

HOLYWELL CLASS NEWS



Term 1, Autumn 2026

Welcome to the new school year! It has been wonderful to see our children return to school with such enthusiasm, positivity and readiness to learn. We are looking forward to an exciting year filled with new opportunities, memorable experiences and great achievements. Thank you for your continued support and partnership; by working together, we can ensure every child feels happy, confident and inspired to reach their full potential. I wish all our families a successful and enjoyable year ahead.

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RECEPTION – MAYFLOWER CLASS

We are very excited to welcome our new Mayflowers into Holywell this term and begin their exciting Reception journey. We have got lots to look forward to this term which will primarily be focused on settling in and adjusting to new school routines and expectations of school.

Our topic this term is **Marvellous Me** where we will be learning all about ourselves and what we like and dislike, feelings, senses, what we need to keep our bodies healthy and our families.

Some of the key texts we will be looking at this term are the *Super Duper You*, *Colour Monster*, *Elmer*, *Handa's Surprise* and *The Tiger who Came to Tea*. We will be starting Drawing Club which is a wonderful way for the children to express their imaginations from stories we have read through drawings. Over the year children will begin to write a magic code about their drawings from the stories.

In Maths this term our topics will be **Match, Sort and Compare** and **Measure and Patterns**. Our Maths will be taught through lots of play-based, practical activities.

We will be using the platform '**Tapestry**' to showcase the children's 'wow moments' and the learning we complete within the class. At home, we would encourage you to practise name writing and recognition to support your child with their start to Reception.

We cannot wait to start Term 1 in Mayflower. See you next week!



YEAR 1 – RICHMOND CLASS

We are delighted to welcome you and your child to Year 1 and look forward to a fantastic year of learning together.

As children settle into their new routines, staff will be on the playground each morning to guide them to their classroom, where another adult will be there to welcome them in. Once they are confident, adults will continue to greet them at the classroom door. Parents are welcome to say goodbye at the gate, and any messages can be passed to staff on duty.

This year, we will continue developing our indoor and outdoor learning environments through continuous provision. This approach allows children to practise and apply their learning through play, exploration, and hands-on experiences, helping them build confidence in reading, writing, maths, communication, creativity, and problem-solving. Our outdoor area encourages curiosity, investigation, and active learning. To help enrich this space, we would greatly appreciate donations of natural materials such as pinecones, conkers, logs, sticks, herbs, pebbles, bark, wood slices, and seed pods. Thank you for helping us create an inspiring learning environment for the children.



Our Learning This Term

English: The Jolly Postman, linked to traditional tales and nursery rhymes.

Maths: Number work to 10, addition and subtraction within 10, and shape.

Science: Animals, including humans, with a focus on body parts and the five senses.

History: The Great Fire of London.

PE: Infant agility, balance, coordination, and fitness. PE is on Mondays.

Forest School: Fridays. Please send children in suitable clothing and provide a clean uniform and shoes to change into afterwards.

Foundation Subjects

- **RE:** What does it mean to belong to a faith community?
- **PSHE** (Jigsaw): Being Me in My World
- **Art:** Piet Mondrian-inspired artwork
- **Computing:** Computing systems and networks, including mouse skills

We are looking forward to a wonderful term of learning and discovery with your children. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Thank you for your continued support.

The Year 1 Team

YEAR 2 – VIKING CLASS

Welcome to Viking Class!

I am so excited to begin our Year 2 journey together and get to know all of your wonderful children. Year 2 is an exciting and important year, and the Viking Team is committed to helping every child flourish, grow in confidence, and enjoy learning. We will encourage them to challenge themselves and achieve their very best throughout the year.

Maths

This term, we will focus on place value, exploring tens and ones and how numbers are formed. Practising number bonds to 10 at home is one of the best ways to support your child. Online games such as Hit the Button are a fun way to build fluency and confidence.

