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Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome back to the second half of the Autumn term! So far, it has been very busy! During our Remembrance Day assembly last Friday, Year 6 shared their remarkable poems, which were very moving. I hope you enjoy a sample of the poems further down the newsletter.

Our cinema trips started this week with Year 6 and Year 3 seeing 'If' both teachers reported that the children were well behaved and enjoyed the showing. We look forward to more cinema trips over the next couple of weeks as the rest of the school attend.

Our Year 6 playleaders have really taken to their new roles as playleaders and can be seen supporting the younger children within their play. I spent some time with Year 6 this week looking at their ideal playtime and how they can adapt their games to meet the needs of all children. We looked at making the games accessible for younger children and children with special educational needs and also how to provide stretch and challenge for the children who master the game speedily. The children were excellent at coming up with ideas for this and they presented their games to the class stating how they are accessible for all.

A huge thank you to those of you who attended our Community Morning, we had a few families come to help and it was a really lovely atmosphere as some families raked the sandpit area of large stones to ready it for the sand, some families and volunteers helped with gardening and general tidying of the bedding areas and others litter picked and painted. I would also like to thank the staff and governors who turned out to help, we hope that next time a few more families will come and support us, we do provide a tasty breakfast sandwich for our helpers if that helps persuade you?

Miss White hosted our phonics meetings this week for Reception and Year 1 parents. There was an excellent turnout for Reception parents and we thank Miss White and our parents for supporting our children with their reading.

It was an exciting time for EYFS this week as Nursery and Reception performed nursery rhymes for their parents and carers. It goes without saying that performing in front of an audience takes **courage** and it was wonderful to hear that our children were courageous and confident. Please enjoy the photos of this event further down the newsletter.

As I said previously its a crazily busy term and the calendar is jam packed with festivities coming up, please do keep an eye on the emails and make a note of all the upcoming dates.

Warm regards,  
Mrs. Cracknell



# Online Safety

In the last edition of the newsletter the ABC online safety checklist was introduced. The A stands for [Activate parental controls](#). Are you aware of the parental controls that your child's device(s), social media platforms, entertainment and search engines, broadband and mobile networks and gaming platforms have? Have you activated them? [The Internet Matters](#) website is a one-stop-shop for a wide range of guides on how to activate parental controls. It's definitely worth a look if you're wanting to activate parental controls.

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# PE in Y4

This half-term Year 4 are developing their gym and football skills. Yesterday (14.11.2024), the children enjoyed combing two balances with a straight jump - rotations were optional - into a sequence. We all had a lot of fun and some of us fell over - well Mr Chandler did!

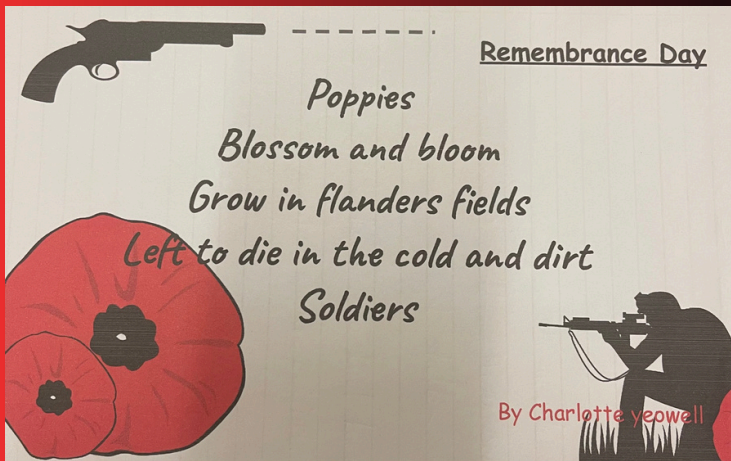


# WORLD<sup>®</sup> Nursery Rhyme Week

The children in Nursery and Reception have taken part in World Nursery Rhyme Week. The initiative, launched in 2013, promotes the importance of nursery rhymes in early childhood development and education with a particular focus on how nursery rhymes boost early language and literacy skills.

Thank you to everyone who come and watch our performance. A huge thank you to the nursery parents who took part in our singing and sang Twinkl Twinkl Little Star to us.

