



20TH DECEMBER 2024

# THE WORD Light Hall School

*The best from everyone, all of the time.*

## HEADTEACHER'S ROUND-UP

As we approach the end of a truly remarkable term, I wanted to take a moment to reflect on all that we have achieved together and to express my heartfelt thanks to our incredible students, staff, and parents/carers. It has been an action-packed few months, and I am filled with pride as I look back on the many highlights.

This term has been full of sporting achievements, extracurricular activities and memorable moments. Our students have demonstrated tremendous commitment and enthusiasm, both in the classroom and beyond. Whether competing in sporting events or engaging in the wide variety of clubs and activities on offer, it's clear that our school community is thriving. From football matches to debates, and everything in between, our students have shown exceptional dedication to their interests and passions.

Only yesterday we had our enchanting Christmas Concert. Our talented students came together to put on a spectacular performance, showcasing their musical talents. It was an event that truly captured the spirit of the season and left us all with a sense of joy and festive cheer. Many congratulations to everyone involved, and thank you to our students and staff for their hard work in making it such a lovely evening.

I would also like to extend my congratulations to the students who were recently invited to sign the Golden Book. This is a special recognition for those who have gone above and beyond, showing exemplary efforts in both their academic and personal achievements. Your hard work, kindness, and dedication serve as an inspiration to us all, and I am incredibly proud of each of you. Well done to Thisha K, Williams C, Ethan C, Mia H, Antonia A, Daisy L, Liam L, Marco N, Lewis H, Adam A, Elyan B, Tayeb Y, Pak Y, Marcus W, Adison W, Frankie P, Isaac D, Mo C, Jitesh S, Ivan S, Zainab M and Millie Y for your excellent community service.

As we look forward to the festive break, I would like to remind everyone of the importance of rest and rejuvenation. It has been a busy term, and our students have worked hard. This is a well-deserved time for all of us to relax, recharge, and spend time with loved ones. Please take this opportunity to reflect on the many achievements of the past few months and to enjoy the festive season to the full. My deepest thanks to all of our parents and carers for your ongoing support. Your involvement and encouragement are invaluable and we are so grateful for the positive partnership we share.

I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I look forward to welcoming everyone back in the new term for even more exciting opportunities, challenges and successes.

Enjoy the break and see you in 2025!

*Annette Koublin*

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# Merry Christmas

## WORD OF THE WEEK

### SIGNIFY

**Verb:** To be a sign of something; to mean.

Nobody really knows what the marks on the ancient stones **signify**.

## HOUSE POINTS



27002



27655



26119



27982

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# DIARY REMINDERS

## ALL YEARS:

Monday 6th January - INSET Day  
 Tuesday 7th January - All students return to school

## YEAR 7:

Wednesday 15th January - Year 7 Netball (A) vs Arden  
 Friday 17th January - Year 7 Grades to Parents  
 Wednesday 22nd January - Year 7 Parents' Evening

## YEAR 8:

## YEAR 9:

Wednesday 8th January - Year 9 Basketball (A) vs Lode Heath  
 Thursday 16th January - Year 9 Vaccinations

## YEAR 10:












Wednesday 15th January - Year 10 Netball (A) vs Arden  
 Thursday 16th January - Year 10 Basketball (H) vs Alderbrook

## YEAR 11:

Friday 31st January - Sixth Form Application Deadline  
 Thursday 9th January - Year 11 Photos

## YEAR 12:

Monday 6th January - Friday 10th January - Year 12 Mock Exams  
 Friday 31st January - Year 12 Grades to Parents

Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> January	Tuesday	Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> January	Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> January	Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> January
<p>No Clubs</p> <p>INSET DAY</p>		 <p><b>Netball</b>                      Year 7 &amp; 8                      Mrs Pemberton &amp; Mrs White                      Sports Hall</p>	 <p><b>Basketball</b>                      Year 7 &amp; 8                      Cancelled due to fixture</p>	 <p><b>Girls Football</b>                      All Years                      Mrs Pemberton                      Astro</p>
		 <p><b>Boys Football</b>                      Year 8 &amp; 9                      Mr Yates                      All on Astro</p>	 <p><b>Table Tennis</b>                      All Years                      Mr Grasso                      Churchill Hall</p>	 <p><b>Badminton</b>                      Year 9-11                      Mr Yates                      Sports Hall</p>
		 <p><b>Basketball</b>                      Year 9-11                      cancelled due to fixture</p>	 <p><b>Sport Studies</b>                      Year 11                      Mr Yates                      E3</p>	
		 <p><b>Netball Academy</b>                      Year 9-11                      Mrs Pemberton                      Sports Hall 4-5pm</p>	 <p><b>Basketball Fixture</b>                      Year 10                      vs Smiths Wood                      @ HOME</p>	
		 <p><b>Basketball Fixture</b>                      Year 9                      vs Lode Heath                      AWAY</p>		

