



PARENT BULLETIN

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Monday 4th – Friday 15th May 2026

Meaningful May

The calendar provided by Action for Happiness is full of daily actions to help us reflect on what gives our life meaning. Being a part of something bigger than ourselves and focusing on things that we value is key to our well-being. We hope you find it useful.

Meaningful May 2026

MONDAY



4 Send your friend a photo from a time you enjoyed together

11 Look around for things that bring you a sense of awe and wonder

18 Send a hand-written note to someone you care about

25 Ask someone else what matters most to them and why

TUESDAY



5 Let someone know how much they mean to you and why

12 Listen to a favourite piece of music and remember what it means to you

19 Reflect on what makes you feel valued and purposeful

26 Remember an event in your life that was really meaningful

WEDNESDAY



6 Look for people doing good and reasons to be cheerful

13 Find out about the values or traditions of another culture

20 Share photos of 3 things you find meaningful or memorable

27 Focus on how your actions make a difference for others

THURSDAY



7 Make a list of what matters most to you and why

14 Get outside and notice the beauty in nature

21 Look up at the sky. Remember we are all part of something bigger

28 Do something special and revisit it in your memory tonight

FRIDAY

1 Do something kind for someone you really care about

8 Set yourself a kindness mission to help others today

15 Do something to contribute to your local community

22 Find a way to help a project or charity you care about

29 Today do something to care for the natural world

SATURDAY

2 Focus on what you can do rather than what you can't do

9 What values are important to you? Find ways to use them today

16 Show your gratitude to people who are helping to make things better

23 Recall three things you've done that you are proud of

30 Share a quote you find inspiring to give others a boost

SUNDAY

3 Take a step towards an important goal, however small

10 Be grateful for the little things, even in difficult times

17 Find a way to make what you do today meaningful

24 Make choices that have a positive impact for others today

31 Find three reasons to be hopeful about the future

ACTION FOR HAPPINESS

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Reporting an absence

We want to remind all parents and carers that it is essential to inform school before 8.15am if your child is going to be absent due to illness or exceptional circumstances, or if they are going to be late to school. This should be reported every day with full details of the reason. This is a safeguarding priority and we appreciate your continued support. Please report via the study bugs app. You can find the link on our website.



Holiday Requests

Please take a look at the website [Penalty notices for school absence | Kirklees Council](#) and take this into consideration when booking holidays in term time.

Is Your Child Ready to Learn?

Please ensure that your child has the necessary equipment for learning. All pupils should arrive prepared and ready to learn with the required books, pens, pencils and any other equipment and kit necessary for lessons during the day. Thank you for your support.

Parking at Wooldale Community Centre

It has come to our attention that Parents/Carers are using the Wooldale Community Centre carpark to pick up their children after school. Please do not park here or use as a waiting bay this is privately used for clients of the centre and this is causing stress to the community and may cause a hazard.

Nursery Parking

Please do not park in the Nursery drop off area - this is causing parents delays getting to work in the morning.

Disabled Parking

Please be advised that the two disabled parking spaces in front of the school are only to be used by blue badge holders. Parking unnecessarily in these spaces results in those pupils that need to be dropped off as close as possible due to genuine disability having to struggle to get safely into school. Please also note that the turning area in front of the school is only to be used for visitors and should not be used by parents as a drop off area. Thank you for your support.

Safety on Heys Road

Please can we ask all parents to observe the road markings on Heys Road in front of the school gates. Vehicles should not be dropping pupils off or parking on the yellow lines as this creates an obstruction and makes it difficult for pupils to cross the road safely. Please be considerate to our neighbours by not parking across driveways when dropping off and picking

Reminder—School is a No Phone Zone!

Use of mobile phones is not permitted in school. Please ensure that your child switches their phone off before entering the school grounds and doesn't switch it back on again until leaving the site at the end of the school day. Your support is very much appreciated.

Nut Allergy Awareness

Please can we request that the snacks and packed lunches which students bring into school are, wherever possible, nut free. We currently have pupils in school who have severe nut allergies and we would be grateful if you could take this into consideration when planning lunches and snacks for your child. This also includes our bake sales, please make sure it is nut free.



SEND Information Coffee Morning

Lorraine Buckley and Sylvie Wilson, representatives from PCAN, will lead this half term's session which is focused on the support PCAN offers to parents and carers of children and young people who have additional needs.

9am - 10am Tuesday 19th May 2026

The girls in Year 9 & 10 went to watch the mighty Leeds Rhinos Women vs Nottingham at Sheffield Medical Arena last Friday with Mr Rashid.