English

Our English learning is based on *The Snail and the Whale* by Julia Donaldson. Children will use the text as inspiration for narrative and diary writing, while developing their understanding of noun phrases and other key writing skills.

Foundation Subjects

This term we will be learning about:

- **Geography:** Climate zones and hot and cold places around the world.
- **Computing:** Understanding computers, logging on, and using laptops independently.
- **Music:** On This Island - exploring how music can represent different environments.
- **History:** Christopher Columbus and his voyage to the Americas.
- **RE:** Learning about Islam and different religious beliefs.
- **Science:** Living Things and Their Habitats.
- **Art:** Developing painting skills and techniques.
- **PSHE:** Being Me in My World.

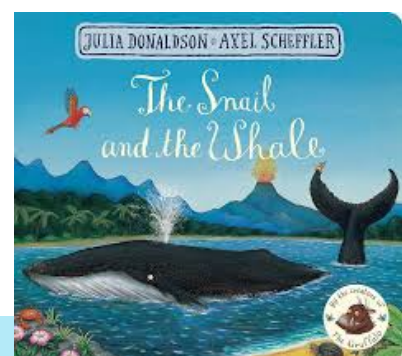


Outdoor Learning Area

We are continuing to develop our outdoor learning area and would be very grateful for donations of items such as old kitchen equipment, pallets, baskets, funnels, pipes, or plants. These resources help us create exciting opportunities for exploration and learning.

Thank you for the trust you place in us to support your children. We are looking forward to a fantastic year and celebrating all the progress, achievements, and successes along the way.

The Viking Team



YEAR 3 – OAK CLASS



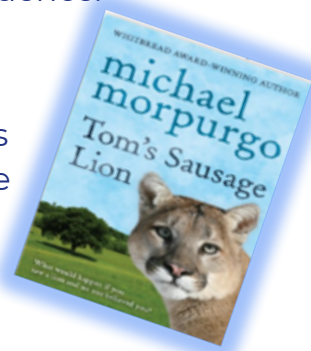
Welcome to Oak Class!

A very warm welcome to all our Oak families as we begin an exciting new school year! We have a fantastic term ahead, packed with engaging learning, exciting discoveries and opportunities for children to grow in confidence, curiosity and independence.

English

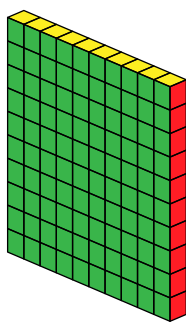
This term, we are reading Tom's Sausage Lion by Michael Morpurgo. Through this wonderful story, children will explore characters' thoughts and feelings while developing their own creative writing. They will write diary entries, use adverbials of time and bring stories to life through drama and planning activities.

In reading, we will continue to develop comprehension skills using the VIPERS approach.



Maths

We begin the year with Place Value, building a strong understanding of numbers and how digits represent different values. Children will apply these skills through a variety of practical problems and challenges. You can help at home by spotting and discussing numbers in everyday life.



Science

Our Science topic is Plants. Children will learn about roots, stems, leaves and flowers, discovering how each part helps plants grow and survive.

History

We will travel back in time to explore Prehistory and the Romans, learning how people lived and how these periods continue to influence Britain today.

Computing

Our first Computing unit focuses on Online Safety, helping children learn how to stay safe, responsible and confident online.

Music

Children will begin learning the recorder, exploring rhythm, pitch and performance while building their confidence as musicians.



French

We will start with simple greetings and introductions. Why not practise at home with a cheerful Bonjour! and Comment ça va?

Looking Ahead

We are excited for a term full of learning, achievement and memorable experiences. Thank you for your continued support as we work together to help every child thrive in Oak Class.

Let's make it a fantastic year!

YEAR 4 – CAMBRIA CLASS

Welcome Back, Cambria!

We hope you've had a fantastic summer and are ready for an exciting year ahead. Mrs Webb and I are delighted to welcome you to Cambria Class!