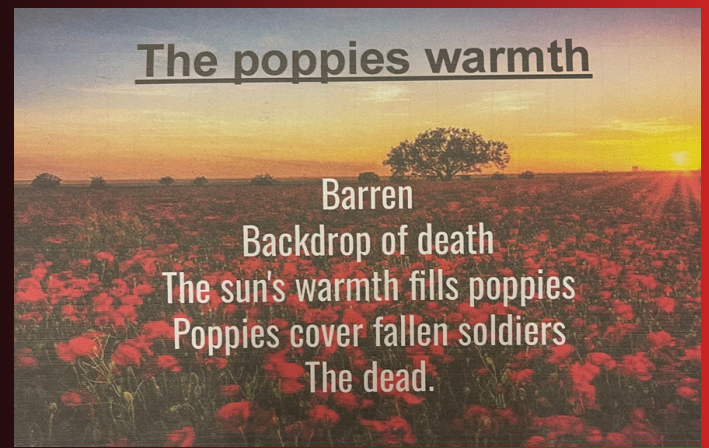




Remembrance Day

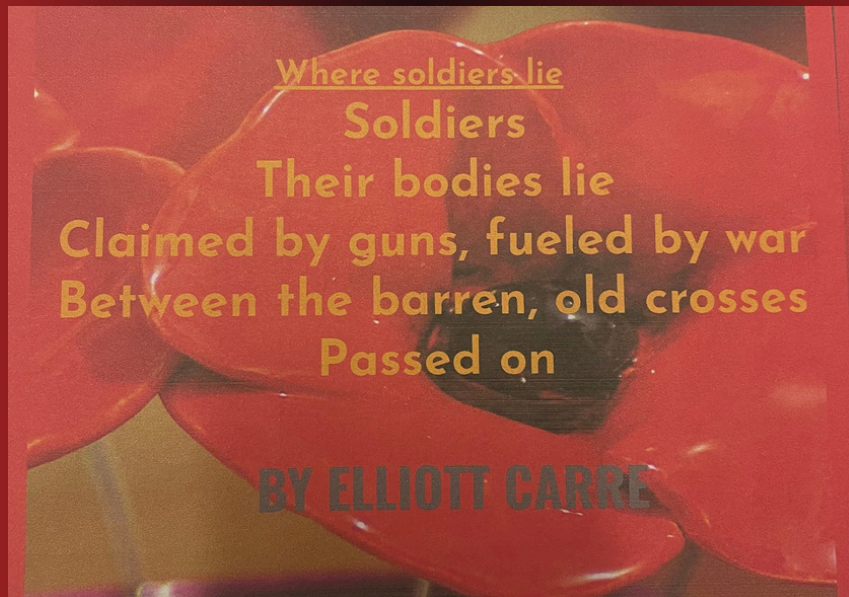
*Poppies  
Blossom and bloom  
Grow in flanders fields  
Left to die in the cold and dirt  
Soldiers*

By Charlotte yeowell



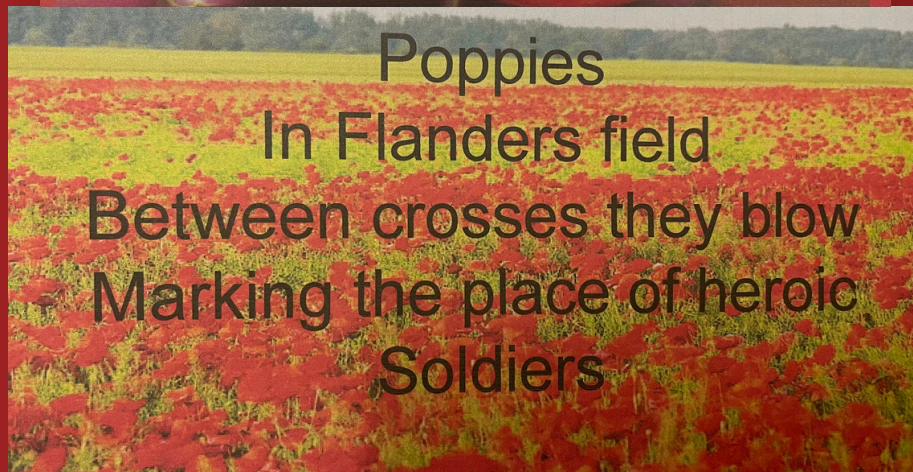
The poppies warmth

Barren  
Backdrop of death  
The sun's warmth fills poppies  
Poppies cover fallen soldiers  
The dead.

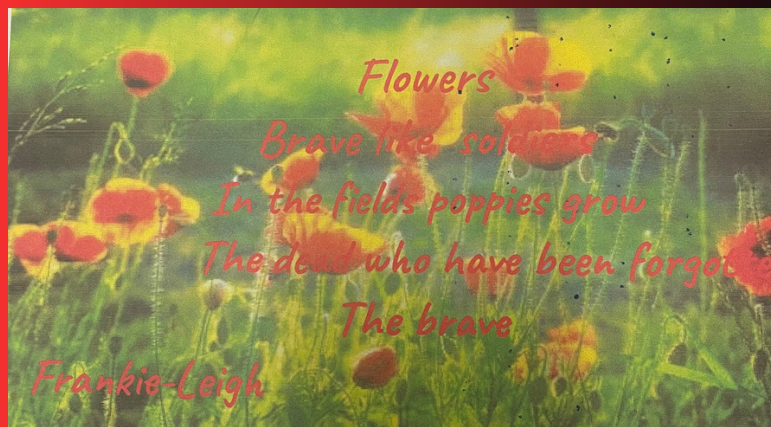


Where soldiers lie  
Soldiers  
Their bodies lie  
Claimed by guns, fueled by war  
Between the barren, old crosses  
Passed on