**Extra-Curricular PE Clubs**  
**6th January – 10th January**



# THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

## Celebrating Unity in Diversity International Human Solidarity Day - 20th December

### **What is International Human Solidarity Day 2024?**

International Human Solidarity Day is a day to promote a sense of shared humanity and encourage individuals, communities, and nations to come together to tackle pressing global issues. It highlights the belief that our collective actions can make a positive impact on the world.

### **When is International Human Solidarity Day 2024?**

International Human Solidarity Day is observed on December 20th each year. It's a day to reflect on the importance of solidarity and take concrete actions to support those in need and contribute to a more equitable world.

### **How to Celebrate International Human Solidarity Day 2024?**

Celebrating International Human Solidarity Day involves engaging in activities that promote unity, empathy, and cooperation. Here are some ways to celebrate:

- **Support Charitable Causes:** Contribute to charitable organizations and initiatives that address global issues such as poverty, hunger, education, and healthcare.
- **Volunteer:** Offer your time and skills to volunteer for local and international organizations working towards humanitarian goals.
- **Advocate for Change:** Raise awareness about important global issues and advocate for policies that promote social justice, equality, and human rights.
- **Organize Community Events:** Plan events and activities in your community that foster a sense of unity, inclusion, and solidarity among diverse groups of people.
- **Learn About Global Challenges:** Educate yourself and others about pressing global challenges and the impact of solidarity in addressing them.

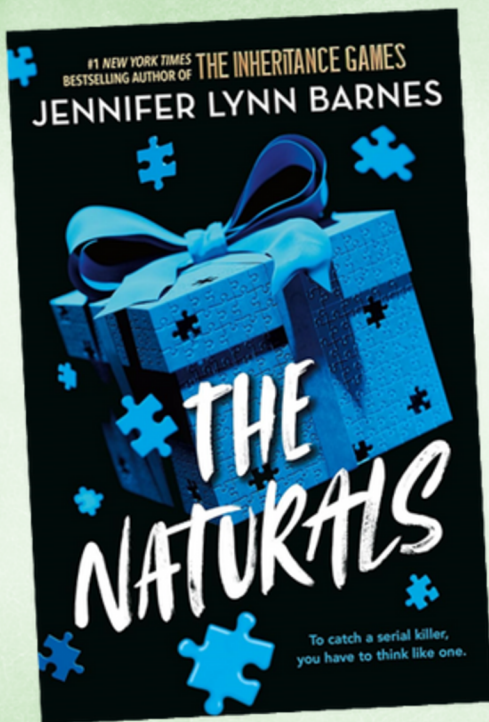
### **History of International Human Solidarity Day**

International Human Solidarity Day was established by the United Nations General Assembly in 2005 to promote the concept of solidarity as a fundamental value for the advancement of humankind. It recognizes the role of solidarity in achieving international peace and cooperation.

International Human Solidarity Day reminds us that global challenges require global solutions and that we all have a role to play in creating a more just and equitable world.

