



# HOLSWORTHY

C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL

Working together, growing together, all to flourish

## Friday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2025



Attached with this newsletter:

- Elite Sports Academy
- Vaccinations advice
- Easter Holiday Programme
- Language Workshop
- Red Nose Day

### Girls' Football

Well done to our Under 9s Team who have made it through to the North Devon Girls Football Finals on Wednesday 19th March.

### Red Nose Day

Red Nose Day is on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> March and the School Council have chosen the theme of the 1980s! Letter for more information attached.

### Elite Sports

Launceston College are holding an elite sports academy for children in Years 5 and 6. Please see the attached flier for more information.

### Opal Bingo

Attached is our next OPAL bingo sheet which will run until **Friday 28th March** with the winning class deciding on their prize using a democratic vote.

### Rock Painting Competition!

Many thanks and a huge well done to all of the children who took part in the rock painting competition. Here are some of the entries we received - there were another 3 tables worth so it was a tough choice to make when they were blindly judged by the School Council. Prizes have been given out in today's assembly. A big thank you to our outdoor ambassadors who have coated these rocks so they can be played with in our mud kitchen area from next week.



### Science Week



A huge thanks to all the parents/carers who supported our annual Science fair on Monday afternoon to kick-start British Science Week. We would also like to thank Cognition Learning, Really Wild Learning and our two STEM Learning ambassadors from the Institute of Engineering for joining us in celebrating this year's theme of 'Change and Adapt'. Further thanks must go to the Friends of Holsworthy Primary School for funding Really Wild Planet CIC workshops for all children throughout the day and supporting the after-school Science Fair event too.

### Kingfishers Project

A group of young scientists have been taking part in our citizen's science project, which we are working on in collaboration with Kingfishers Citizen Science and Exeter Science Centre. They have taken nitrate and phosphate readings from the local river in Church Lane and this data will feed into an EU project on the health of our rivers. Another great activity this British Science Week (and beyond)!



## Easter Holiday Programme

LJD Coaching are hosting an Easter holiday programme at Stratton Primary School. Please see the attached flier for more information and how to book. This is FREE for families in receipt of benefits related free school meals and discounted for families living and/or schooling in the Bude and Stratton area thanks to Bude and Stratton Town Council. In addition, there is an option for all children to be fed breakfast and a hot meal at lunch time all included within the price.

## Language Development free Workshop

On **Thursday 20th March 2025** from **2.00 - 3.15pm**, the SEND Advisory Teacher for Communication and Interaction is running a free, informal workshop for parents and carers at Holsworthy Primary School. We'd love to see you there!

## Neurodiversity Navigators

There is a new team in Devon working with families of neurodivergent children. The team are there to support and signpost whilst you await diagnosis and have just begun the Pathway. Please see Mr Hurley if you would like to access the team.

## Lego League

Well done to our First Lego League team who conducted themselves brilliantly in their competition last week. They had three rounds where they had to code the robot they had built in their weekly club to complete as many Lego challenges as possible in 2.5 minutes. They also had to discuss their team's core values and robot design and present an innovation project they designed in their weekly club to a judging panel. Throughout the day, they were also marked on their gracious professionalism. We're very proud of you all and how you worked together as a team.

## Be aware of what is happening to school funding

Every year our school budget is being cut and the next financial year is no different. With the number of pupils with additional needs in our school rising, it makes it increasingly difficult to give all our pupils the support they deserve. Many local schools are looking at redundancies and we are doing all we can to avoid this. Please see below for some statistics.

But the trouble is, schools simply can't afford any more cuts. **More schools are in deficit now than at any point since at least 2010.**

As a country we have the **highest primary class sizes in Europe** and the **highest secondary class sizes on record.**

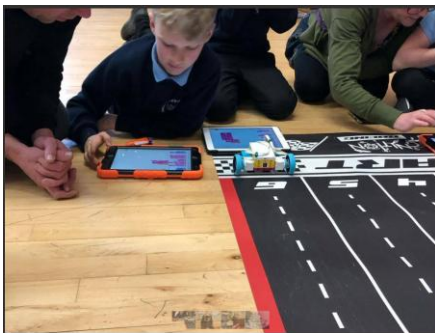
More than a million pupils are **taught in classes of over 30.**

**-£265,920**  
Cuts since 2010/11

**-£563**  
Cuts per pupil since 2010/11

With restored funding, this school could afford:

**2** Teachers + **2.5** Support staff + **90.4** Laptops



ROC Meeting this week

**ROC 2025** **ROC**  
CONVERSATION HOLSWORTHY  
TRANSFORMING OUR COMMUNITY

DATE | TUE 18TH MARCH | TIME | 6.45 for 7pm

MONEY WORRIES? Where can you find help?  
CHILDREN'S WORRIES? What can we do to help?

Holsworthy Community College  
Purple Circle  
EX22 6JD

ALL WELCOME  
For more details: [alisons@tvs.org.uk](mailto:alisons@tvs.org.uk)