

NEWSLETTER

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WELCOME

We hope you have all had a lovely Christmas and a very Happy New Year. Exciting plans are in store for 1st Holgate Scout Group in 2025 as we kick off our fundraising campaign for our new facilities. If you're able to assist, please get in touch! In this term's newsletter, we showcase some of the amazing activities that 1st Holgate has participated in last term.

NEXT ISSUE...

DUE W/C 24TH FEBRUARY

If you have any suggestions or comments for the newsletter please email:
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OSM UPDATE



Please ensure that your child's personal information is current on OSM.

You should have also received an email about gift aid. If possible, please sign it, as we generate approximately **£7,000** each year from our gift aid claims!

It's a simple process; you will find a link on OSM inviting you to agree to it.

Additionally, OSM has been updated with the program for the first term across all sections.



WE NEED CUB LEADERS!

Do you enjoy outdoor and adventure activities and want to help young people to develop new skills?

We urgently need more Cub leaders across all sections, Monday, Wednesday and Fridays. Please contact us if you can help: Chris.Rodaway@1stholgatescoutgroup.org.uk

WE ARE A NUT FREE GROUP!

1st Holgate Scout Group has many young people and volunteers with allergies. Please do not send any products containing nuts to Scout meetings and events.

Hi 5, to our Young Leaders!

For those unfamiliar, Young Leaders are individuals aged 14 to 17 who volunteer alongside adults in various groups such as Squirrel Dreys, Beaver Colonies, Cub Packs, or Scout Troops. While they are typically Explorer Scouts, some may come from outside the organisation, working towards their Duke of Edinburgh or Queen's Guide Awards.

The Young Leaders' Scheme is designed to foster personal development and growth in young people. It empowers them to make meaningful contributions to their community and serve others. Additionally, this scheme helps fulfil the service requirements of awards, both within and outside of Scouting. Our Young Leaders play a crucial role in the 1st Holgate Scout Group, and our sessions would not be possible without their support!

In addition to volunteering their time, Young Leaders participate in various training modules. The Young Leader Training Scheme is organised into Modules and Missions.

- Several modules cover all aspects of training, helping Young Leaders understand and navigate different facets of leadership within the Scouting Movement. These modules are designed to be flexible and encourage innovative thinking, so unleash your creativity!
- Alongside the eleven modules, four missions allow Young Leaders to apply what they've learned. This practical experience boosts their confidence and helps them become essential members of the leadership team within their Section and Group.

The Young Leaders who support 1st Holgate are a fantastic bunch, and our Squirrels, Beavers and Cubs learn so much from their peers. A huge thank you to all our Young Leaders, for the effort and time that you put into the Group every single week!

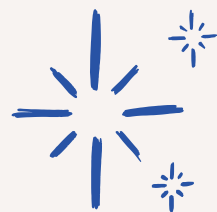


1ST HOLGATE SCOUT GROUP

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Could you be the
missing link we need?

- Finance and Fundraising Support
- Administration Support
- Equipment Support
- Transport Support
- Adult support across all sections



Volunteer NOW!



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MOVERS AND STARTERS!

WELCOME TO THOSE WHO HAVE RECENTLY JOINED US AT 1ST HOLGATE AND TO THOSE WHO ARE MOVING UP A SECTION!



Noah, Jack and Penny at
Buttermere Squirrels.
Rory and Martha at
Windermere Squirrels.

Sam, Hugh, Henry,
Laurie, and Olive join
Montana and Raphael
joins Oregon
Beavers

Vitold and Bertie
at Phoenix Cubs.

Jesse, Marianna, Remy,
Lennon and Rosie
at Griffin Cubs

Ted, Harriet and Eli
at Hadrian Scouts.
Finley and Toby at
Severus Scouts.

Nathaniel and Rory
at Constantine Scouts.
Ben, Ida, Aaron and
Jack at Loki
Explorers.

Squirrel Sleepover!