English

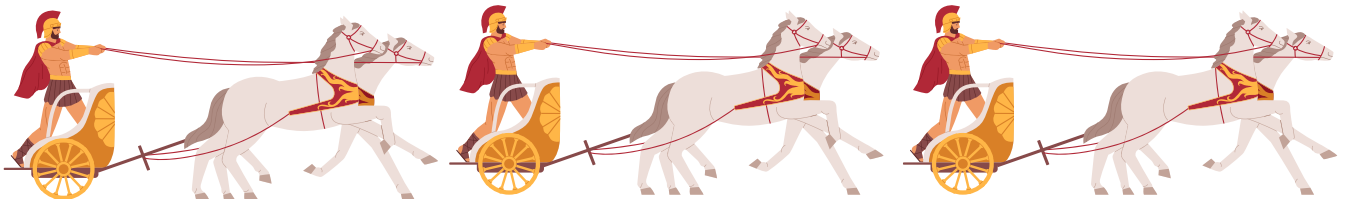
This term, we are reading *Marcy and the Riddle of the Sphinx*, a thrilling adventure full of mystery and excitement. Inspired by the story, we will be writing diary entries and non-chronological reports while developing our creativity and writing skills.

Maths

We are beginning with Place Value, exploring numbers beyond 1,000 and building confidence with 4-digit numbers through practical activities and hands-on learning.

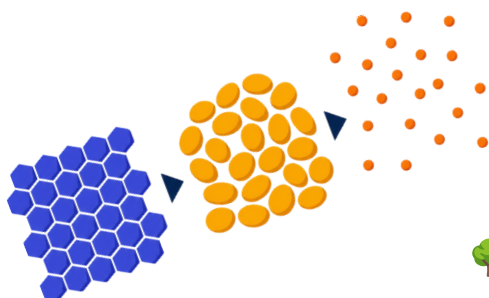
History

Our History topic takes us back to the time of the Romans. We will discover how they built roads, developed trade and helped shape the world we live in today.



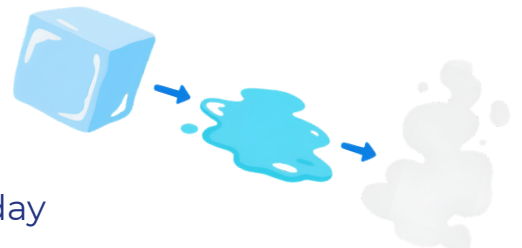
Science

In Science, we will investigate Changing States, exploring solids, liquids and gases through exciting experiments and practical investigations.



Key Information

 PE: Wednesday
 Forest School: Thursday



We're looking forward to a fantastic term filled with learning, discovery and fun! 🎉

YEAR 5 – PIONEER CLASS

Welcome to a New School Year in Pioneer Class!

We have been absolutely delighted with the fantastic start our Year 5 children have made. Term One is already full of enthusiasm, positivity and a real love of learning, and we can't wait to share some of the exciting experiences ahead.

A Fantastic Start

Pioneer Class have settled in brilliantly and have impressed us with their enthusiasm, excellent behaviour and readiness to learn. They are already demonstrating our school values and showing great respect for their classmates and staff.

We are incredibly proud of how they have embraced Year 5 so far. It has been wonderful getting to know them and seeing their personalities and strengths shine.

To help build our class community, we have introduced our daily Class VIP. Each child will have the chance to be celebrated for their unique qualities and contributions. Why not ask your child who has been VIP so far and why they were chosen?

English – A Miraculous Journey

This term, we are exploring *The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane* by Kate DiCamillo. As we follow Edward's adventures, children will focus on character development and write diary entries from his perspective, exploring his thoughts, feelings and experiences along the way.

Maths – Numbers in Motion

We have started with a fun recap of Roman numerals, even using our bodies to make the numbers! Next, we will focus on place value, helping children compare, order and understand larger numbers while developing their reasoning and problem-solving skills.

Science – Blasting Off into Space!

Our Space topic is already sparking curiosity. Through practical investigations, children will explore the solar system, discover how the Sun appears to move across the sky and learn about planetary orbits while developing their scientific thinking.

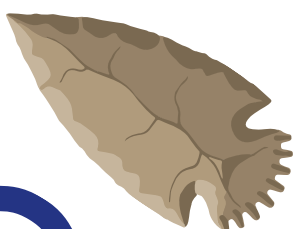
History – Digging into the Past

We are travelling back to the Stone Age and thinking like archaeologists. By investigating artefacts and evidence, children will uncover clues about how people lived thousands of years ago and build their historical enquiry skills.

RE – Big Questions, Open Minds

This term, we are exploring the question: Why do some people believe God exists? Children will learn about different beliefs and viewpoints while developing respectful discussion, reflection and understanding.

We are looking forward to a wonderful term of learning, discovery and growth. Thank you for your continued support. We are incredibly proud of the children and excited for everything still to come!





YEAR 6 – CHALLENGER CLASS

Welcome to Year 6!

A very warm welcome to my new Year 6 class as we begin their final year at Holywell Primary School. It has been wonderful getting to know the children and seeing them settle so quickly into class life. Year 6 is full of exciting opportunities to develop confidence, independence and resilience, and we are already looking forward to our first big adventure together: **Residential!**

Maths

We will begin by strengthening our understanding of place value before moving on to the four operations: addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. Alongside finding the correct answers, children will be encouraged to explain their reasoning, spot errors and choose efficient methods.

English

This term, we are reading *The Final Year* by Matt Goodfellow, a powerful story that follows Nate through his last year of primary school. The text provides a fantastic opportunity for children to reflect on their own Year 6 journey.

In reading, we will focus on developing VIPERS skills, particularly retrieval and prediction. In writing, the book will inspire our own figurative language poetry and diary writing, helping children explore language creatively and express their ideas with confidence.

Reminders

- 🌳 **Forest School: Monday afternoons.** Please ensure children have suitable outdoor clothing and footwear.
- ⚽ **PE: Friday afternoons.** Children should come to school wearing their PE kit.

We have an exciting term ahead and can't wait to see all that the children achieve during their final year at Holywell! 🎉

Holywell Uniform Expectations

At Holywell, we believe school uniform helps children feel part of our community, promotes a sense of belonging and keeps the focus on learning rather than fashion. We also understand that many families continue to face financial pressures. For this reason, there is no requirement to purchase branded uniform. Royal blue jumpers, cardigans and other uniform items can be bought from a range of high street retailers, and we also have a supply of second-hand uniform available through the school office.

A Few Helpful Reminders

Please ensure children come to school in:

- Grey trousers, shorts, skirts or pinafores
- A white or light blue polo shirt, shirt or blouse
- A royal blue jumper, cardigan or sweatshirt (with or without the school logo)
- Sensible black, navy or brown shoes, or plain black trainers
- A suitable coat for the weather

PE Kit

Our PE uniform is designed to be practical, comfortable and affordable:

- Plain black or navy shorts
- Plain white t-shirt or polo shirt
- Trainers for outdoor PE and plimsolls for indoor PE

We have noticed an increase in children wearing heavily branded, logoed or patterned sportswear. While we appreciate that many of these items are popular, they do not form part of our school uniform expectations. Please help us by ensuring PE clothing remains simple, practical and in line with our uniform guidance.

