

NEWSLETTER

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- JOIN US IN 2024 AND VOLUNTEER!
- A LOOK BACK AT WHAT OUR SQUIRRELS, BEAVERS, CUBS, SCOUTS, AND EXPLORERS HAVE BEEN UP TO!

WELCOME TO OUR NEWSLETTER!

We are delighted to be able to bring you our latest newsletter for the 1st Holgate Scouting Community. We hope that you find the content interesting and that it gives you a wider understanding of the Group's activities.

Each half term, with input from our Squirrels, Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, and Explorers, our leaders plan and implement a broad range of activities that supports your children's interests, wider learning, and skills. Within this newsletter, we will highlight just a few areas of that activity.

START THE NEW YEAR BY VOLUNTEERING!

As we enter a new year, many of us are setting resolutions and goals for ourselves. One great way to make a positive impact is through volunteering. At 1st Holgate, there are various options available to lend a hand. Whether it's working behind the scenes or taking charge of a particular section, there are plenty of roles available.

Volunteering not only supports 1st Holgate, but also provides an opportunity to meet new people. We're a friendly bunch! Check out the final page of our newsletter to see how you can get involved and support us.

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We hope you find the newsletter interesting. If you have any suggestions for future newsletters or any comments, email: emma.allinson@1stholgatescoutgroup.org.uk

Community superheroes!

The Squirrels have had a fantastic term. They learned about Diwali, completed their Level One first aid badge, and discovered heroes within our communities. They even went on a trip to Acomb Fire Station - the squirrels had lots of questions for the firefighters and were fascinated by the engines!

The squirrels have had a fun-filled term and learnt lots of fascinating facts, including how to be safe in an emergency.

To cap it off, they had their very own Christmas party to celebrate the end of the term!



Squirrels sleepover!

The first ever 1st Holgate Squirrel sleepover was a fantastic success! The squirrels were amazing, joining in games, singing around the campfire and putting their own tents up before settling down to watch the Gruffalo. Well done squirrels you were all brilliant!



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY!

21st April St Georges Day Parade

Please note that attendance by all is required at this event and further details will be announced in due course.

Larkin 2024 International Jamboree at Duncombe Park in Helmsley

31st July
Sign up on OSM now.

Fun filled term at Beavers!

The Beavers have had a brilliant term. Our sleepover in November was great fun as our Beavers got to explore indoor caving and stargazing on our night hike. We saw several planets, and countless stars, and even watched a couple of shooting stars light up the sky!

Our Young Leaders have helped out during sessions and the Beaves have used their imagination and worked together, to make up and play various games.

The Beavers have also been learning all about different types of knots and the importance of the green cross code.



Welcome to our newest leaders!

This term we have invested Tigger, Roo, Rabbit and Tigger into our Beaver colonies. It is great to get some new leaders on board as this helps to share the workload across all our volunteers - without whom, we wouldn't be able to run such opportunities for our young Beavers.

These investments were made even more special, as their children were also able to help!



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY!

Beaver Camp

Before Easter, date TBC

Fam Jam

After Easter, date TBC

21st April

St Georges Day Parade

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Larkin 2024

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30th - 31st July

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Day trip to MOSI!

The Cubs had a great time exploring the Museum of Science and Industry in Manchester. The museum showcases the evolution of science, technology, and industry, and the cubs enjoyed discovering how things work.



A winter wonderland!

The Annual Christmas trip to the Winter Wonderland was brilliant. The cubs showed real strength to maintain their balance and skate. To end the evening, we had some lovely hot chocolate and the cubs enjoyed adding their own marshmallows - well done everyone!



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Cub Camp TBC

Dates and location to be confirmed, expected to be in May.

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29th - 31st July
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Hiking, doorstep deliveries and laser tag!



Our Scouts had a fun-packed term which began with a hike through Hag Dyke in Kettlewell. We were much luckier with the weather this time, after our wet camping trip last term! The Scouts also assisted with the sales of Christmas trees, helping to raise valuable funds for our new minibus. Towards the end of term, we had an amazing night at Snowball with a game of laser tag, and we ended the term with a trip to Winter Wonderland and a night of ice skating!

Astronomy evening at the observatory!

To end the term, the Scouts headed to Bootham School observatory over two nights. The first night had clearer skies and was more successful, but the Scouts still enjoyed themselves and had the opportunity to ask lots of questions and learn about the night sky.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY!

Winter Camp
9th-11th February

Walking Day
24th February

Easter Camp
22nd-24th March

21st April
St Georges Day Parade

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Expedition 2024
8th - 9th June

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International Jamboree at
Duncombe Park in Helmsley

27/07/24 - 03/08/24
Now full for scouts.

Baking, skating and games!

Our group of explorers has been busy this term showcasing their baking skills in the Explorer's Masterbakechef-off. There were some impressive entries, including Alex's Thai curry and Chloe's huge chocolate orange cake, which were delicious.

Our explorers successfully made it to the Winter Wonderland, where we enjoyed a delightful evening of outdoor ice skating. Despite facing some unfavorable weather conditions along the way, we persevered and managed to get both sections of our group there for a fun filled evening of entertainment!



Explorers supporting the community!

Our Explorers have been helping out at the Church Fair running the tombola, which alongside our volunteers who helped with refreshments, raised an impressive £700 towards our minibus fund.

The Explorers have also been supporting at Church Parade and proudly displayed our Odin flag!



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY!

1-3 March 2024

District Explorer Camp

Hebden Hey, near Hebden Bridge.

21st April

St Georges Day Parade

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Volunteers Christmas Party!

As scout leaders and volunteers, we all know that organised fun is the best kind of fun! The Christmas party was no exception, and it provided a fantastic opportunity for our volunteers to come together and enjoy the festivities.

There was a delicious buffet of curries that catered to all spice levels and tastes, along with festive drinks for everyone to enjoy. As a way of expressing our gratitude to our volunteers, we organised music, a quiz, and even a visit from Santa, who presented certificates for his naughty and nice lists!

The adults' Christmas party is just one of the many social events that we organise throughout the year for our volunteers, and it's an excellent opportunity for everyone to come together and have a great time.

We always need volunteers, please do get in touch if you could help. Plus it's a great way to meet others!

Email gsl@1stholgatescoutgroup.org.uk



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

**CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS!
WE NEED YOUR HELP!**



1st Holgate Scout Group needs dedicated individuals to join us in our mission to make a positive impact in our community.

We urgently need assistant leaders for, Beavers (Dakota on Wednesday's and Oregon on Friday's), Scouts (Hadrian on Wednesday's and Severus on Thursday's), and Griffin Cubs (Friday). In addition we also need people to lead our support team (this was previously known as the ASU). We also need a fundraising lead, recruitment lead and transport team.

If you could help us at any of these meetings and would like to find out more then we'd love to hear from you - we fully embrace flexible volunteering! Why not pop along for a couple of weeks and find out what it's all about? To find out more or to offer your support, please email Chris Rodaway at: gsl@1stholgatescoutgroup.org.uk