1st Holgate Squirrels enjoyed a wonderful and successful sleepover at Tholthorpe Scout Hut last term.

The Squirrels were over the moon - quite literally - as they set off on their space-themed adventure. The weekend kicked off with some creative rocket building, where young imaginations soared, crafting rockets out of everyday materials. Each team launched their rockets with great enthusiasm.

The excitement continued with a scenic hike through the nearby woods, where the Squirrels learned about local wildlife and practiced their navigation skills. This was followed by a session of tent pitching, a vital skill for any young adventurer.

As the sun began to set, everyone gathered around the campfire to toast marshmallows and make delicious s'mores, the perfect treat to end a busy day.

The next morning, the Squirrels began their day with some relaxing yoga, helping them to stretch and prepare for another round of wide games and team building exercises!

The Squirrels were brilliant, and hopefully they had made lasting memories and friendships, and are looking forward to more adventures together - well done Squirrels, you were all amazing!



Squirrels at Christmas

Over a couple of weeks the Squirrels designed and built their own nativity sets.

We wrapped up the term with a delightful joint Christmas party filled with games and festive treats!

The Squirrels have been remarkable this year. At just four and five years old, they may be quite young, but they fully engage and have a great time.

We have many exciting plans for 2025 and eagerly anticipate new adventures ahead!



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY AND SQUIRRELS WAITING LIST

2nd March - Church Parade.
10.15am - 11.30am
Holgate Methodist Church.

27th April: St Georges Day Parade. Details to follow.

Squirrels Waiting list

We have two very popular Squirrel dreys that meet Monday and Saturday. Our waiting list is growing and we are having to turn away new requests for children who are already of age to join. We appreciate how disappointing this can be so please remember if you, your family or friends have young family members that might be interested in Squirrels in the future don't wait! Sign up now to avoid disappointment as before you know it, they're turning four!! Sign up here: <https://bit.ly/4h5N7PZ>

Out of this world Beaver Sleepover!

Last term, the Beavers had a fantastic Space-themed sleepover, with lots of enjoyable activities as they worked towards their Space badge! They created rockets using recycled materials, launched mini space shuttles, and constructed various exciting projects. There was even some time for sleep!

It was a wonderful night, and for many, it was their first time away from home, and they all did brilliantly! Great job, Beavers!



Beavers Christmas Movie Night

The Beavers truly enjoyed our slumber party, where all the colonies gathered to indulge in pizza and watch Elf.

The room was filled with laughter and excitement as the Beavers snuggled in, clad in their comfy pajamas. With the Christmas spirit surrounding us, it was delightful to cultivate such a festive ambiance, making it an ideal way to wrap up the term.

We have lots more fun planned for this term, so please do check out the programme on OSM and ensure that all your child's details are up to date.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

2nd March - Church Parade.
10.15am - 11.30am at
Holgate Methodist Church.

Invites have been sent via OSM, please let us know if your child is attending.

Saturday 22nd March
NRM / Wonderlab trip
Details to follow after half term.

27th April: St Georges Day Parade. Details to follow.

28th - 29th June:
Beaver Damboree.
District Camp.
Murton Park, York.

Details to follow.
Cost approx £55.TBC

Scientists of the future!

The Cubs have been working towards their science badge and had a great time engaging in various experiments.

One of the highlights was using a balloon to propel a vehicle they created, and some of them managed to travel quite a distance!



Cubs Christmas Festivities

1st Holgate participated in the District Cubs Bowling Event last term, which saw around 140 cubs from various areas come together!

It was an enjoyable evening, with many Cubs displaying impressive skills - some clearly had experience, as evidenced by the numerous 'X's and '7's on their score screens!

The Cubs also took part in a carol service that welcomed parents and carers. It was a delightful evening where the Cubs shone brightly, especially during their rendition of the 12 Days of Christmas, which featured some fantastic dance moves!

We wrapped up December with a collaborative party filled with games, delicious food, and some truly remarkable Christmas jumpers!