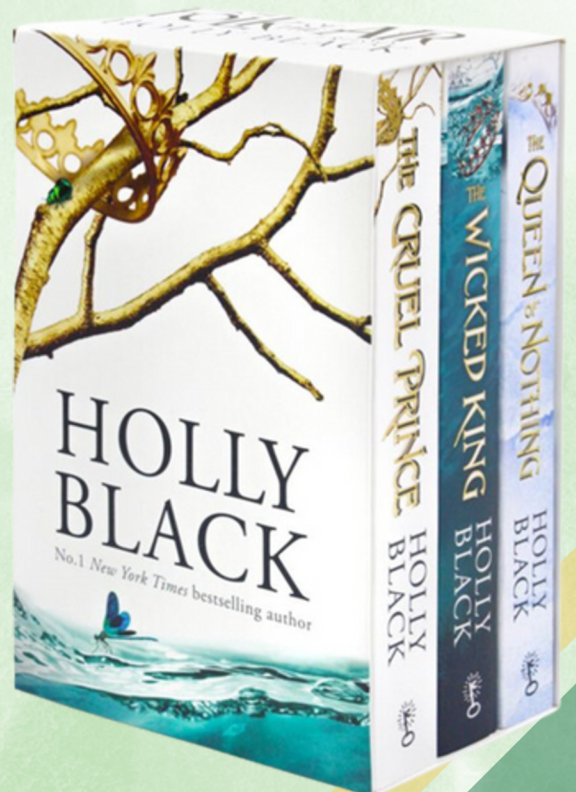


# RECOMMENDED READS



Seventeen-year-old Cassie is a natural at reading people. Piecing together the tiniest details, she can tell you who you are and what you want. But it's not a skill that she's ever taken seriously. That is, until the FBI come knocking: they've begun a classified program that uses exceptional teenagers to crack infamous cold cases, and they need Cassie.

The Folk of the Air is a fantasy book series by Holly Black. The story follows the journey of mortal girl Jude Duarte and faerie prince Cardan Greenbriar as they navigate the world of hate, betrayal, and contempt along with feelings for each other.



**KEEP  
READING**



# HOUSE EVENTS

## UPCOMING EVENTS



Maths Challenge!  
All year groups  
Thursday 23rd January



The Big Flag Quiz  
All year groups  
W/c 13th January



Business Logos Quiz  
W/c 3rd February



Yr10 FIFA Tournament  
Wednesday 29th  
January 2025

## HOUSE CUP LEAGUE TABLE

	Previous points	Shoot the hoop	Y7 football	Christmas Card	Games	Graphic novel	House points	Total
<b>Endeavour</b>	180	10	35	0	40	0	400	665
<b>Challenger</b>	175	25	20	30	10	45	300	575
<b>Atlantis</b>	200	25	35	55	30	0	200	490
<b>Discovery</b>	145	40	10	15	20	55	100	370





Light Hall Presents

THE  
**WIZARD**  
OF **OZ**



# AUDITIONS

Sign up in the Drama Studio  
before the audition date



Y7 & Y8 Monday 20th January

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Y9 & Y10 Monday 27th January





**SPRING TERM 2025**  
Open to all Solihull parents and carers



**BEING A PARENT GROUPS**

Led by trained parent volunteers, the groups provide you with the tools to help manage challenging behaviour, improve communication, and build a positive relationship with your child.

The Being a Parent groups will be delivered both face-to-face and virtually, starting with a welcome session & then running weekly for a further 8 sessions:

TUESDAY	Virtual via Microsoft Teams	6pm – 7.30pm	28/1/25 – 1/4/25
WEDNESDAY	Dickens Heath School (B90 1NA)	9.30am – 11.30am	29/1/25 – 2/4/25
FRIDAY	Kingshurst Primary School (B37 6BN)	9.15am – 11.15am	31/1/25 – 4/4/25

**UNDERSTANDING YOUR CHILD**

Led by Solihull professionals, the group aims to help you to manage challenging behaviour and improve communication, as well as building and understanding your relationship with your child. The group target age is 4-11 years unless specified, delivered face-to-face for 10 sessions:



TUESDAY	Windy Arbor Primary School (B37 6RN)	1pm – 3pm	14/1/25 – 25/3/25
WEDNESDAY	TEEN Alderbrook School (B91 1SN)	5pm – 7pm	29/1/25 – 9/4/25

**FIVE TO THRIVE**

For parents with children aged up to 2 years, the FIVE TO THRIVE building blocks explore practical things you can do to enhance your child's brain development, increase confidence in parenting and meet local parents.



<b>MONDAY</b> 12.30pm – 2.30pm  Riverside Family Hub (B37 5DP) 6/1/25 – 10/2/25  Elmwood Place Family Hub (B36 0UG) 24/2/25 – 31/3/25	<b>TUESDAY</b> The Bridge, Shirley (B90 3AG)  12.30pm – 2.30pm  7/1/25 – 11/2/25 25/2/25 – 1/4/25
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Book your place now, or find out more by contacting Solihull Parenting Team at: [bsmhft.parenting@nhs.net](mailto:bsmhft.parenting@nhs.net) or book via the Eventbrite QR code below:



