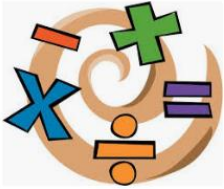
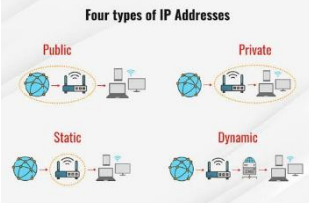




HOLLY Class Newsletter

Autumn 1, 2026



School opens for pupils at 8.40am and children must be in class no later than 8.45am to begin learning. <i>Please bring your child to school every day and on time to ensure they make the best progress in their learning.</i>	Class Teacher: Mr Clayton (Weds-Friday) & Mr Ayub (Monday & Tuesday) Teaching Assistant: Mrs Battersby Please contact the school on 01274 545743 to discuss any matters or to arrange an appointment with Mr Clayton	In Holly we are striving to be our best!
English This half term we will focus on the basics of writing, looking at a range of nouns such as proper, common and abstract nouns. We will explore the fundamentals to building a strong sentence. The children will have opportunities to apply these skills to small extended pieces before we have a text focus.	TYPES OF NOUN - Proper Noun - Abstract Noun - Common Noun - Collective Noun - Concrete Noun - Material Noun	Maths We begin our maths learning by focusing on place value to ten million. We will become confident at reading and writing 8-digit numbers. As well as this, we will be developing our skills of the four operations, whilst increasing our reasoning and problem-solving skills. 
RE – Creation & Covenant In RE, the children will explore how Christians can live happy, good and loving lives through stories and teachings from the Bible. They will learn about God's covenants with people such as Abraham and Moses, explore the Ten Commandments and consider how rules can help people make good choices. They will discover Jesus' Greatest Commandment to love God and love our neighbour and explore important ideas from Catholic Social Teaching such as the common good, human dignity and solidarity. Through artwork, debates, drama, creative writing and discussion, the children will reflect on sin, forgiveness and the virtues that help us grow as people, finishing by considering the big question: "How should we live?" 	Geography – This term in, we will be learning about the UK and its key geographical features, including its countries, capital cities, regions, rivers and landscapes. We will explore the UK economy, looking at different sectors, farming, energy and water supplies, while considering how sustainable these industries are. We will also investigate manufacturing, mining and green technology, before exploring how automation and AI are changing industries and workplaces across the UK. 	Science – Properties and Changes in Materials. We begin the unit by looking at a range of materials and their properties as well as grouping and classifying materials based on their transparency and whether they are conductors or insulators. The children will take part in a range of scientific enquiries based on how a material can change both chemically and whether these changes are reversible or irreversible. 
Music We are very fortunate that our children will access teaching of flutes from the Bradford Music Service, they will continue to develop the skills they have learnt through school. As well as flutes, the children will have specific singing teaching from the Diocese Music Service. 	Computing - This term, we will develop our understanding of how computers communicate and how information travels across the internet. We will learn about IP 	PE This half term our focus will be on football, we will explore team tactics, looking at passing, attacking and scoring. We will take part in mini-games ultimately resulting in a competition style knock-out game. PE 

Art Art and Design This half term we will be looking at the explosion of the art theme ‘Pop Art’ we will be exploring a range of artists who worked with this style as well as looking at the history surrounding it. Finally they will create their own piece of Pop Art in the style of an American Pop Artist.		addresses, DNS and packets, before exploring online collaboration, communication and copyright through practical activities. We will also consider privacy, information security and staying safe online, finishing with an internet safety poster project.	kits are as follows – white t-shirt, jacket (for colder weather) shorts or jogging bottoms and trainers or pumps.		
Personal, Social & Health Ed This term, we will focus on friendships, settling into Year 6, managing emotions and building resilience. Using <i>Paradise Street</i>, pupils will explore topics such as peer pressure, media influence, relationships, handling strong emotions and making safe choices online. We will also learn about protected characteristics and develop our understanding of respect, inclusion and equality. A PCSO workshop will provide further opportunities to discuss safety, responsible choices and positive behaviour.		Spanish This half term, our Year 5/6 children will be developing their Spanish language skills through the themes of emotions and body parts. They will learn a wider range of vocabulary to describe how they are feeling, including <i>feliz</i> (happy), <i>triste</i> (sad), <i>cansado/a</i> (tired) and <i>enfadado/a</i> (angry), and will practise using this vocabulary in simple conversations. They will also learn the names of different parts of the body and use these to construct sentences and describe themselves and others.		Homework Reading should be completed every night. Reading records are checked every Friday, please ensure you sign them. Times tables are to be completed on TTRS and spellings will be handed out weekly on Class Dojo. Maths homework will be on maths.co.uk, logins are in the children’s diaries. Topic homework to be completed by 20.10.26 so these can be celebrated.	Dates for your diary: 08.09 – whole school Mass for Our Lady’s Birthday 13.09 - School Family Mass for Education Sunday @ 11am – all welcome 24.09 – Reading Workshop for parents/carers @ 9am 25.09 – MacMillan Coffee Morning @ 9am 19.10 – Parents’ Consultation Night 1 21.10 – Parents’ Consultation Night 2 23.10 – School closes for half term and reopens 03.11