We're ready for 2025 and have lots of exciting activities planned!



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY!

2nd March - Church Parade.
10.15am - 11.30am at
Holgate Methodist Church.

29th March:
Diggerland

TBC and costs to be finalised.

27th April:
St Georges Day Parade.
Details to follow.

23rd - 26th May:
Cub Camp TBC.

Busy term at Scouts

The Scouts visited Snowball for bonfire night, scrumptious s'mores, wide games and fun for all. We flexed our culinary skills with a Ready, Steady Cook evening, the leaders judged some truly impressive and truly awful concoctions!

In the midst of all the culinary excitement, teamwork and camaraderie shone brightly. Scouts encouraged one another, shared tips, and celebrated each dish, whether it was a culinary triumph or a brave experiment. It was a fantastic opportunity for everyone to learn new skills, embrace challenges, and enjoy the spirit of friendly competition.

This term has been packed with a variety of activities that have allowed the Scouts to grow, learn, and bond. With new adventures just around the corner, there's always something to look forward to at 1st Holgate.



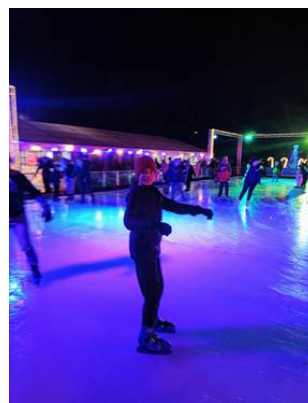
Scouty Ice Skating!

The Scouts headed to Yorkshire's Winter Wonderland for a evening of ice skating and hot chocolate!

The rink was alive with laughter and excitement as they laced up their skates and ventured onto the ice. Some glided gracefully, while others wobbled and giggled, supporting each other as they found their balance.

After a fun-filled session, everyone gathered around steaming mugs of hot chocolate, warming their hands and sharing stories of their skating adventures.

It was great to see the Scouts continuing to support one another, as they always do at 1st Holgate. It was a great night of fun and the perfect way to end the year



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY!

2nd March - Church Parade.

10.15am - 11.30am

Holgate Methodist Church.

14th - 16th March - Spring Camp

Details to follow.

27th April: St Georges Day Parade.

Details to follow.

26th July - 1st August

Scout Summer Camp.

Details to follow.

Explorers: Show and Cook!

The Explorers took a delightful trip down memory lane by hosting their own version of Show and Tell! They showcased a wonderful performance of their Nativity from years past and prepared delicious pigs in blankets and hotdogs, all served with stuffing and cranberry sauce.

It was heartwarming to witness the Explorers embrace their inner child and truly enjoy the experience.



Ice skating

The Loki and Odin Explorers groups embarked on their annual ice skating adventure at Yorkshire's Winter Wonderland. Energised by hot chocolate, they enjoyed a delightful evening on the ice, wrapping up a wonderful term!

There is lots to look forward to in 2025, and it really is great to see how both groups have formed strong friendships, and continue to volunteer and support the wider 1st Holgate Team - well done Explorers!



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY!

17th-19th January 2025:
New Year Camp at Hag Dyke (Full).

28th Feb -2nd March 2025:
District Camp (Full).

2nd March - Church Parade.
10.15am - 11.30am at
Holgate Methodist Church.

4th - 6th April: Denmark Jamboree, Practice Camp.
(Jamboree participants only)

27th April: St Georges Day Parade.

13th-15th June: Odin Weekend Camp.

18th or 19th June (evening): Junior Warrior.

11th-13th July: Loki Weekend Camp.

15th-20th August 2025: Summer Camp.

Calendar of Events

Below are proposed events that we are hoping to run throughout the year, we have listed these here to help you plan and afford any associated costs.

Squirrels

- **28th March:** Sleepover at St.Pauls
- **11th May:** Book day (District event), details to follow.
- **19th July:** Morning at Snowball, details to follow.
- **18th October:** Sleepover, details to follow.

