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**STRENGTHENING**  
**DEEPENING**

**LIKE A TREE FIRMLY PLANTED BY STREAMS OF LIVING WATER  
PSALM 1:3**

Newsletter April 2026

Dear Parents/Carers

I hope that you are all having a lovely Easter Break, at the time of writing the weather seems to have taken a turn for the better and it seems that Spring is back again. Last term was a short but a busy one. It was lovely to finish it with some fantastic performances from years 3 and 4 in Rapunzel. As you'll see from the updated dates section below the Summer term is starting to take shape and there.s lots to look forward to. We look forward to welcoming everyone **back to school on Tuesday 14th April**.

In the following newsletter, as well as the updated dates section, you'll find the term's PE news, cyber safety tips, an update from the governors and some community and Eco news.

I also wanted to take this opportunity to let you know about the following update from the diocese of Ely which I shared with the children in our final assembly.

*You have probably heard that Bishop Dagmar, Bishop of Huntingdon and Acting Bishop of Ely, will be moving away from the Diocese and taking up a new role of Bishop of Edinburgh. [Announcement from Bishop Dagmar - Diocese of Ely](#)*

*We would love to give Bishop Dagmar a gift from the Education Team and all the schools, to say thank you for all she has contributed during her time in the Diocese of Ely over the last 7 years.*

*I will be putting a photo book together with memories and art from the schools. Please help us by encouraging children in your school to submit something for the book. This could be:*

- *A picture of Bishop Dagmar*
- *A picture of Tilda, her dog*
- *A picture of Ely Cathedral or your parish church, or school, or school logo*
- *A poem about her time in Ely Diocese*
- *A poem about moving to Edinburgh*
- *A picture or short piece of writing of a specific memory of Bishop Dagmar*

As the Bishop recently visited us as part of the 150 year celebration I have asked the children if they would like to contribute to this, I also shared the pictures below with them as a reminder. If your child would like to put something on paper for the Bishop then we will be collecting these in during the first week of term.

Finally an update as to the role of Mrs Mullee within the school structure. As you will all be aware Mrs Mullee is a vital part of what makes Holywell the school it is and is a key figure for children, parents and staff alike. Mrs Mullee has effectively been a part of the School's senior leadership team for some time but this has never been made official until this point.

Her new title as part of SLT will be pastoral lead, a role which she has very much made her own and one which she most definitely fulfills.

As always, if you have any questions do please let me know [head@holywell.cambs.sch.uk](mailto:head@holywell.cambs.sch.uk)

Yours sincerely

Paul Baddeley





Tree of Life by Amber Hadden

"... and the leaves of the tree are  
for the healing of the nations."  
(Revelation 22:2)

## PE - News

I've included this in two different ways below. The first is as an embedded newsletter which has everything in the right place but needs a bit of zooming in to read properly. The second way (below that) is uploaded directly into the main body of this document. This is easier to read but it sometimes pulls the wrong photo next to a piece of writing. If neither is working for you then please look at the PE news directly on the school website.

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My thanks to Miss Tyers for putting it all together.

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**Active @ Holywell**

**Spring 2026**

**KS1 MOVE & THRIVE**

In the last week before half-term, 19 children from Year 1 & Year 2 took part in some fun indoor games including Musical Statues, Musical Bumps, Silly Bananas and Fruit Salad. The children had lots of fun dancing, being active and playing together. Well done everyone!



### **KS2 MOVE & THRIVE**

On a sunny day in March, 13 children from KS2 took part in some fun, active games on the field including: Stuck in the Mud, Chain-Tag, Ice-Cream Smash Down and Family Man-Hunt. It was fantastic to see the children running around and having fun being active. Well done everyone!



### **PE POINTS**

The children have enjoyed winning the PE Points for their class and having a fun activity at Friday lunchtime. We have had lots of dancing again this half-term as the rain has continued to fall! Congratulations to the following children who were awarded the Superstar Certificate in the Spring term: **Ash:**

**Reggie Elm:** Hattie **Oak:** Lily **Holly:** Shai

**Beech:** Rosa **Cedar:** Poppy & Felix S



## 1 - CLUBS

### **Year 4 Handball Club**

During the first half-term, we had 15 children attending the handball club. They learnt the attacking and defending principles of handball and played competitive games. It was great to see so many of them enjoying this fantastic sport!



**Year 3 Hockey Club** After the half-term break, Year 3 voted to have a hockey club after school. The children learnt lots of skills including dribbling, passing and shooting. It was fantastic to see their enthusiasm for hockey and playing so well together.

**Year 5 & 6 Netball Club:** We were thrilled that the children from the netball club were able to show off their skills at the recent tournament, with the 'B' team being undefeated and the 'A' team coming 2nd and getting through to the County Finals! Miss Tyers could not have been prouder of them all!

