



## Holmes Chapel Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers,



### Aspire Trust writing competition

Thank you to everyone who took part in the recent writing competition that was organised by our Trust. All our school's entries were judged by the Trust team and three winners were chosen.

First prize – Ephelia Year 3 £20  
Second prize – Darcy Year 6 £10  
Third prize – Izzy Year 3 £5



Many congratulations to all our brilliant winners!

### Wear Purple for Juvenile Idiopathic Arthritis – Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May

Thank you very much for supporting the charity today, we raised £227.10 in total which is greatly appreciated.

### Sports Day – Friday 13<sup>th</sup> June

We are looking forward to welcoming you to our Sports Day on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> June. KS2 children (Years 3, 4, 5 and 6) will be participating during the morning session which begins at 9.15am (gates open at 8.40am) and will finish at around midday. KS1 children will be participating in the afternoon session which begins at 1.30pm (gates open at 1.15pm). Please see the letter sent out earlier this week for more details.

Please note that if the weather is bad and we have to cancel on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> June, we have a reserve date of Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> June.

### After-School clubs for the next half term

Monday: Dance (Yr 1-4)

Monday: Athletics (Ks2)

Tuesday: Summer Games (Rec - Yr 2) - Cricket, Rounders and Tennis

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Thursday: Athletics (Rec - Yr 2) - This has been very popular this half term.

Friday: Gymnastics (Yr 1-4)

## Summer Fair – Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> 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 12-2:30pm 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](mailto: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](mailto: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>

### 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
<b>Term time leave:</b> Penalty Notice fines will be issued for term time leave of 5 or more consecutive days or
<b>Unauthorised absence:</b> A Penalty Notice may be considered when there have been 10 sessions of unauthorised absences in a 10 week period
<b>Per Parent/Per Child</b>
Penalty Notice fines will continue to be issued <b>per parent per child</b> . For example: 3 siblings absent for term time leave, would result in each parent receiving 3 separate fines.
<b>First Offence</b>
The first time a Penalty Notice is issued for term time leave or unauthorised school attendance the fine will be charged at:
<b>£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)</b>
<b>Second Offence</b>
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:
<b>£160 if paid within 28 days. (Unpaid penalty notices may result in a parental prosecution)</b>
<b>Third Offence</b>
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 26 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 30 <sup>th</sup>	Half term – school closed
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### 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
<b>Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Reception Father's Day afternoon 2pm</b>
<b>Thursday 12<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>React Drama Club performance for parents 4pm</b>
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Sports Day
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Year 2 visit to Stockport Air Raid Shelter
<b>Monday 16<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Year 6 Photographs</b>
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
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Open evening for new reception parents 5.30pm
<b>Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Reception concert for parents 9.30am</b>
<b>Thursday 19<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Trust Speech Festival at Tytherington High School</b>
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> and Friday 20 <sup>th</sup>	HCCS Transition days for Year 6
<b>Monday 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>Reserve date for Sports Day</b>
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Allotment session for Year 1
<b>Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> or Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>New reception children stay and play, and lunch experience</b>
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup>	Front Row Music guitar/ukulele concerts for parents (2pm Y1, 2 and 3); 2.30pm Y4, 5 and 6)
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
<b>Thursday 10<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Singing club performance for parents 4pm</b>
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>	Travelling By Tuba music concerts
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

A few dates for the next academic year:-

## September 2025

<b>Monday 1<sup>st</sup> and Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>Inset days for staff – school closed</b>
<b>Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>Autumn Term begins</b>
<b>Monday 8<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Allotment session for Year 2</b>
<b>Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>3.30pm Meet the Teacher for Year 1 4.00pm Meet the Teacher for Year 3</b>
<b>Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>3.30pm Meet the Teacher for Year 2 4.00pm Meet the Teacher for Year 4</b>
<b>Thursday 11<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>3.30pm Online safety talk for Year 5 and Year 6 parents with PC Andy Cornall, followed by Meet the Teacher for Year 5 and Year 6</b>
<b>Monday 15<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Allotment session for Year 3</b>

<b>Thursday 18<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Individual photos</b>
<b>Monday 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>Allotment session for Year 4</b>
<b>Monday 29<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Allotment session for Year 5</b>

#### **October 2025**

<b>Monday 6<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Allotment session for Year 2</b>
<b>Monday 13<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Allotment session for Year 3</b>
<b>Monday 20<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Allotment session for Year 5</b>
<b>Friday 24<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Inset day for staff – school closed</b>
<b>Monday 27<sup>th</sup> to Friday 31<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Half term break – school closed</b>

Wishing all our families a very happy half term break!

Kind regards,

Fiona Gresty  
Principal

Vicki Bradford  
Head of school