Beavers

- **Feb/March:** NRM / Wonderlab trip £6.50
- **28th - 29th June:** Beaver Damboree. District Camp, Murton Park, details to follow. Cost approx £55.

Cubs

- **TBC - 23rd - 26th May:** Cub Camp

Scouts

- **14th - 16th March** - Spring Camp, details to follow.
- **26th July** - 1st August Scout Camp, details to follow.

Explorers

- **18th and/or 19th June 2025:** Junior Warrior
- **15th-20th August 2025:** Provisional dates for Summer Camp
- **19th-21st September:** Ignite (County Activity Camp)
- **5th October:** Church Parade
- **10th-12th October:** Denmark Jamboree Practice Camp (Jamboree Participants only)
- **18th-19th October:** Escape (24-hour wide game)
- **7th December:** Church Parade
- **18-26 July 2026: Denmark.** This is a District organised trip to the Denmark International Jamboree. At this stage we are targeting participants who will be at least 14 years old on 31 August 2024. (Now full)

1st Holgate Clothing Range

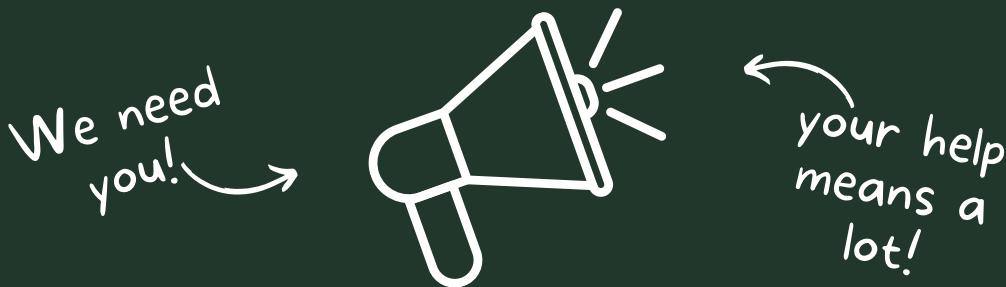
We've been working away over the last few months to design our new group clothing range! For those of you that have been around at 1st Holgate for a while you'll know that we've previously designed t-shirts for our whole group camps, these have been a big success so we wanted to take this a step further and give you something just for 1st Holgate that we can wear on our slightly less formal activities, camps and events.

Please note this doesn't replace our official Scouting uniforms (which should continue to be worn to weekly section meetings) but you could always wear a t-shirt under your Beaver jumper or Scout shirt (perfect for the warmer weather!) This clothing is open to all members and supporters of the Scout Group whether you're a young person, section volunteer, support team member or parent helper!

Items available include hoodies, t-shirts, polo shirts, full zip fleeces and softshell body warmers - see the images opposite for a guide as to what is available! All are available in a range of kids and adults sizes (except the bodywarmers - adult sizes only).

Our clothing is being provided through Edge Clothing, a Scarborough based company that provide clothing to many Scout groups in the area. You can buy directly through their website: <https://bit.ly/3VpBaMN> but you will have to pay £7 delivery per order.

We have recently made a bulk order and this is available for collection now. If you would like to place an order, the delivery is £7, we would recommend linking with others to share the cost as unfortunately we will not be able to place a bulk order again until next year due to the extra pressures it places on our volunteers.



Volunteers Needed

Please join us and help us now:

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Group Directory



In case you need to contact any of our Lead Volunteers or Team Leaders, we have compiled a list of their email addresses below. It is important to keep in mind that all of these individuals are volunteers and may not be able to respond immediately. However, they will do their best to reply to your message as soon as possible.

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Constantine Scouts	Dave Rycroft	dave.rycroft@1stholgatescoutgroup.org.uk
Explorers - Loki and Odin	Nick Beckett	nick.beckett@1stholgatescoutgroup.org.uk