Hair, Jewellery and Accessories

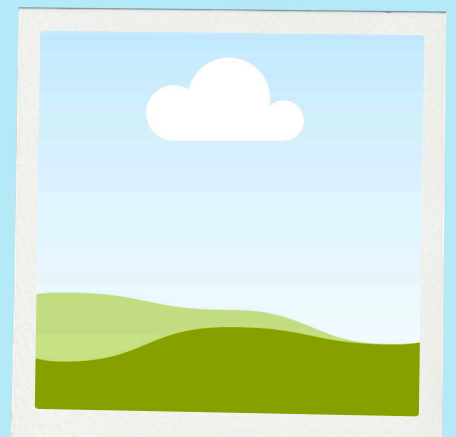
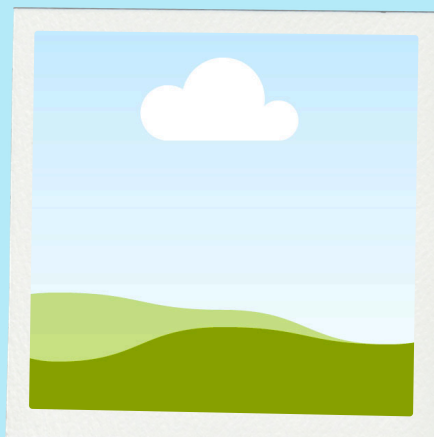
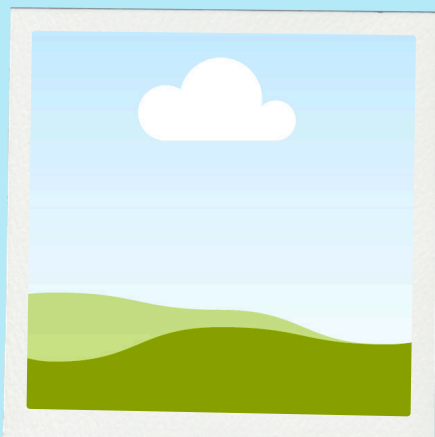
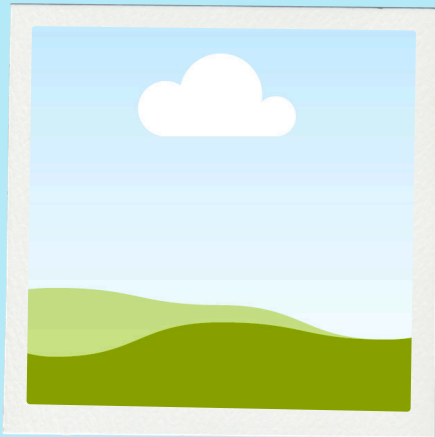
We ask that hair is kept neat and away from the face. Fashion accessories, large hair bows, jewellery and make-up can be distracting and are therefore discouraged. Simple stud earrings are permitted but must be removable for PE and active sessions.

Thank you for your continued support. By working together to maintain a smart, practical and affordable uniform, we can help ensure that every child feels included and ready to learn each day. If you need any support with uniform, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

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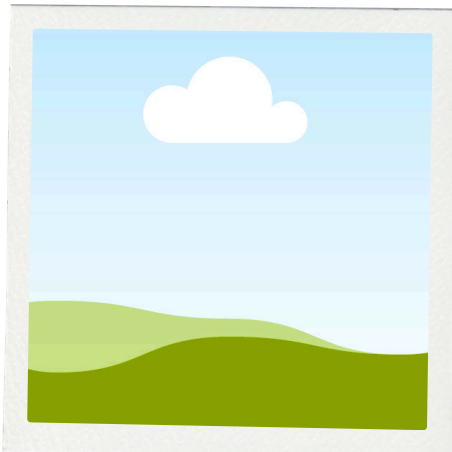
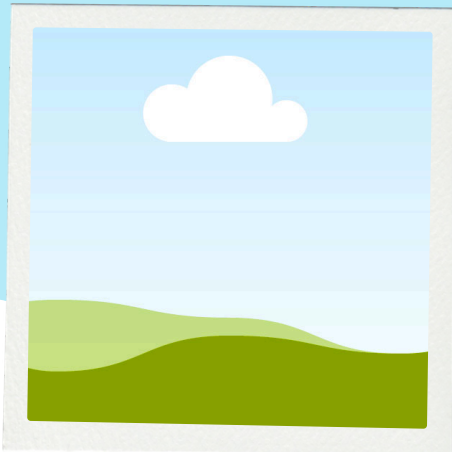
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