



Newsletter Spring 1 2026

Happy New Year! Welcome back to all our current families and a warm welcome to the families who are new to Hollytree. We hope you all had a lovely Christmas, and the children are ready for a half term filled with fun and exciting activities.

Our theme for this half term will be "**Keeping Healthy**".

During the half term we will be:

- Thinking about healthy eating, making healthy treats and snacks and sorting foods which are healthy and not healthy.
- Trying lots of different kinds of exercise and thinking about the effect exercise has on our bodies.
- Finding out how tall we are, measuring our feet and printing with our hands!
- Road Safety role play. Talking about how we can keep ourselves safe by the road.
- Having fun in our role play area pretending to be doctors, nurses and shopkeepers.

We will continue with our book of the week, encouraging the children to join in with repeated phrases and then retelling the stories. We will be reading the following books this half term:

- Going on a Bear Hunt
- The Shopping basket
- Peppa Pig's Vegetable Garden
- Oliver's Fruit Salad
- Giraffes can't Dance

We will also be:

- Going on number hunts and practising our counting skills.
- Listening for rhymes and words that begin with the same letter.
- Encouraging the children to put their coats on and off and do them up independently!

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Absences

If your child is absent from pre-school, you must contact us with the reason for absence by 9.00am. You can email info@hollytreepreschool.org.uk or telephone 07594591935

Toileting

We will be encouraging our older children to sort their toileting needs themselves. If your child is going to school this year, please practice at home with them.

Reminders

Friday 30th January – INSET Day

School applications – If your child is due to start school in September 2026 the closing date for applications is **15th January 2026**

Snack and Healthy Lunchboxes - Please ensure your child brings a piece of fruit each day for snack time. If your child stays for lunch, please ensure they have healthy items in their lunch box. No sweets please.

Warm Clothing - Please can we remind you to make sure your child has a warm coat, hat and gloves every day as we do use the outside area in all weathers and go for walks in the local area. Please make sure clothing is named as lots of coats look quite similar!

Toys – We ask that the children **do not** bring in toys from home as they can easily get broken and can cause conflict when other children want to play with them.

If you have any questions or concerns, as always please do not hesitate to come and talk to us. We are always available.

Thank you for your continued support.
Hollytree Staff