

**Happy Birthday, Sir David:** Today, the children have been thinking about Sir David Attenborough and we all wish him well on his 100th birthday. He is perhaps the world's most famous storyteller of the natural world. For over 70 years, he has used his gentle voice and incredible films to bring the wonders of the wild right into our living rooms. I have spent hours watching his programmes with fascination, wanting to know more about animals and the natural world. He showed us that animals have personalities, families, and amazing skills. He didn't just show us animals; he made us feel like we were standing right next to them.



I believe that he has taught us a very important lesson: we cannot protect what we do not love, and we cannot love what we do not know. Because of him, millions of people now see the Earth not just as a place where we live, but as a precious home that we share with millions of other amazing living things.



"The future of the natural world is in your hands." – David Attenborough

During the day, the children have written their pledges for the planet on luggage tags that are being tied to the fences to remind us all that we can all help. Hopefully, between us, we can make sure the children in Hollybush are committed to protecting the natural world as they grow up.

**Logo:** Our design a logo project has now finished and the children and staff have expressed their choices and..... we now have a new logo. Well done to Abigail in Y3 for designing this wonderful logo. It encapsulates the togetherness of our community, the No Outsiders mindset that no-one one is the same but everyone is equal and the holly leaf, representing Hollybush. We will start to use this on our communications immediately and from September it will be on our uniform



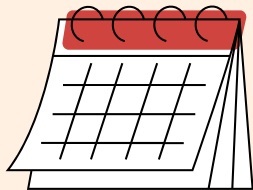
Have a great weekend,  
Jeremy Fisher



Type of query	Member of staff to contact
Safeguarding/child protection	Mr Fisher, Mrs Cracknell, Mrs Poole and Mrs Richardson
Any issues relating to your child or another child in the class	Email admin 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</p> <p>EYFS-Miss White Year 1 - 3- Mrs Christman Yea 4 - 6 -Mr Chandler</p> <p><b>Step 2</b> Deputy Headteacher Mrs Hannah Cracknell</p> <p><b>Step 3</b> Headteacher- Mr Fisher</p>
Inclusion/ Special Educational Needs	Mrs Smail
Looked After and Previously Looked After Children	Mrs Cracknell
Payments/Finance	Miss Byrne Mrs Tilbury
Admissions	Miss Byrne
Complaints	Please refer to school complaints policy on the <u>website</u> .

# Upcoming Events 2026

May	
Monday 11th	Egyptian day - Year 3
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> - Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 - SATS
Thursday 14th	EYFS Stay and Play 8:40 - 9:30
Friday 15th	Year 6 end of Sats treat
Monday 18th	Class photo's
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> - Friday 22nd	Walk to school week
Friday 22nd	Tales Together 8:40 am - Year 1 to Year 6
Friday 22nd	Break the rules day
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	End of half term finish 3:10 / 3:15 pm
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> - Friday 29th	Half term - School closed



June	
Friday 12th	Inset day - school closed
Thursday 18th	Y6 Crucial crew at Morgans
Friday 19th	Inline skating day
Friday 26th	Sports day AM - All years

July	
Wednesday 8th	EYFS visit to Standalone Farm
Thursday 9th	Transition day
Friday 10th	Fun day - all years
Friday 17th	Tales together 8:40 am
Monday 20th	Year 6 leavers assembly 9am
Monday 20th	Year 6 leavers party 6.30 -8pm
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup>	End of term 1:15 pm finish
Wenesday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Inset day - School closed
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Inset day - School closed



# Nursery



Nursery have had a fantastic time thinking about ‘sometimes’ and ‘always’ foods. We had a fantastic time tasting a range of fruit and vegetables.

The children surprised themselves with what they enjoyed!



# Year 1

We have been very busy learning this week as always. In Science, we went on a leaf hunt to explore the different types of trees (deciduous and evergreen). In Maths, we have been learning about quarters and how to find them. In English, we have been learning about how to order a story. In DT, we have been designing our own design for our own very own moving picture. I am very proud of how hard Year 1 have worked this week!