If you would like to visit any future sporting or theatre events, please let me know:

h.rashid@holmfirthhigh.co.uk

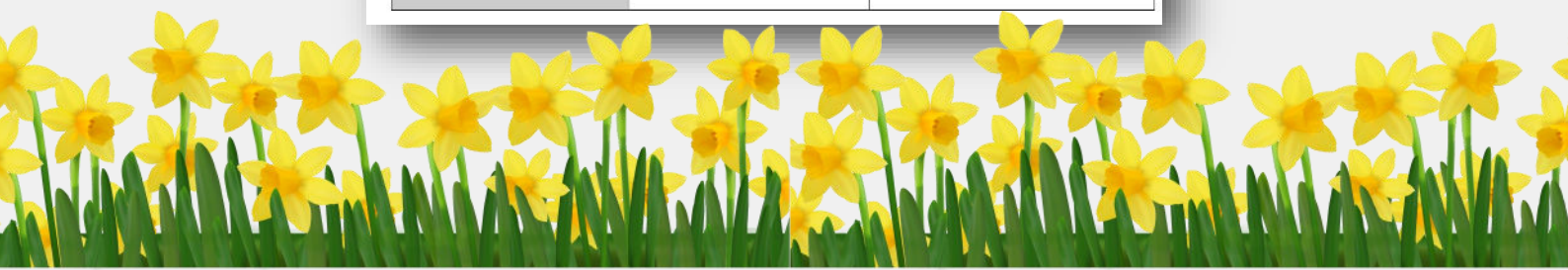
Thanks

Mr Rashid



PE

  PE What's On  		
DAY	Lunch time clubs 1.10.130	AFTER SCHOOL 3.30 – 4.30
MONDAY	Year 9 Dance (FHU)	
TUESDAY	Year 8 Cricket (SH) SW	Girl's cricket – SH/4G Astro (RBo)
WEDNESDAY	Year 10 Cricket (SH) JB Year 7 Dance (FHU)	Girls Football training and Girl's football league. 4G astro. VW Athletics – LW/Field (RBo/FHu)
THURSDAY	Year 7 Cricket (SH) JB/SW	Year 7 cricket (SH) first 3 weeks JB
FRIDAY	Year 8 Dance (FHU)	Badminton Year 7, 8 and GCSE PE pupils



Year 7 York Trip, 8th and 29th June

The History Department are running two trips to York. There was overwhelming interest in the trip and as such a random draw was done to see who would get a place in order that all pupils would get equal opportunity. Below are the lists of pupils on each date. I look forward to seeing you at the meeting! Mr Doggett

29th June, meeting in H1 Thursday 30th April at 1:30 - You MUST attend (it will only take 5 minutes).

June 29th:

7B1 W, Clara	7T1 P, Amelie
7B1 B, Matilda	7T1 C, Gracie
7B1 M, Zahra	7T1 H, Darcey
7B1 S, Nancy	7T1 L, Charlie
7B1 S, Arnie	7T2 N, Henry
7B1 T-B, Lucy	7T2 A, S, Roham
7B2 S, Georgia	7T2 K, Blake
7P1 L, Molly	7W1 T, Conor
7P1 A, S, Rima	7W1 B, Ellis
7P1 I, Isabella	7W1 B, George
7P2 C, Arran	7W1 D-R, Guy
7P3 V, Seth	7W1 H, Aiken
7P3 A, Albert	7W1 J, Archie
7P3 B, Evie	7W1 K, Felix
7P3 B, Hughie	7W1 K, Henry
7P3 G, Imogen	7W1 P, Sofia
7P3 G, Archie	7W1 S, Alice
7P3 H, Margot	7W2 T, Ivy
7P3 N, Jack	7W2 H, Esme
7P3 P, Toby	7W2 M, Sienna

April 30th

7B1 E, Teddy	7P2 C, Maxwell
7B2 B, Ella	7P2 G, Tilly
7B2 B, Dylan	7P2 H, Elliott
7B2 F, Harley	7P2 S, Marni
7B2 G, Charlotte	7P2 T, Amelie
7B2 N, Louis	7P2 W, Alastair
7B2 R, Mia	7P2 W, Ben
7P1 B, Finley	7P3 B, Thor
7P1 B, Arthur	7P3 M, Damari
7P1 C, Lily	7T1 C, Isla
7P1 F, Henry	7T1 H, Bea
7P1 G, Gabe	7T2 K, Maximus
7P1 H, Zara	7W1 B, Lacie
7P1 H, Charlie	7W1 H, Cooper
7P1 P, Finn	7W1 W, Lily
7P1 R, Seb	7W2 E, Dylan
7P1 W, Caelan	7W2 H, Reggie
7P2 B, Imogen	7W2 I, Woody
7P2 B, Cole	7W2 M, Eli
7P2 B, Emma	7W2 S, Maisie

YEAR 9

World Challenge 2028 OPEN FOR YEAR 8 & 9 EXPEDITION TO: Ecuador and the Galapagos Isles

Holmfirth High students have taken part in overseas expeditions since 2008.

