child's welfare or suspect they are being abused:

- Make a Referral to Children's Social Care in the area where the child resides.
- In Derbyshire:

Phone: Contact Starting Point at 01629 533190.

Online Referral: Use the [online referral system](#) through the Derbyshire County Council website.



Christmas can bring added financial strain, family pressures, or emotional stress. This may exacerbate existing family tensions, leading to situations where children might be at risk of neglect, abuse, or harm.



HELP THROUGH HARDSHIP

If you are facing a financial crisis and need urgent support, help is available:

Urgent Financial Assistance

- Help Through Hardship: Call **0808 208 2138** for immediate advice and support.

Access to Food Over Christmas

- Local Foodbank [information and support](#)

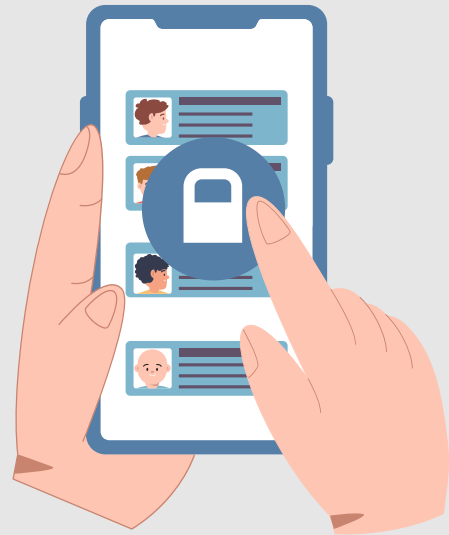
STAYING SAFE ONLINE OVER CHRISTMAS

This Christmas, many children will receive gifts that provide access to the internet and social media. We encourage parents and carers to take the time to ensure these devices are set up with the appropriate restrictions and safety settings to protect children online.

For advice and guidance on how to keep your children safe while using new technology, please visit the following websites:

- NSPCC Online Safety: nspcc.org.uk
- Internet Matters: internetmatters.org
- ThinkUKnow: thinkuknow.co.uk

Taking these steps can help create a safer digital experience for children, ensuring they enjoy their new devices responsibly and securely. 📱🔒

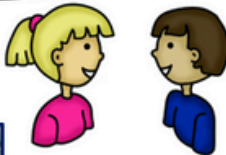


Ensure all new devices are set up appropriately for use by children.

STAYING SAFE at **Hollingwood Primary School**

Are you feeling worried about yourself or someone else?

Do you want to talk to someone who can help?



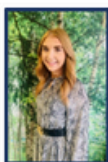
Mr Stewart
Senior Designated Safeguarding Lead



Miss Clarke
Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead



Miss Thirkell
DSL



Miss Robinson
DSL



Miss Hudson
DSL



Mrs Voden-Page
Safeguarding Governor

SAFEGUARDING - OUR NO.1 PRIORITY

Safeguarding our pupils is paramount at Hollingwood Primary School.

You must act if you have any concerns about the safety or wellbeing of a child.

Please contact a DSL (Designated Safeguard Lead) to share your concerns.

The most time efficient way to contact a DSL is by calling the school office.

Or, alternatively you can email via - safeguardingreports@hollingwood.derbyshire.sch.uk