BY ELLIOTT CARRE

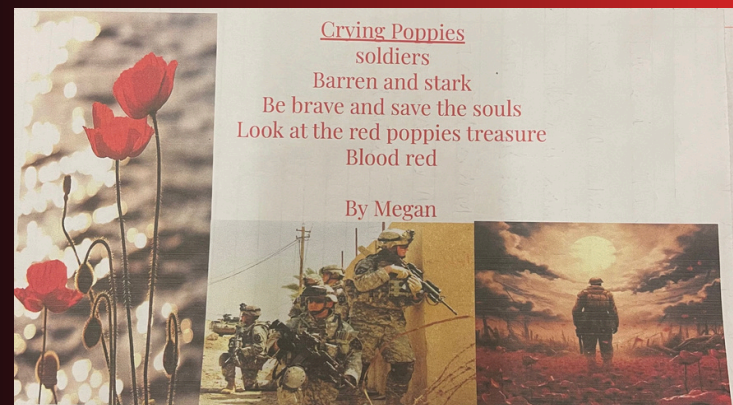


Poppies  
In Flanders field  
Between crosses they blow  
Marking the place of heroic  
Soldiers



*Flowers  
Brave like soldiers  
In the fields poppies grow  
The dead who have been forgot  
The brave*

Frankie-Leigh



Crying Poppies  
soldiers  
Barren and stark  
Be brave and save the souls  
Look at the red poppies treasure  
Blood red

By Megan

# Upcoming Events

# 2024 2025

## November

Wednesday 20th	Cinema trip 'Harold and the purple crayon' for Years 4 and 5
Thursday 21st	Cinema trip 'Migration' for Reception  Movie Morning for Nursery and The Nest in school
Friday 22nd	Inset day School closed
Wednesday 27th	Cinema trip 'Garfield' for Years 1 and 2
Thursday 28th	Explore term play and stay EYFS am Explore Afternoon years 1-6 pm
Friday 29th	FOHS Christmas Fayre

## December

Tuesday 3rd	Christingle PM 1:30pm
Wednesday 4th	Pantomime
Monday 9th	EYFS sing and sign - Nursery parents AM
Monday 9th	Years 4, 5 and 6 Carol concert PM
Tuesday 10th	EYFS sing and sign - Reception parents AM
Wednesday 11th	Years 1 -3 Christmas play PM
Thursday 12th	Year 1 - 3 Christmas play AM
Friday 13th	Year 4, 5 and 6 Carol concert AM
Friday 13th	Christmas dinner day
Monday 16th	Rock Steady Concert
Friday 20th	End of term 2pm finish

## January

Monday 6th



# Clubs

Click on the club name for link to book

Matt's clubs can be booked via the office or by emailing  
mattogilviecoaching@aol.com

## MONDAY

Rock Steady (during School day)

Reception - Story Club 12 - 12:30 pm - Sign up on Arbor  
KS2 - Drama club 12:30 - 1 pm - Sign up on Arbor

## TUESDAY

Year 1 - 6 Karate - 7:45 - 8:30 am

Year 1 - 3 Dodgeball with Matt Ogilvie Coaching 3.15pm - 4.15pm

## THURSDAY

Musical theatre - 12:30 - 1 pm - sign up on Arbor - Year 2 - 6 (starts after half term)

Year 1 - 6 Dance Club 3.15pm - 4.15pm

## FRIDAY

Ballet - 12:15 - 12:45 pm - sign up on Arbor - Reception and Year 1 (starts after half term)

Year 4 - 5 Football with Matt Ogilvie Coaching 3.15pm - 4.15pm

Year 1 - 6 East Herts Gymnastics 3.15pm - 4.15pm

# Uniform

- All items should be unbranded and without any logo's other than the Hollybush logo.
- Children should bring a suitable coat and a water bottle every day, whatever the weather. We are outside in all weathers!
- Hair longer than shoulder length must be tied up in a hair band in school colours.

## Formal uniform

White polo shirt

Grey Trousers  
Grey skirt  
Grey pinafore  
Grey shorts

Bottle green round necked jumper  
Bottle green cardigan

Black shoes

White / black or grey socks

## Active uniform

Black plain Tshirt  
Black logo Tshirt  
White plain Tshirt

Tshirts should be round necked not polo shirts

Black jersey tracksuit bottoms  
Black jersey shorts  
Black cycle shorts  
Black skort  
Black leggings

Black zip through hoodie  
Black hooded jumper

Black plain trainers

## Swimming

Swimming hats MUST be worn for swimming lessons.

