



Holmes Chapel Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Year 6 SATs week

Our lovely Year 6 children have made us extremely proud this week, completing their SATs tests in a very calm and mature way. Well done Year 6! Thank you so much to all the staff who have supported them.

Swimming – Year 5 and 6

The swimming pool has been in use this week with our Year 5 children all accessing lessons on a daily basis. Some have been working towards achieving being able to confidently swim 25m, while others have been learning some life saving skills. Next week it will be the turn of pupils in Year 6.

VE Day celebrations

We enjoyed having ice-cream last Friday to celebrate VE Day - thank you very much to the PTFA for funding this treat, and to Great Budworth Ice Cream Farm for supplying and serving the ice-cream.



Considerate parking and noise levels

We pride ourselves in maintaining good relationships with our neighbours. We have received a complaint about parents continually parking on double yellow lines, close to junctions, on the grass verges, blocking private driveways. We urge all parents to be considerate about where they park and ensure it is a safe location.

Uniform

We would like to remind parents about the correct and appropriate school and PE uniform. Please avoid 'fashion' items of PE kit such as crop tops, short Nike Pro style shorts and brightly printed leggings. Football kits and sports hoodies are also not acceptable for PE lessons in school.

Digital sign-in

We have now introduced a digital sign in system for everyone arriving & leaving through the front entrance. If your child is late arriving or leaving early parents/guardians are required to provide a reason, this ensures the location of your child is safely registered during the school day.

Wear Purple for Juvenile Idiopathic Arthritis – Friday 23rd May

We will be supporting this charity on Friday 23rd May and invite children to wear purple clothes or a purple accessory for the day to show your support. You can make an optional donation by bringing £1 cash on the day. Please see further information below about the charity.



#WearPurpleForJIA is an annual campaign dedicated to raising awareness and funds for the benefit of those living with juvenile idiopathic arthritis (JIA).

The money we receive through the #WearPurpleForJIA campaign means that we can continue to support people living with JIA and their families.

Together we have shouted loud, rallied support, and increased public understanding of JIA. We know there is still more to do, and we hope that you will join us in raising awareness and funds with #WearPurpleForJIA

this year to help support the 10,000 children living with arthritis in the UK.

Parent/Teacher Communication

Please can we remind parents that effective, respectful and constructive communication between school and home is really important to us. We are all working together to support the success and wellbeing of our children. We understand that some situations can cause an emotional response, but we kindly ask that any emails sent into school use appropriate, respectful language and that they are productive and solution focused. We would urge you to re-read what you have written and consider the potential impact it could have on the recipient before sending it. Thank you for your continued support.

Summer Fair – Saturday 7th June



Please note a change of timing for this event – **now 12.00-2.30pm.**

Please see the information below from the PTFA.

We would love it if you would all join us for a glorious day out in the (hopefully) sunshine!

What to expect on the day:

- Honey Pot Trail which features a trail of games/challenges to complete (with a lucky dip prize at the end),
- Holmes Chapel Hurricanes joining us for Beat the Goalie,
- React Theatre Academy doing mini workshops,
- A Bar,
- Cafe (cakes/tea/coffee),
- Tombolas,
- Facepainting + Tattoos and so much more.
- Bring your own picnic and your family and friends (the more the merrier)

Ticket prices are **£2.50 per child** (includes free entry to the Honey Pot Trail) and **£1 per adult** (includes a raffle ticket). Children are to please be accompanied by their adults :)

If you'd like to pre-book your tickets you can do so by scanning the QR Code below.

<https://holmes-chapel-ptfa.sumupstore.com/products>



We are in need of a few more volunteers on the day please between 12-2:30 or if you can help us clean up after the event. Even half an hour of your time is more helpful than you can imagine. you can email the school office or us directly on hcps.pta@gmail.com

All proceeds will be going towards a new stage for our school :)

We can't wait to welcome you all for a fabulous day.

Uniform Shopping:

Just a reminder our uniform shop is open every friday afternoon before pick up - between 2:45 and 3:15pm - cash and card accepted. If you can't make it you can contact us on hcps.pta@gmail.com with your requests we will then pack your orders and leave them at the office to collect.

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>

Emotional Health and Wellbeing

There is a wide range of information, advice and links to courses available on the Cheshire East Live Well website.

Follow the links below for further information.

<https://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/livewell/livewell.aspx>

<https://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/livewell/care-and-support-for-children/family-hubs/family-hubs.aspx>

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 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 17 th	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
Friday 27th	Front Row Music guitar/ukulele concerts for parents (2pm Y1, 2 and 3); 2.30pm Y4, 5 and 6)
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 16th	Travelling By Tuba music concerts

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,

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Principal

Vicki Bradford
Head of school