**Youth Dreams Project:** A big thank you to Mr Hales and Miss Prior for running the KS1 & KS2 Football Clubs.

**Primary Sports Stars:** A big thank you to Mr Puckey for running the KS2 Dodgeball Club.

**Holywell Football Squad Training:** We continue with the Wednesday lunchtime training. Big congratulations to all of the children for gaining second place in the Shield Competition of The Cambridge Cup and getting through to the 1/4 final of the Walters Cup which will be played after Easter.



We are delighted to let you know that Holywell is now officially a Junior Parkrun Primary School. In early January we held an assembly where we told the children all about our local Junior Parkrun which happens every Sunday at 9.00am at Jubilee Park in Huntingdon. It is a 2k run which the children can walk, jog, run or skip there way around the field. Miss Tyers joined the children at the event on Sunday 11th January—it was such a lovely way to start the morning!

### **FESTIVALS AND TOURNAMENTS**

We have had a busy Spring term with lots of children attending festivals, tournaments and competitions. A big thank you to the Hunts Schools Sports Partnership (HSSP), Huntingdon District Primary Schools Football Association (HSPSFA) and Youth Dreams Project (YDP) for putting on many of these fantastic events. Also thank you to all the parents who have helped with transport to these events.

#### **Dickenson Cup Football Match Round 2**

In late January, 10 of our school football squad played against Thorndown Primary School in the 2nd round of the Dickenson Cup. It was a tough match and we lost 5—1, however the team spirit was fantastic and our 2nd half performance showed a big improvement. Special mention to Felix S who stepped into the Goal Keeper position and did some amazing shot-stopping. Congratulations to all of them!



#### **Walters Cup Football Match Round 2—a win!!**

In the last week before half-term, our Year 5 & Year

4 footballers played against Round House Primary School in the 2nd round of the cup. They played fantastic passing football, with really strong defence and fabulous finishing. We won the game 5—2 and are into the quarter finals! Congratulations to them all, especially Harrison (Player's Player) and Miles (Coach's Player).



*3 - Intra-Event Year 3 & 4*

In January, we had our first school intra -event. Year 3 and Year 4 children were split into their colour teams and played a series of Inclusive Target Games including Bean Bag Target, Quoit Target, Curling and Noodle Curling. The children worked really well together in their teams. The Green team won 2 of the games, the Blue team won one and the last game was a tie between Yellow, Blue and Green. Congratulations to all of the children for a fun and active afternoon.



*4 - Intra-Event Year 5 & 6*

Our second intra-event took place in the last week of January. Year 5 & Year 6 children were split into Team Tigers and Team Lions within their colour teams. Each team competed in 3 matches of Netball Benchball. The matches were fast and exciting with some really close games. The red team were the overall winners with the Red Lions scoring the most goals. Special thanks to Harry H for managing the scoring and Dylan W for being the time-keeper.

### **Intra-Event Willow & Year 1**

On a beautiful sunny afternoon in March, all the children from Willow and Year 1 took part in this event. The children were in their colour teams and took part in lots of games including

Cars & Bridges, Rangers & Dinosaurs, Treasure Hunt and Squash or Space. It was lovely to see the children playing together, using their skills they have been learning in PE. Well done to them all!

### **Intra-Event Year 1 & 2**

The weather conspired against us for this event so it will be re-arranged after Easter.

### **'A' Team Football Spring Tournament**

On a blustery afternoon, the 'A' Team Football squad played in the 'small' schools football tournament at Holywell. We played matches against Cromwell, St Helens and Upwood schools. The matches were all really close with Holywell coming away with 1 draw and 2 losses. Big thank you to Josh and Harris who stepped up at Goal Keepers. All the players conducted themselves brilliantly and played some lovely football. Well done to them all!



### **Year 6 Quicksticks Hockey Tournament**

On a beautiful day sunny day after half-term, we took 8 budding hockey players from Year 6 to the One Leisure Outdoor Centre to compete in the annual Quicksticks Hockey Tournament. We had 2 teams of 4 children, made up of 2 girls and 2 boys. Each team played 6 matches with some wins, draws and losses. The children showed off the skills that they had worked

hard on in their PE lessons—lots of goals were scored and there was some great battling play! We were so proud of all them!



### **Year 6 NFL Flag Football Festival**

We took 11 children to the One Leisure Outdoor Centre to practice playing NFL Flag Football against other schools in preparation for the tournament at the end of March. It was a fantastic learning experience where we all learnt new rules and better tactics! The children's enthusiasm was fantastic and we can't wait for the tournament! Well done to them all.