*UNIFORMS MUST NOT BE MIXED AND MATCHED!!*

*IF YOUR CHILD IS WEARING ACTIVE WEAR IT MUST BE WITH A ROUND NECKED T-SHIRT AND A BLACK HOODIE / ZIP UP*

*IF YOUR CHILD IS WEARING FORMAL WEAR IT MUST BE WITH A POLO TOP OR SHIRT AND A GREEN JUMPER*

# Reminders

School starts at 8:45am

Fordwich Rise Gate entrance

The drive gate opens at 8:40 for Nursery, Reception and Year 1. Siblings of children in these year's may also enter through this gate.

Welwyn Road Gate entrance

Children in Year 2 and above

If your child arrives after 8:45am they will need to enter via the Office and will be marked as Late.

## HOLIDAYS & MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS

The School will not grant any leave of absence for holidays during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances. Holidays will otherwise be classed as unauthorised absence from school.

Non urgent appointments such as dentist & doctors appointments MUST be made outside of school hours where possible.

## Outstanding debts

Please can parents ensure owed balances on meals, wrap around care and nursery session are cleared promptly.

## Lunches

Please ensure you select your child's lunch via the Arbor app prior to 8am.

Pre selecting lunches is now compulsory

[Link to lunch menu on website](#)

Please do not park across the driveways of the houses neighbouring the school.

	PE	Swimming	Forest School
<b>MONDAY</b>	YEAR 1 YEAR 5		YEAR 1
<b>TUESDAY</b>	YEAR 1 YEAR 2 YEAR 3 YEAR 5 YEAR 6		
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>			YEAR 2
<b>THURSDAY</b>	YEAR 2 YEAR 4		NURSERY RECEPTION
<b>FRIDAY</b>	NURSERY RECEPTION YEAR 3 YEAR 4 YEAR 6		YEAR 3 YEAR 4

Check out our class pages for information on what your child is learning this Term!  
[Link to Class Pages](#)

Type of query	Member of staff to contact
Safeguarding/child protection	Mrs Noon and Mrs Cracknell
Any issues relating to your child or another child in the class	Email class teacher to arrange a meeting, sometimes a phase leader may join this meeting
If you do not feel the issue has been resolved or you may need more advice.	<p><b>Step 1</b> Phase Leader EYFS-Ms Neville KS1- Miss Parry KS2-Mr Chandler</p> <p><b>Step 2</b> Deputy Headteacher- Mrs Cracknell</p> <p><b>Step 3</b> Headteacher- Mrs Noon</p>
Inclusion/ Special Educational Needs	Mrs Smail
Payments/Finance	Miss Byrne Mrs Tilbury
Admissions	Miss Byrne
Complaints	Please refer to school complaints policy on the <a href="#">website</a> .

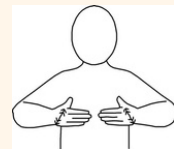
# AT OUR SCHOOL WE FOLLOW HOLLYBUSH RULES

## SAFE



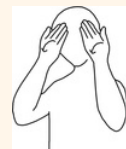
We move around school in a safe manner. We follow instructions to keep ourselves safe. We keep hands, feet and unkind words to ourselves. We use equipment safely. We stay safe online. We talk to an adult if we feel unsafe.

## READY



We wear correct uniform. We arrive at school on time. We have our equipment ready. We show that we are listening and ready to learn.

## RESPECT



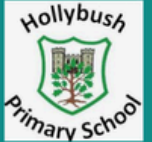
We listen when others speak and we respect the property of our friends and the school. We have an understanding of others cultures and beliefs. We respect that everyone have a right to learn.

# WE ARE LEARNING

# THE HOLLYBUSH WAY



## THE HOLLYBUSH WAY



### Lovely Lining Up

We face forwards  
We keep our hands to ourselves  
We line up silently

### Magical Manners

We say please and thank you  
We say 'good morning'  
We hold doors open for people  
We knock before entering rooms  
We say 'excuse me' before speaking to a grown up

### Super Sitting

We sit calmly and sensibly  
We keep our hands to ourselves  
We face the adult  
We use our magnet eyes (if we can)  
We use our eager ears for listening to our adult

### Wonderful Walking

We walk quietly  
We walk sensibly  
We face the direction we are walking in  
We keep our hands to ourselves

### Delightful Dinners

We use our Magical Manners  
We use our Lovely lining up  
We use our Wonderful walking  
We use our Super sitting  
We talk quietly with our friends

### Peaceful Playtimes

We use our Wonderful walking to and from the classroom  
We use our Magical Manners  
We remember our school values