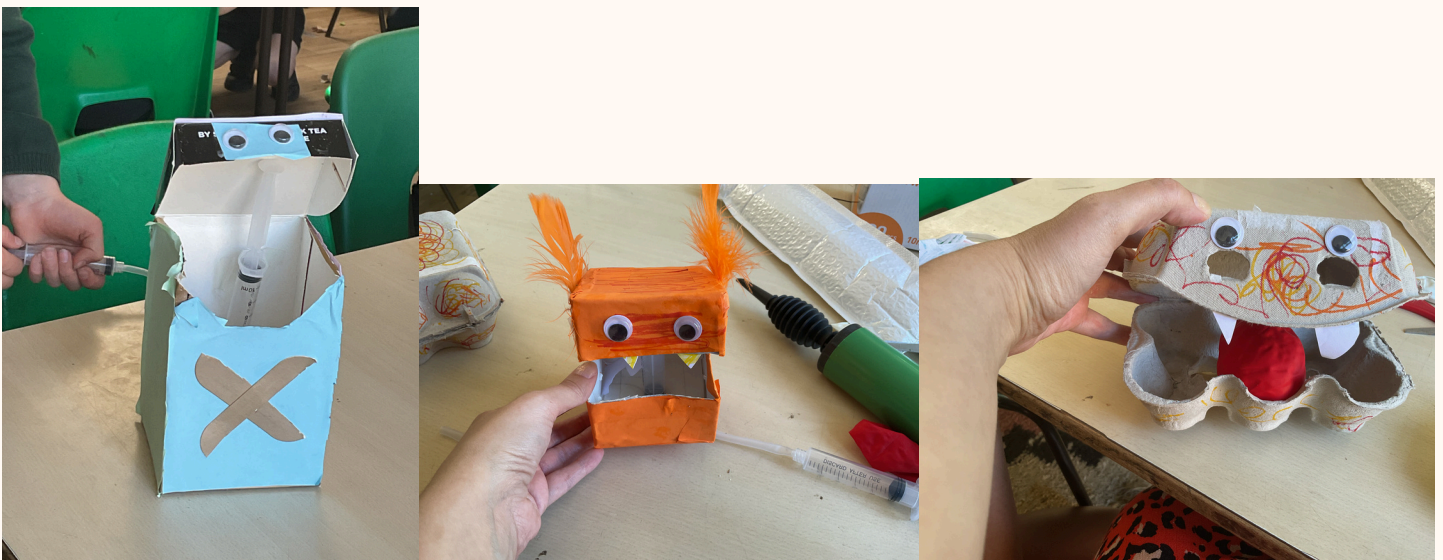


# Year 3

Year 3 have had an incredibly lively and productive few weeks, throwing themselves into every subject with curiosity and enthusiasm. Their History lessons have been a real highlight: the children were fascinated by the mummification process and loved acting it out step by step — from removing the organs to wrapping the body in bandages — all while learning why the Ancient Egyptians carried out each stage.

In Maths, they have shown real perseverance with our time topic. Although telling the time to the minute can be tricky, they have worked hard, supported one another, and many are now reading analogue clocks with growing confidence.

In DT, the classroom buzzed with excitement as they completed their pneumatic toys. They carefully assembled their mechanisms, tested how air pressure made parts move, and proudly demonstrated their finished creations.



# Year 5

Year 5 have had a brilliant time in DT as they designed and created their own moving CAM toys inspired by Tudor stories. Pupils sketched characters, planned their mechanisms and then used a range of practical skills - from careful cutting to confidently using the hot glue gun to bring their ideas to life.

The finished toys were wonderfully creative and showed just how much technical skill and perseverance the children have developed.

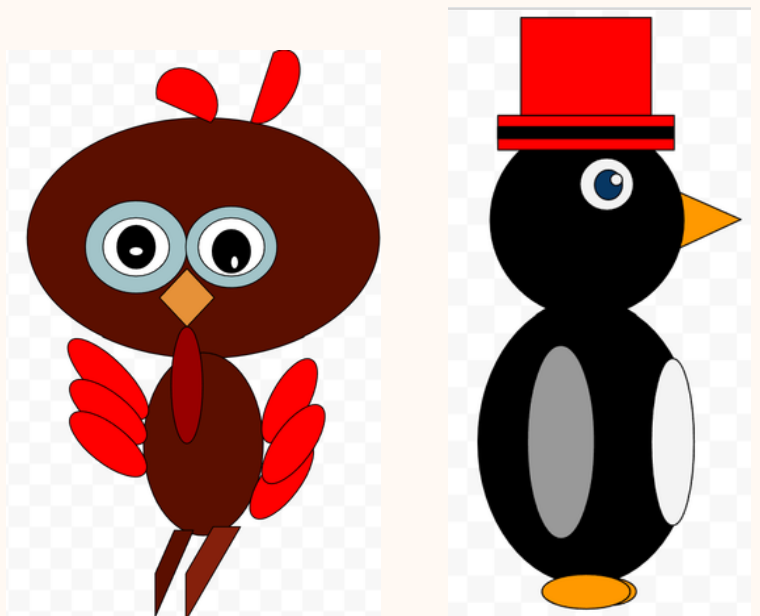


Year 5 have been diving into the vibrant sounds of South and West African music this term. The children explored elements of the languages used in traditional songs and took part in lively call-and-response singing, building confidence and musical awareness. They then transferred this learning to instruments, practising the chords on the glockenspiel to accompany the song. The classroom was full of rhythm, teamwork and joyful music-making.



Year 5 have been developing their digital art skills in computing, learning how to draw using a range of shapes, layering techniques and zooming tools to add detail. They created some lovely animal pictures, experimenting with colour, composition and precision.

The children also learnt useful shortcut keys for copying and pasting, helping them work more efficiently. They have really enjoyed exploring these creative tools and seeing their artwork come to life.





Crazy hair



Nail Varnish



An  
unhealthy  
snack

# Break the rules



Shoes of  
your choice



Temporary tattoo

This is a fundraising event. Which one will  
you break?

50p per rule or all 5 for £2

Payable via Arbor or cash on the day

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May