



Holly Lodge Primary Academy



Welcome

Holly Lodge opened in 1971. Over the years, it has grown to be a successful two-form entry primary school. We are set in beautiful grounds in Ash Vale, Surrey. Children come to us in Reception and stay with us until the end of Year 6, when they move to one of our local secondary schools. Community is at the heart of our academy; some of our parents and staff are ex-Holly Lodge pupils! We are well supported by our parent association, the HLSA, who arrange community and fund-raising events. We are driven by our Holly Lodge REACH values (Respect, Effort, Achievement, Care, Honesty) which encompass Fundamental British Values. Children are encouraged to develop the positive characteristics of learning such as resilience, team work, independence and thoughtfulness to equip them for life and enhance well-being.



You have created an exciting and vibrant learning environment.

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Curriculum

We hold the coveted Gold mark for sports provision as well as the Surrey three-star award for KS1. There are opportunities for competition at a variety of levels as well as opportunities for children to try a variety of sports. There have been opportunities for tri-golf, bench ball and scooter workshops, as well as the more traditional sports of football, cricket and netball.

All children have the opportunity to sing and perform in our school productions which take place each term. We also have theme days and weeks for special whole academy events such as maths day, World Book Day and art and STEAM week.

The children enjoy a thematic curriculum. Themes include the Egyptians, the Romans, the Ancient Greeks, volcanoes, Africa, our local area and transport. Children are taught writing through Pie Corbett "Talk for Writing" which encourages rehearsal of language and ideas. We aim to develop reading for pleasure to encourage life-long reading habits. We follow a maths mastery curriculum to enable all children to reason and problem solve as well as develop fluency. French is taught in the upper school by a specialist French teacher. Learning is celebrated through displays, sharing in class and celebration assemblies.

The school has a very proactive approach to dealing with issues. We have felt very supported.

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Wellbeing

We are an anti-bullying school. Children are encouraged to care for one another through our promotion of school values and PSHE. We have one full time and two-part time trained adult ELSAs (Emotional Literacy Support Assistants) and a dedicated room for counselling should child need support. Our Family Support Worker is available to support families on an individual basis and also runs courses to support parents. Our children in the upper school are also trained as Peer mentors and sports leaders to support on the playground.

I am extremely happy with Holly Lodge. All the teachers I have met seem passionate about teaching and the school has a happy feel about it.

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Trips

Children in all year groups enjoy trips related to their learning. Children in year 4 and 6 go on a residential trip. The children have been to High Ashurst in Surrey and outdoor activities centres such as PGL. Other day trips this year have been organised to Windsor Castle, Marwell Zoo, Butser Ancient Farm, the theatre and various museums.

Wrap around Care

We operate a breakfast club from 7.30am every morning. Children have a choice of breakfast which includes cereal, toast, fruit, yogurt and sometimes bagels and croissants. Our afterschool club runs until 6.00pm. Children enjoy a selection of snacks. Children are able to take part in a variety of activities. They have the use of three rooms and an outdoor space – including a quiet area where they can read or complete any home-learning.

Clubs

We have a range of teacher-run and specialist clubs run by external providers. These vary each term and for each year group. There is a variety of sports clubs including netball, football, cross country, dance and gymnastics, as well as choir, theatre club, animation club, story club and sign language. The library is also open after school on some afternoons. Peripatetic music teachers offers small group lessons in piano, ukulele, guitar (various styles) and drums.

HLSA

We are very well supported by parents. Recent events have included school fairs, discos and film nights; Bookfest, a family camp night, the very popular annual quiz night, as well as supporting our 5K school run and our Ground Force Day where parents and friends helped to rebuild our garden area with raised beds.

Money raised by the HLSA goes directly to the children and has paid for two class sets of iPads, the allotment project and extra equipment for classes as well as books.

My daughter is very happy and loves coming to school. Great choice of clubs and great wrap around provision. She loves going to the library too.

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