The Expedition for 2028 will be launched this week via an online recording. The video has been produced by 'World Challenge' who are the Expedition organisers and has all the information you need to get started. The 2028 overseas trip involves a three week stay in Ecuador and Galapagos Isles. Both are unique; Ecuador is one of the most biodiverse countries in the world and the Galapagos Isles one of the world's last unspoilt regions. In your time there you will take part in community and marine conservation initiatives, spend time exploring the rich cultural history of Quito the capital of Ecuador, trek through rainforests, and snorkel whilst collecting scientific data around the Galapagos Isles. The Expedition is the 'main event' and will depart during Activities Week in July 2028 however the Expedition starts when the you sign up, since there is an expectation that, you along with parental support, will undertake fund-raising activities over the one/two years prior to the trip, to offset some or all of the costs. The cost payable to World Challenge is £6795, with further costs of £600 (approx.) to cover other costs such as airport transfer in the UK, visas, spending money, insurance and kit. If you have any further questions, or would like more information please see. Mr Woodhouse in S7 or email: j.woodhouse@holmfirthhigh.co.uk



ParentPay – 98% of parents are now using ParentPay. If you require your activation codes for ParentPay, then please contact Mrs Bale j.bale@holmfirthhigh.co.uk.

EQUIPMENT CHECKS- At equipment checks, your child will be given any stationery item(s) if they are missing them. These will then need paying for via ParentPay if you would like your child to keep the item. If not, please return it to Mrs Beatson as soon as possible. All charged items will have a balance in RED and will need to be paid for.

We appreciate your cooperation with the Be Ready to Learn Scheme.

Whole School Items/Information:

- Stationery Packs @ £8.00
- Stationery Items – Pens/Markers/Highlighter/Rubber/Pencil/Sharpener/Glue stick
- Scientific Calculator @ £11.00
- School Ties – House colours @ £5.00
- House Polo Shirts @ £10.50
- Sports Day T-shirts @ £4.00



YR7: Items/Trips Available to purchase

- Year 7 KS3 Science Revision Guide 2025-26 @ £3.00
- HISTORY YORK TRIP 08/06/26 – Single payment of £22.00 is due 22/05/2026
- HISTORY YORK TRIP 29/06/26 – Single payment of £22.00 is due 22/05/2026
- SKI 2027 – Next instalment of £375.00 is due 05/06/2026

YR8: Items/Trips Available to purchase

- Year 8 KS3 Science Revision Guide 2025-26 @ £3.00
- NEW YORK OCT 2026 – Next instalment of £360.00 is due 05/06/2026
- PERU 2027 – Next instalment is of £550.00 is due 15/07/2026
- SKI 2027 – Next instalment of £375.00 is due 05/06/2026

YR9: Items/Trips Available to purchase

- Year 9 KS3 Science Revision Guide 2025-26 @ £3.00
- NEW YORK OCT 2026 – Next instalment of £360.00 is due 05/06/2026
- MADRID 2026 – This should now be paid in full!
- PERU 2027 – Next instalment is of £550.00 is due 15/07/2026
- SKI 2027 – Next instalment of £375.00 is due 05/06/2026
- T20 BLAST CRICKET 05/06/26 – Single payment of £18.00 is due 15/05/2026

YR10: Items/Trips Available to purchase

- Year 10 Revision Guides/Workbooks & Flashcards are available to purchase on ParentPay
- Exam Stationary Packs @ £4.50
- NEW YORK OCT 2026 – Next instalment of £360.00 is due 05/06/2026
- MADRID 2026 – This should now be paid in full!
- SKI 2027 – Next instalment of £375.00 is due 05/06/2026
- HUDDS GIANT GAME 14/05/26 – Single payment of £10.00 is due 07/05/2026
- T20 BLAST CRICKET 05/06/26 – Single payment of £18.00 is due 15/05/2026
- ANNIE THEATRE 09/06/2026 – Single payment of £26.00 is due 05/06/2026

YR11: Items/Trips Available to purchase

- Year 11 Revision Guides/Workbooks & Flashcards are available to purchase on ParentPay
- Exam Stationary Packs @ £4.50
- DofE EXPEDITION 2026 – This should now be paid in full!
- PROM 2026 24/06/2026 – This should now be paid in full!