### **KS2 Dance Competition**

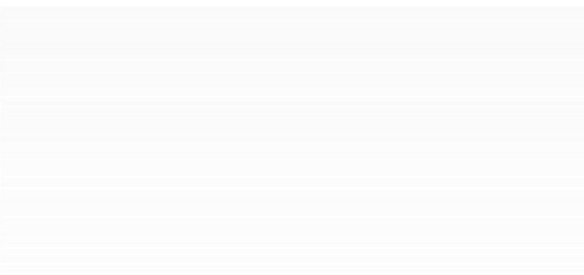
We had 5 groups taking part in the KS2 Dance Competition consisting of 2 groups from 3 Year, 2 groups from Year 4 and 1 group from Year 6. This year the theme was "Wonderland Adventures" and the children all performed on stage in front of the whole school during a special Dance Assembly. The dancers embraced the theme and we were thoroughly entertained! The school council were responsible for judging the performances and the winners were the group from Year 6! Big congratulations to Eva, Lucy and Sophia and all their supporting friends. Their dance has been videoed and sent off to the finals! Good luck to them all!



### **'B' Team Spring Football Tournament**

On a very blustery afternoon, we took our 'B' team to Westfield Junior School to take part in the Spring tournament. We played 4 matches against St Helens, Westfield, Wheatfields and Thorndown, coming away with 2 losses and 2 draws. The children were fantastic and rotated positions throughout the afternoon. Their performance improved throughout the

afternoon which was fantastic to see. Special thanks to Felix S who stepped up to help out in goal. Well done to them all!



*5 - Year 4 Gymnastics Competition — 2nd Place!*

In the last week before half-term we took 13 gymnasts from Year 4 to Huntingdon Gymnastics club to compete on the floor, the bench and the vault. The children had been working really hard in preparation for the competition and were all superb on the day. Our advanced gymnast Betsy came 2nd out of 10 children— a fantastic achievement and our 'A' Team came 2nd out of 18 schools—again a wonderful achievement. Our 'B' Team didn't place but they also did a fantastic job. Well done to everyone!

### **Year 6 NFL Flag Football Tournament**

On a very blustery day, we took 10 keen Year 6 NFL Flag Footballers to the One Leisure Outdoor Centre. We played four 20 minutes matches and came 11th overall. The children worked so well in their teams, rotating positions, discussing offensive 'plays' and defensive strategies. There was a big improvement from when they played in the NFL Flag Football Festival as they had practiced at lunchtimes to hone their skills. Well done to them all!

In the penultimate week before the Easter break we took 9 footballers to compete in the annual Cambridge Cup at Ramsey Abbey College. We played 4 games in the pool section of the tournament and were then placed in the Shield Competition. The quarter final was a nail -biter with over half a dozen chances of scoring not quite coming off. The game went to penalties and all of our players on the pitch scored, with Harris saving one of Abbot Ripton 's penalties to put us through to the semi -final against Swavesey. We scored some absolute crackers, winning the match convincingly. In the final we came up against a strong Buckden side who eventually won the match 3 -2 so we came away with a gorgeous trophy and silver medals! All the players stepped up and rotated positions when necessary and were awesome throughout the afternoon. Well done to them all!



*6 - Year 4—6 YDP Football Tournament 'The Cambridge Cup' - 2nd place!*







## Community Notices

Thank you very much for the positive response we've had about the school car park following my letter last month. The only parking related issue that we've had to deal with since then concerns breakfast club and after school club drop offs and pick ups. One of our near neighbours has reported to us that she can have significant issues at this time as people park very close to the entrance to her property and this makes it difficult for her to be able to get in and out safely, Please be aware.

## Education Inclusion Family Advisor Team Transition to Secondary School Workshops

The EIFA team would like to present our Transition to Secondary School online workshops for April to June.

Please ensure you book onto each workshop individually by clicking on the link or scanning the QR code and completing the registration form.

Transition to Secondary School -Part 1	Thursday, 30 April 2026, 12:00-14:00	Book onto this workshop at: <a href="#">Microsoft Virtual Events Powered by Teams</a> or	
Transition to Secondary School -Part 2	Tuesday, 5 May 2026, 12:00-14:00	Book onto this workshop at: <a href="#">Microsoft Virtual Events Powered by Teams</a> or	
Transition to Secondary School -Part 1	Tuesday, 12 May 2026, 12:00-14:00	Book onto this workshop at: <a href="#">Microsoft Virtual Events Powered by Teams</a> or	
Transition to Secondary School -Part 2	Thursday, 14 May 2026, 12:00-14:00	Book onto this workshop at: <a href="#">Microsoft Virtual Events Powered by Teams</a> or	
Transition to Secondary School -Part 1	Tuesday, 9 June 2026, 12:00-14:00	Book onto this workshop at: <a href="#">Microsoft Virtual Events Powered by Teams</a> or	
Transition to Secondary School -Part 2	Thursday, 11 June 2026, 12:00-14:00	Book onto this workshop at: <a href="#">Microsoft Virtual Events Powered by Teams</a> or	

If you have any questions about our workshops, or the EIFA service in general, please contact [earlyintervention@cambridgeshire.gov.uk](mailto:earlyintervention@cambridgeshire.gov.uk)



## Eco- Council



On the last day of term Miss Kirton announced the children who will be representing their classmates on the newly formed Eco-Council. We will be launching the initiative properly in the new term and have workshops planned on reducing water waste and plastic pollution.

The school is now involved in the 'Count your Carbon' scheme as well as 'Let's go Zero 2030'.

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## Governors

*At our full governing body meeting this half term, the governors asked questions on the attendance report, and looked at the draft SEF (Self Evaluation form). Governors also listened to a presentation on the year end finance and next year's budget build, which will now go to the Finance Committee for more detailed questions. Governors approved the SFVS (school financial values) and discussed the ICT contract. We had an update on a recent safeguarding monitoring visit from the link governor and approved four policies.*

## Staying Safe On Line



During Spring terms Internet Safety week Miss Baxendale found that the subject of Smart Speakers came up on several occasions. Please find below a link she has provided advising parents about the safest way these can be used. As well as this there is a helpful link about Roblox, including information about how the age rating has changed.

[Smart Speakers](#)

[Roblox](#)

## Reminders

### **Club Arrangements**

We recently updated the way in which pick up from after school clubs works. I thought this would be a useful reminder as new clubs are starting after the Easter break.

If you are picking up from the school run 'after school club' then arrangements are unchanged.

For other clubs the rule is as follows.

- If the club is on the playground - pick up from playground gate.
- If the club is on the field - pick up from the field gate (at the far end of the car park).
- If the club is in the hall - pick up from the hall door exit on the car park.

- If the club is anywhere else inside the school - pick up from the main office door.

### **Contact Details**

Please do ensure that the office are kept up to date should any of your contact or living arrangements change. It's very important that we have an up to date record of addresses, phone numbers and trusted adults for every child in school.

### **Uniform**

Our school uniform policy has recently been reviewed and approved by the governors. I've attached this separately to the email which had the link to this newsletter. It's important to note that whilst the facility to purchase logoed uniform is available this is by no means compulsory. What is important however is that the spirit of the uniform is adhered to. This means having the right colour of T-Shirts, Jumpers, Trousers, Dresses, Shorts (colour, type and length), Shoes, Trainers etc. In the summer months there can be a tendency to drift further away from the actual uniform requirements. If in doubt as to what these are, please see the policy. If you have any concerns about being able to provide your child with the right sort of uniform please let the school office know and we will try to assist.

If the weather is so hot that normal school uniform might be uncomfortable we will advise accordingly.

## [Dates](#)

### **New Dates In Bold**

Monday 13th April - Teacher Training Day (School Closed)

Tuesday 14th April - Summer Term Begins

**Tuesday 14th April - Walters Cup QF at School 3.30.**

**Wednesday 29th April - Willow trip, South Angle Farm**

Monday 4th May - Bank Holiday (School Closed)

**Wednesday 6th - Friday 8th May - Year 4 Residential, Thorpe WoodlandsM**

**Monday 11th May - Year 6 SATs Week**

Wednesday 20th May - Life Education Bus for Willow and Ash class

Friday 22nd May - Training Day (School Closed)

**Monday 25 - Friday 29th May - Half Term (School Closed)**

**Monday 1st June - Wednesday 7th June - Year 6 Residential (Hilltop)**

Monday 8th June - Class Photos

**Friday 19th June - Year 1 Great Fire of London Event (In School)**

Wednesday 1st July - Sports Day Morning Events

Thursday 2nd July - Sports Day Afternoon Events (Races)

**Friday 3rd July - Reports out to parents/carers (Not Year 6)**

**Saturday 4th July - HSA School Fair**

**Monday 6th July - Year 5 and 6 Performance (Matinee)**

**Tuesday 7th July - Move up Morning**

**Tuesday 7th July - Open Evening (Straight after school)**

Wednesday 8th July - Reserve morning for Sports Day

**Wednesday 8th July - Y6 Reports out to parents/carers**

Thursday 9th July - Reserve afternoon for Sports Day

Friday 17th July - Last Day of Summer Term

**Tuesday 1st September - Training Day (School Closed)**

Wednesday 2nd September - Autumn Term Begins