



Gilded Hollins Newsletter

Our quality this half term is kindness

09.10.2026



Supporting the fight against MND: Year 5 and Year 6 had a great time last Friday morning when they went to support Kevin Sinfield completing his 7 in 7 challenge at the Leigh Leopards Stadium. They were lucky enough to be placed right at the front to watch him arrive and the cheers were deafening as he passed by.

We are so proud that our children want to take the time to support local causes and events and be involved in things where they can really make a difference to others less fortunate than themselves.



Macmillan Support : Thank you all so much for your overwhelming generosity in our drive to raise funds for Macmillan. At the final count, after combining the monies raised in school and the funds donated to Mr Taylor's Brave the Shave online, we raised a huge £1,885! That's a fantastic result.

A special shout out must go to Mr Taylor who had the idea to shave his hair off once more and donate the money to this very worthwhile cause.



Parking News! We are all painfully aware of the difficulties we have with parking around school and I have some good news! We have been working with Wigan Council who have managed to secure some extra sites for parents to park at drop off and pick up times. Hooray!

During these times, the following areas may now be used:

- Bethany Church car park
- The Robin Hood pub car park
- Pennington Flash car park. For this, parents will have to validate their ticket at the visitor centre as there is an ANPR system on site. During the first visit, a 'Park and Stride' pass will be made to be presented on future visits. There will be no cost to parents and carers. This service will be available from 02/11/26 to give staff time to prepare the passes being given out. A huge 'thank you' to Leonie, the travel officer with Wigan Road Safety Team who has worked so hard on our behalf to put these measures in place.

Weekly Wonders: These children all deserve a special mention for shining in their class this week. Well done to:

YR - Lily and Kerrin
Y1 - Leo and Joshua
Y2 - Gracie-Lou and Ruby
Y3 - Austin and Max W
Y4 - Layla and Miles
Y5 - Tom and Sofia
Y6 - Jonah and Emeli



Anti Social Behaviour: I was contacted this week by Wigan's Antisocial Behaviour Team who called about their concerns regarding the goings on at the 'Little Park' near Broadwell Drive, Pennington, where a number of our children play when at home. Although the behaviours witnessed are led predominantly by older children, I know that you as parents would want me to share this with you. The behaviours seen were, at best, unpleasant, and at worst, dangerous. It may be wise to direct your children to other areas at the moment.



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Provisional Autumn Term Dates (may be subject to change)

Wednesday 14th / Thursday 15th October	Parents' Evening
Friday 16th October	Non - uniform day in return for a bottle for the upcoming FOGH tombola
Monday 19th October	Year 6 residential trip to Thurston, Lake district
Friday 23rd October	Last day of half term
Half Term - Monday 26th October to Friday 30th October	
Monday 2nd November	Return to school
Wednesday 4th November	Spooky Hallowe'en Quiz - 5pm
Tuesday 3rd, Thursday 5th, Wednesday 11th November	Reception 2027 tours of school for new parents
Thursday 12th November	Year 2 Victorian School workshop
Thursday 12th November	Year 4 Ancient Greeks Workshop
Friday 13th November	Children in Need

Reading Record Breakers: Every class in school became a record breaker yesterday as we all took part in The National literacy Trust's attempt to set a new world record for the most people reading online. This is a global initiative, connecting readers from all around the world to create one huge reading network! What a wonderful thing to be involved in. Well done everyone!



Attendance
Reception
100%

Parents' Evening: You will now have all received a slip for the first parent/teacher meeting of the year. This is a key meeting and we do hope that as many of you will be able to attend as possible. We will, as ever, try to accommodate the times requested, but as we work on a first come, first served basis to allocate appointments, sometimes it may be that we have to adjust the times as needed. We look forward to seeing you then.

Year One Phonics Evening: A huge thank you to the Year 1 parents who came to the Phonics Evening. This event was very well attended, and we hope you learnt a little more about the expectations for the year, the national phonics screen and how you can help us at home. Should anyone need any more advice, please do feel free to pop in.



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Primary School



URGENT **PTA VOLUNTEERS** **NEEDED!**

Gilded Hollins PTA urgently needs volunteers to help support upcoming school events and fundraising activities.

 **Without your support we are unable to continue with events.**

Even if you can only spare a little time, every pair of hands makes a difference!

Whether you can help with planning, setting up, running an event or tidying away, we'd really appreciate your support.



Planning



Setting up



Running
events



Tidying away



If you're able to help, please get in touch with the PTA/school as soon as possible.



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Please share with other Gilded Hollins parents, carers, grandparents and friends - we'd love to hear from you! 