

NEWSLETTER

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WELCOME BACK!

Welcome back to a brand-new term of adventure at 1st Holgate! We hope everyone had a fantastic, relaxing break and is ready to jump straight back into the action.

This edition of our newsletter is a bit lighter than usual - a quick "mini-update" to kick off the term. Don't worry, we'll be returning to our full section-by-section coverage in the next issue so you can read all about what our Squirrels, Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, and Explorers have been up to!

For now, we have a few key updates, upcoming dates for your diary, and a massive 1st Holgate welcome to all of our new members and families joining us for the first time this term. It's fantastic to have you on board!

SCOUTING NEWS AND UPDATES

- **Volunteer Spotlights:** A huge thank you to all our section leaders and parent helpers who spent time over the break preparing another packed term of activities.
- **Group Progress:** We're continuing to work behind the scenes on our exciting group growth plans and equipment upgrades to ensure our young people get the absolute best experience possible. See p2 for more info!
- **Subscriptions and OSM:** A quick reminder to check your Online Scout Manager (OSM) accounts to ensure contact details, medical info, and termly consent forms are fully up to date for the new term.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS!

Welcome to all our new young people across every section, as well as those moving up to the next age group! Moving to a new section or starting Scouting for the first time is a big step, but your leaders and fellow Scouts are here to help you settle in, make friends, and learn new skills. See more on p3.

NEXT ISSUE... DUE W/C 2ND NOVEMBER

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.

Skills for life: In action!



We have some fantastic news to celebrate from our Explorer section!

Emily Gibson recently achieved her Chief Scout's Platinum Award alongside her Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award - a brilliant demonstration of commitment, hard work, and leadership.

Putting her skills straight into action, Emily planned and delivered an exceptional First Aid training night for her fellow Explorers. Her dedication to first aid goes far beyond section meetings; as a trained Community First Aider with St John Ambulance, her quick thinking was put to the test while on a family trip to Edinburgh.

After a gentleman suffered a nasty fall in their hotel lobby, Emily stepped in calmly without hesitation to deliver vital first aid for his head and arm injuries. Her swift care didn't go unnoticed - the grateful hotel team even sent a thank-you gift up to her room!

From leading her peers to helping others in the community, Emily truly embodies the spirit of Scouting. Outstanding effort. Well done!

Shaping Our Future: Draft Group Strategy 2026-2029

A huge thank you to all the parents, leaders, and young people who joined us for our Strategy Planning Night! It was a fantastic evening filled with great ideas, useful feedback, and shared passion for the future of 1st Holgate.

Using your input, we have put together a draft 3-year strategy that will guide our group's priorities, development, and activities over the coming years.

We Want to Hear From You!

Scouting belongs to all of us, and we want to ensure every family has a voice in shaping our direction. Whether you have comments on the draft strategy, ideas for new initiatives, or suggestions on specific areas we can improve, we would love your feedback.

 Have Your Say: Please take a couple of minutes to share your thoughts via our online feedback form: [1st Holgate Strategy Feedback Form](#)

Thank you for your continued support in making 1st Holgate such a vibrant and rewarding group for our young people!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Full programmes to the end of the year are listed on OSM. Below are some additional dates for the diary

All sections:

- **4th October: Church Parade, Holgate Methodist**
- **6th December: Church Parade, Holgate Methodist**

Cubs:

16-18th October: Cub Camp: Indoor at Blackpool: Details to follow

Scouts

October half term: Scout Camp. Details to follow

Explorers:

- **17th - 18th October: Escape**
- **15th - 17th January 2027: New Year Camp**

Volunteers:

The legendary Volunteers Christmas party will be on 12th December at Our Ladys's Chuch in Abomb.

There will be food, prizes and a visit from the Big Man in Red himself.

Partners welcome.

MOVERS AND STARTERS!

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



Phoebe and Finley join
Windermere Squirrels.
George, Feehia and Cosima
join Montana Beavers.

Emerson, Svatik,
Charlie and Jacob
join Dakota Beavers. Eddie,
Arlo and Eva join Oregon
Beavers.

Arthur, Gus, Oliver,
Lottie and Ivy join
Pegasus Cubs. Luca,
Gracie and Aria join
Griffin Cubs.

Albert, Benjamin, Daniel,
Daniel and Bea join Hadrian
Scouts.
Lewis joins Severus Scouts.

Ronnie, Andrew,
Penny and Jude join
Constantine Scouts.

Isaac joins
Loki Explorers.
Oona and Connie
join Odin Explorers.

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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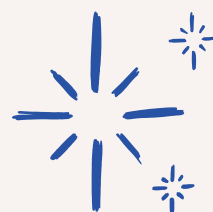


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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

**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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