Donations & Contributions:

- D&T CONTRIBUTIONS 2025-26
 - ART CONTRIBUTIONS 2025-26
- ACTIVITY WEEK – 2026

RESIDENTIALS:

- PARIS – The next instalment of £120.00 is due 15/05/2026
- LAKES – The next instalment of £100.00 is due 01/05/2026
- CAYTHORPE – The next instalment of £90.00 is due 01/05/2026
- LONDON – The next instalment of £60.00 is due 01/05/2026

DAY TRIPS:

- ZIP, PADDLE & SPLASH – The next instalment of £50.00 is due 01/05/2026
- THRILL SEEKERS – The next instalment of £90.00 is due 01/05/2026
- FULL THROTTLE – The next instalment of £90.00 is due 01/05/2026
- CHILLY ADVENTURE – The next instalment of £40.00 is due 01/05/2026
- JUMPING ADVENTURE – The next instalment of £40.00 is due 01/05/2026
- CULTURE VULTURE – The next instalment of £25.00 is due 01/05/2026
- SPEC SCIENCE – The next instalment of £25.00 is due 01/05/2026
- CODE BREAKING – The next instalment of £50.00 is due 01/05/2026





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PATCHWORK

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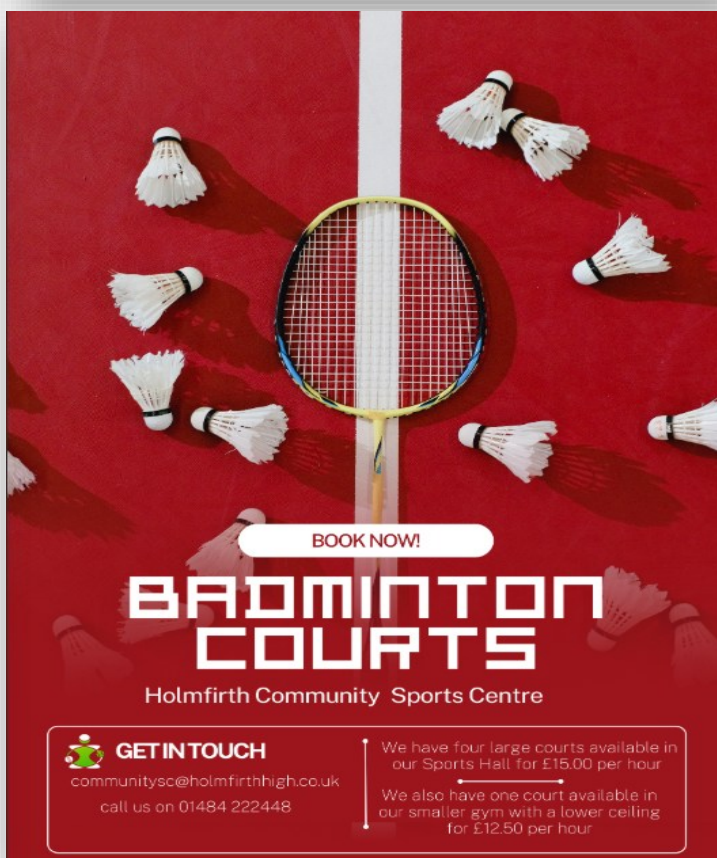


Lessons available in school or externally

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We also have one court available in our smaller gym with a lower ceiling for £12.50 per hour

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Online Safety Newsletter

May 2026

FreezeNova (Unblocked games)

FreezeNova unblocked is a website that is free to access and contains a wide variety of games, including shooting, multiplayer and racing games. This site may bypass usual filters, making it easier for your child to access games that you may not want them to play. As there are a variety of games, not all games may be suitable for your child.

There is also FreezeNova Chat, allowing users to chat to their friends and meet new ones. Clearly there are concerns with any online chat facility as there is the potential to view inappropriate content, risk of bullying as well as grooming.

