



Holmes Chapel Primary School

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Friday 2nd May 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

Year 4 visit to Crowden River Valley

Last Friday our Year 4 children thoroughly enjoyed their day out in the Peak District National Park. The children had the opportunity to learn about the features of a river and the wildlife living within them, make observations and collect data about rivers, and paddle in Crowden Little Brook itself. Only a few of them fell in! The children had a fantastic day in the lovely sunshine. Thank you to the year 4 staff for organising the trip and to the volunteers who helped.



Events next week

Online Safety Presentation – Wednesday 7th May 6pm

We would like to invite parents of Year 4, 5 and 6 children to join PC Andy Cornall online for a presentation about how to keep your child safe online. This will take place on Wednesday 7th May at 6pm. Please note this is a session for adults only and is not suitable for children to attend. Please follow the link below to join the meeting:-

https://teams.microsoft.com/join/19%3ameeting_NmUzZDg2YmQtM2I4YS00Y2FkLWI4YzQtYzlhNDNkZjNkYzE1%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%22b4708ba0-2fc8-49e7-86fa-423f04150f51%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%22a555d904-e43c-44c6-a9f6-1d4064d563d5%22%7d

Walk to school event

Following the success of previous years, Holmes Chapel Partnership are organising the annual Walk to School event on **Thursday 8th May**. This event helps to highlight the issues of safe walking routes to school (or lack of them!) in Holmes Chapel.

The official Walk to School week organised by Living Streets is later in May from 19-23rd May. <https://www.livingstreets.org.uk/walk-to-school/primary-schools/walk-to-school-week/>

More information can also be found on the partnership website here: <https://www.hcpartnership.org.uk/walk-to-school-week>

We look forward to seeing you on the day!

Celebration of 80th Anniversary of VE Day – Friday 9th May

We will be celebrating the anniversary of VE Day in school on Friday 9th May. Children will be invited to dress up in 1940s clothes or in red, white and blue. We will learn about the history of VE Day, learn some songs and dances and have an ice-cream during the afternoon.

On this day we are running a special VE Day picnic lunch menu. Please see the attached document for more information.

SEND Marketplace – Holmes Chapel Comprehensive - Thursday 8th May

There is a parent/carer drop in event taking place on Thursday 8th May at Holmes Chapel Comprehensive School 3:30pm – 5:30pm hosted by Cheshire East Family Hubs. This is open to all parents and is a 'getting advice' session. Please see below for additional information.



The flyer features a yellow star with 'Parent/Carer Event' written inside. To the right, a blue box contains the text 'Cheshire East SEND Partnership' and 'Local Offer Marketplace'. A circular logo for 'Family hub' is also present. Below the star, a paragraph explains the purpose of the event: 'We are pleased to bring together services from across the SEND partnership to provide advice to parents of children with additional needs. This drop-in will allow you to gain an initial understanding of what those services offer and then request more support at a future date.' It also includes a note: 'Time with each practitioner will be limited to 10 minutes per family at this "getting advice" event so please arrive early to avoid disappointment. Last entry will be at 30 minutes before closing.' At the bottom, there is a photo of a child and a box with the event details: 'Holmes Chapel Comprehensive School, Selkirk Drive, Holmes Chapel, Crewe, CW4 7DX' and 'Thursday 8th May 3.30pm-5.30pm'.

Parent/Carer Event

Cheshire East SEND Partnership
Local Offer Marketplace

Family hub

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Selkirk Drive, Holmes Chapel
Crewe
CW4 7DX

Thursday 8th May
3.30pm-5.30pm

URGENT! Are you interested in becoming a Midday Assistant in school?

We are currently looking for Midday Assistants to work with children during the lunch break. Please speak to or email the office for further details, or look on our school website for a job description and application form - <http://www.holmeschapelprimary.org.uk/page/vacancies/121467>

Message from NHS Public Health Nurse

WCHC Centralised Contact Hub

Children and Young People - Wirral Community Health and Care NHS Foundation Trust (wchc.nhs.uk)

We have been asked by the Northwest Paediatric Surgical Nurse Specialist to share with parents the following information on testicular torsion. As this condition is time critical, raising awareness is vital to ensure treatment within the timeframe to prevent Orchidectomy.

<https://www.testicularhealth.info/ParentinfoTorsion.pdf>

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 5 or more consecutive days or
Unauthorised absence: A Penalty Notice 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.

Monday 5 th	Bank holiday – school closed
Wednesday 7 th	Year 5 Bikeability
Wednesday 7 th	Online safety presentation with PC Andy Cornall for parents of Year 4, 5 and 6 pupils – 6pm
Thursday 8 th	Year 3 Presentation for Parents 9.15am
Friday 9 th	VE Day celebration – 80 th Anniversary
Monday 12 th	Allotment session for Year 3
Monday 12 th – Friday 16 th	SATS week for Year 6 pupils
Friday 16 th	Year 4 Presentation for Parents 9.15am
Monday 19 th	Allotment session for Year 1
Thursday 22 nd	Class photos
Thursday 22 nd	Trust football tournament at Macclesfield Academy
Thursday 22 nd	Mystery Readers 2.45pm
Monday 26 th – Friday 30 th	Half term – school closed

June 2025

Monday 2 nd – Friday 6 th	Multiplication check for Year 4
Monday 2 nd	Allotment session for Year 2
Tuesday 3 rd	Reception visit to Delamere Forest
Wednesday 4 th	Year 5 Presentation for Parents 9.30am
Thursday 5 th and Friday 6 th	Amaven sessions
Saturday 7 th	PTFA Summer Fair 12-3pm
Monday 9 th – Friday 13 th	Phonics screening check for Year 1
Monday 9 th	Allotment session for Year 3
Friday 13 th	Sports Day
Monday 16 th	Year 2 visit to Stockport Air Raid Shelter
Monday 16 th	Allotment session for Year 5
Tuesday 17 th	Year 4 Come and Play with the Halle at The Bridgewater Hall
Tuesday 17th	Open evening for new reception parents 5.30pm
Thursday 19 th and Friday 20 th	HCCS Transition days for Year 6
Monday 23 rd	Allotment session for Year 1
Monday 30 th	Year 6 Bikeability
Monday 30 th	Allotment session for Year 2

July 2025

Tuesday 1 st	Year 6 Bikeability
Wednesday 2 nd – Friday 4 th	Year 6 residential

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

Kind regards,

Fiona Gresty
Principal

Vicki Bradford
Head of school

