

# Holmes Chapel Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

### **Ofsted Inspection Report**

We have now received the final inspection report from Ofsted and have sent a copy of this out to parents in a separate letter. We are delighted to have been graded the following:-

- The quality of education Good
- Behaviour and attitudes Outstanding
- Personal Development Outstanding
- Leadership and management Good
- Early Years provision Good
- · Safeguarding is effective

There is no longer an overall grade.

### Highlights from the report include:

- Pupils are very proud to attend Holmes Chapel Primary School
- Pupils' behaviour is exemplary
- Pupils leave the school well prepared for the next stage in their education
- Pupils' work is of a high standard

To read the full report, follow this link:- <a href="https://reports.ofsted.gov.uk/">https://reports.ofsted.gov.uk/</a>

# World Book Day – Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March

Yesterday's world book day celebration was a huge success! Thank you to all of the children that participated and to the staff too! The word competition winners were:

Thomas D Class R - 'pumpkin / Sophia R Class 2 - 'Spring' / Sophie Class 3a - 'magic' Ashlyn Class 6 - 'sensory' and Jamie Class 6 - 'together'













## Red Nose Day - Friday 21st March

Children are invited to wear party clothes to celebrate 40 years of Comic Relief (please ensure these clothes are suitable to wear all day and to play outside in).

# **Down Syndrome - gingerbread sock biscuits**

We will be selling gingerbread sock biscuits at 50p each every lunchtime during the week beginning 17<sup>th</sup> March to help raise awareness of Down Syndrome. Please bring your 50p in a named envelope.

### **Community News**



Holmes Chapel Partnership would like to invite your organisation to take part in a Fun Run being organised for May in the Dane Meadow. To register for the event and find out more about it, visit the Holmes Chapel Partnership

website: <a href="https://www.hcpartnership.org.uk/hcfunrun">https://www.hcpartnership.org.uk/hcfunrun</a>

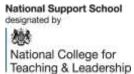
Kind regards
The Partnership Team

## School Attendance, including Persistent Absences and Holidays during Term Time

The government has a persistence absence threshold of 10%. The absence threshold of 10% means that if a pupil is absent for 38 sessions (19 days) of school, they are classified as persistently absent. Schools are urged to inform parents of this threshold and to advise parents that fines will be made for persistent absence, unless there is evidence of a justifiable reason for such absence, for example, significant illness. Failure to make payment will result in legal action for failure to ensure regular attendance at school under Section 444 (1) Education Act 1996.

As you are aware, I am not allowed to grant any leave of absence during term time, unless there are exceptional circumstances. An exceptional circumstance is usually a one-off, unique situation that is of significant emotional, educational or spiritual value which outweighs the loss of teaching time. It is my duty to strongly urge parents or carers to avoid booking holidays, appointments or visits overseas during term-time. In addition, it is important that I advise you that under the legislation there is an expectation that schools will issue a Fixed Penalty Notice to those parents who take their children on an unauthorised leave of absence (holiday) in term time.









#### Penalty Notices will be issued for

Term time leave: Penalty Notice fines will be issued for term time leave of 6 or more consecutive days or

Unauthorised absence: A Penalty Notices may be considered when there have been 10 sessions of unauthorised absences in a 10 week period.

### Per Parent/Per Child

Penalty Notice fines will continue to be issued **per parent per child.** For example: 3 siblings absent for term time leave, would result in each parent receiving 3 separate fines.

#### First Offence

The first time a Penalty Notice is issued for term time leave or unauthorised school attendance the fine will be charged at:

£160 per parent, per child if paid within 28 days of the issue, reducing to £80 per parent, per child if paid within 21 days. (Unpaid penalty notices may result in a parental prosecution)

#### Second Offence

Where it is deemed appropriate to issue a second penalty notice to the same parent for the same pupil within 3 years of the first penalty notice, for either term time leave or unauthorised attendance the second penalty notice will be charged at:

£160 if paid within 28 days. (Unpaid penalty notices may result in a parental prosecution)

### Third Offence

On the third time that an offence is committed within 3 years of the first penalty notice for either a term time leave or irregular attendance, a penalty notice will not be issued. The case may proceed to Parental Prosecution under the Single Justice Procedure. If found guilty of the offence of 'Failure to send a child to school' the Magistrates can impose a fine up to £1000.

## **Calendar of Events**

Please see below calendar dates for this academic year. New dates have been added in bold.

### March 2025

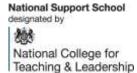
March 2020	
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Allotment session for Year 3
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 visit to Dane Meadow – geography and art focused
	activities
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Online meeting at 5.30pm for Year 6 parents – SATs
	information and residential information
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Allotment session for Year 5
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Red Nose Day
	Down Syndrome Day
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup>	Allotment session for Reception
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup>	Book Fair 3.30-4pm
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup>	Year 3 Singfest event at Congleton Town Hall 12.15-1.30pm
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup>	Year 4 Wider Opps concert for parents in school hall 2.30pm
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup>	PTFA Discos
Monday 31st	Allotment session for Year 2
Monday 31st to Wednesday 2nd April	Year 5 residential

### **April 2025**

Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Mystery Readers 2.45pm
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Term ends at 1.20pm
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> – Monday 21 <sup>st</sup>	School Closed
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Summer term starts
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup>	Year 4 visit to Crowden River Valley
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup>	Allotment session for Year 1

## May 2025









Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Non-uniform day - PTFA donations for summer fair (bottles and chocolates)
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Bank holiday – school closed
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Year 5 Bikeability
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Year 3 Presentation for Parents 9.15am
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Allotment session for Year 3
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 16 <sup>th</sup>	SATS week for Year 6 pupils
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Year 4 Presentation for Parents 9.15am
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Allotment session for Year 1
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Class photos
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Trust football tournament at Macclesfield Academy
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Mystery Readers 2.45pm
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 30 <sup>th</sup>	Half term – school closed

# June 2025

Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> – Friday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Multiplication check for Year 4
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Allotment session for Year 2
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Reception visit to Delamere Forest
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Year 5 Presentation for Parents 9.30am
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> and Friday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Amaven sessions
Saturday 7 <sup>th</sup>	PTFA Summer Fair 12-3pm
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Phonics screening check for Year 1
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Allotment session for Year 3
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Sports Day
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Year 2 visit to Stockport Air Raid Shelter
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Allotment session for Year 5
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Year 4 Come and Play with the Halle at The Bridgewater Hall
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> and Friday 20 <sup>th</sup>	HCCS Transition days for Year 6
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Allotment session for Year 1
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 Bikeability
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup>	Allotment session for Year 2

# **July 2025**

Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup>	Year 6 Bikeability
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> – Friday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 residential
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Allotment session for Year 3
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Year 3 visit to Macclesfield Forest
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup>	End of year reports to parents
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Mystery readers 2.45pm
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Allotment session for Year 5
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 Leaver's performance for parents 2pm
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 Leaver's performance for parents 6.30pm
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 Leaver's lunch
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Term ends at 1.20pm

Kind regards,

Fiona Gresty Vicki Bradford Principal Head of school