We could not locate any age ratings on this site and there are constant adverts. Childnet have a webpage providing advice on gaming and chat features here:

<https://www.childnet.com/help-and-advice/gaming/>

Would you like to read this newsletter in a different language? You can use the translate tool on our web version: <https://www.knowsleycitylearningcentres.org.uk/may-2026-primary/>

Group Chats

Is your child part of any group chats? This could be on social media, for example on WhatsApp or within games such as Fortnite. If so, it is important that you are aware of the potential risks, which include:

- **Inappropriate content** – there is often a lack of moderation within chat facilities so users could be exposed to content/language that is not suitable for their age.
- **Bullying** – there are many instances where inappropriate/hurtful comments are shared within groups, this could take the form of name calling or body shaming. Bullying can also be in the form of excluding others from the group. These issues often overspill into 'real life'.
- **Strangers** – your child could be added to groups with people they do not know or even with someone that they have previously blocked.
- **Conversations can be shared/screen shot** – make sure your child is aware that anything they share within a group can be shared with others.
- **Sharing personal information** – remind your child to be aware of the information they share with others, including images and location.



How can I help make group chats safer?

- Check the recommended age rating and adhere to them.
- Set up age-appropriate parental controls, suitable privacy settings and set screen time limits.
- On WhatsApp you can do a privacy check, by going to settings, privacy and privacy checkup.
- Show your child how to use any reporting and blocking tools.

What else can I do?

- It is crucial to have regular conversations with your child about the risks outlined above and about what they are doing online.
- Talk about who they are chatting with, encourage them to think carefully about what they send and how it could be perceived by others. **Talk about positivity and not saying anything hurtful. Ask them to think about whether they would say what they are messaging, face to face.**
- Devices should be used in family rooms so you can monitor what they are doing and who they are interacting with.
- Finally, make sure to model good digital behaviour yourself, as children often learn by observing the adults around them.

Further information

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/social-media/chat-apps/>

Roblox - update

What is Roblox?

Roblox is a platform consisting of a collection of games. Players can either create games or play games that other users have created. **As a lot of the content is user generated, not all games will be suitable for your child to view/play.** If your child is playing Roblox, **it is important to monitor what your child is accessing as well as set up appropriate parental controls.** PEGI rate Roblox with a Parental Guidance recommended label, this is because it is a platform of individual, user generated games.



New Age-Based Accounts

From next month, Roblox will introduce two new age-based accounts: Roblox Kids for users ages 5 to 8 and Roblox Select for users ages 9 to 15. Roblox Kids Accounts (ages 5–8) will be limited to games with a 'Minimal or Mild' content maturity label and all communication is disabled by default. Roblox Select accounts (ages 9 to 15) will be limited to games with content maturity labels up to and including 'Moderate'. By default, Experience Chat is ON and Direct Experience Chat is OFF. The differences in chat are outlined here: <https://about.roblox.com/safety-by-age>

Parental Controls

As part of parental controls, you can manage content ratings, communication, screen-time, and spending limits as well as see which games your child is playing on and who their friends are. Roblox are extending these controls to allow you to:

- Block specific individual games (to age 15).
- Manage direct chat settings (to age 15).
- Approve access to specific games.

It is important to regularly monitor what your child is playing on Roblox and who they are interacting with, even if you have parental controls set up. You can find out more about the new accounts and parental controls here:

<https://about.roblox.com/newsroom/2026/04/introducing-roblox-kids-and-select-accounts>

Further information

<https://swgfl.org.uk/magazine/roblox-releases-updated-parental-controls-and-age-appropriate-experiences/>

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Gaming and Gambling

The Young Gamblers Education Trust (YGAM) provide a wealth of information on their website to support you in understanding your child's online life, focussing on gaming and gambling. Their mission is "to prevent children and young people from experiencing gaming and gambling harms through awareness raising, education, and research." They offer guidance on online gaming and gambling features such as loot boxes as well as how to create safer gaming environments. Find out more here:

<https://ygam.org/>

Do you know what 'looksmaxxing' is?

It is the idea of improving and maximising your looks. Internet Matters have published this article, which provides more information on this topic and outlines the risks (including links to the manosphere):

<https://www.internetmatters.org/hub/news-blogs/what-is-looksmaxxing-online-safety-guidance-for-parents/>

PEGI is expanding their age ratings

From June, PEGI is adding new categories. "Newly submitted games will be classified with a broader set of criteria that will focus on content and functionality, such as purchases of in-game content, paid random items, communication features, and features that incentivise players to continue playing." Find out more here:

<https://pegi.info/news/pegi-expands-age-rating-criteria-interactive-risk-categories>