

Holyoakes News



Friday 4th October 2024

World Mental Health Day

On Thursday 10th October it is World Mental Health day. We will be taking part in #HelloYellow to recognise the importance of supporting young people's mental health. We are therefore inviting our pupils, parents and staff to wear one item of clothing that is yellow. This could be a scarf, a hair bobble, a sock or a yellow wristband.

In addition, we are holding a mental health workshop for parents on Wednesday 9th October. This will be held in the main hall from 9 o'clock. This will allow us to share information about our approach to children's mental health and wellbeing.

You will get to hear about the Thrive approach that we have adopted as a school, as well as the support WEST (Wellbeing and Emotional Support Team) can provide to families and their children.

Let's turn the school yellow for World Mental Health!



DATES FOR THE DIARY

Tuesday 8th October—Year 4 Bikeability

Wednesday 9th October—Mental Health workshop for parents 9am

Thursday 10th October—Cauliflower Cards Workshop 3.00-4.00pm

Tuesday 15th October

Meet the SEND team 9.00-9.30 school hall

Wednesday 16th October—Parents Evening 3:15—5:45

Thursday 17th October—Parents Evening 3:15—5:45

Tuesday 22nd October—Flu nasal spray Rec-yr4

Wednesday 23rd October

Year 4 Assembly 2.30pm

Monday 25th—Friday 30th October—School closed for half term break

Monday 4th November—TED—School closed for pupils

Parents Evening!

Letters have been sent home this week regarding Parents Evening on Wednesday 16th and Thursday 17th October. Can we please ask that all appointment request slips are returned to school by Tuesday 8th October. Appointment times will be allocated and sent home with children by Friday 11th October.



School Admissions

Applications are now open for children who will be starting Reception or Middle school in September 2025. Applications close on 15th January 2025. It is vitally important that you apply straight away online, using the link below before the deadline.

[Apply for a school place | Worcestershire County Council](#)

If you have any questions regarding the application process please contact Miss Tomkins in the school office.

Believer Bear

We were very excited last week as we finally introduced our brand new school learning mascot 'Believer Bear' to the children.

Elliot in Year 3, won our 'Design a learning mascot' challenge during the Summer term having come up with an amazing concept to encourage self belief in us all.

Staff have since been busy bringing 'Believer Bear' to life. He has been sewn and stuffed with positivity and 'learning power'. A unique logo has been designed for his t-shirt. Believer Bear is going to be an inspiring mascot for our pupils, as his key message is 'Believe it, Achieve it!'

We want all our pupils to develop a positive mindset with regards to their learning, hopes and dreams. Each class will have their very own Believer Bear to help motivate and inspire them to believe in themselves.

Thank you Elliot for coming up with this inspiring message!



Come and meet our new SEND team



We would like to welcome parents to come along to meet our new SEND team.

On Tuesday 15th October we will be holding a coffee morning to enable you to meet with Mrs. Jo Mawby, Strategic Lead for SEND and Inclusion for Bordesley Multi-Academy Trust and Miss Chance who will be taking over the role of SENDCO at Holyoakes.

The aim of the meeting will be for you to get to know the team and what our SEND offer will comprise of moving forwards.

If you are unable to make this meeting and would like to speak to one of the team, please email office@holyoakes.bmat.co.uk with FAO the SEND team in the subject box.

Speak out. Stay safe.

with Buddy 

Remember you
can talk to your
safe adults



My safe adults are...

Draw or write
your safe adults
from in school and
outside school



I know a child has the right to be kept safe
I know who to talk to if I need help

NSPCC

EVERY CHILDHOOD IS WORTH FIGHTING FOR

This week pupils have met Buddy who has helped them to understand the importance of 'speaking out' to stay safe.

They have talked about who their 'safe adults' are in the school as well as the community. You can also help by reminding your children about who their 'safe adults' are at home and when they are out and about.

Cake Sale!

The School Council have decided to organise a cake sale to raise some funds, so that they can take part in an enterprise project across the school.

The cake sale will take place on Wednesday 23rd of October, at the front of the school building.

The School Council will be grateful for any cake donations from Monday 21st October. These can be dropped off at the front office or taken to classrooms.

Help us make this a successful event.

Many thanks, from the School Council
Representatives.





Protect our children!

Parents and guardians: Our kids are now most commonly abused online, via their mobile phones and games consoles. Do you know how to keep your kids safe?

Learn more about the dangers of kids being online and how you can keep them safe. Join our free one hour online parent awareness session to give yourself a head start in an ever changing digital world.

Scan the QR code to find out more about our awareness training and to sign up to one of our free sessions or go to www.westmercia.police.uk/exploitworkshops

