



## Holmes Chapel Primary School

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Friday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

### Year 6

Our lovely Year 6 children have had a very busy time this week! On Monday and Tuesday most children engaged in Bikeability which give them the opportunity to build on their road safety skills, learning both in the school environment and on the local roads in the village. The cycling leaders were extremely impressed with the impeccable behaviour and high level of engagement from all the children who took part.

From Wednesday to Friday Year 6 had a fabulous time on their residential visit to the Kingswood Centre in the Dearne Valley. The children participated in a range of activities, including .... A massive thank you to all the adults who accompanied them on the visit.



### Transition sessions – Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> July

All children will be meeting the teachers and teaching assistants who will be teaching them from September 2025 on the morning of Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> July. This is an opportunity to visit their new classroom and find out about what they will be learning next year. Your child will be given a letter with some information about the year group they are moving into. Further information for parents will be available at our Meet the Teacher sessions in September – see below for dates and times of these events.

### End of Year Reports

Your child's end of year report will be available from 4:00pm on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> July. Please see the information sent out last week regarding how to access this.

### **RSPCA Fundraising Event – Friday 11<sup>th</sup> July**

Our Trust School Councillors have been working with other Trust schools to organise a fundraising event for the RSPCA. On Friday 11<sup>th</sup> July children are invited to bring in a drawing or photograph of their pet or their favourite animal to share with their class. An optional donation of £1 will go to the RSPCA. School uniform to be worn as normal.

### **Singing club performance – cancelled**

Unfortunately, the singing performance for parents that was scheduled for Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> July, will not be going ahead. Please accept our apologies.

### **Parental support on school trips**

We really value and appreciate parental support on our school trips, but please note that we have to follow our school policies (and Cheshire East regulations) regarding the organisation of trips, and this includes managing the adults who accompany us. Many of our trips require a specific number of adults, and often we have to pay for the number we take. We do make every effort to make it as fair as possible, so that all parents who offer have a chance to participate at some point during the year.

On our recent Reception classes visit to Delamere Forest, we did invite all parents in the year to come along and engage, and welcomed the large number that participated. This was an unusual situation and, for the majority of our out of school trips, this is not possible.

### **Meal & Trip Balances**

As we approach the end of the academic year, we would be extremely grateful if you can kindly pay for all outstanding payments against educational trips and school meals taken. As a school body, this collective total is currently in the region of £4,000 of unpaid trips & meals taken. This level of debt can impact classroom resources we are able to purchase.

### **Are you playing Your School Lottery yet?**

Tickets for the school lottery cost just £1 per week. When you buy tickets to play the lottery and support your school, you'll automatically be entered into a guaranteed weekly cash prize for one supporter at your school as well as a chance to win the top Jackpot prize of £25,000!

They also have some seriously epic mega prizes up for grabs! The next mega prize is a Mega Nintendo Switch 2 Bundle. Please see the attachment for more! Thanking you ever so kindly :)

### **Beginning and end of school day – reminder**

Please note that we are unable to supervise children before 8.40am so children should not be dropped off early unless this has been pre-arranged with the school office. This is also the case at the end of the school day. We appreciate that there may be occasions when you are running late – in these circumstances please contact the school office to let us know and we will look after your child until you arrive. Thank you for your cooperation.

### **Parking Reminder**

A neighbour has asked that we remind all parents about courteous parking and behaviour. It would be appreciated if parents could refrain from parking across the front of private driveways on any of the roads near to the school when dropping off their children. Please also be considerate about parking on the pavement, as this can affect parents with buggies. Please do not park in the parking bay outside school, as this is needed for school buses.

Whilst we all appreciate parking around the school can be challenging, please try to park considerately. Thank you.

### **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 cannot 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.

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## Community News

The latest issue of the Holmes Chapel Community Newsletter is now available. Please visit their website using the link below and click on the **image of the newsletter** to access it.

<https://www.hcpartnership.org.uk/community-newsletter>

## The Newsletter covers news, events and experiences from your community – please tell them about them!

All you have to do is send some text (and pictures if available/applicable)

to [news@hcpartnership.org.uk](mailto:news@hcpartnership.org.uk) and they will do the rest; they are happy to accept just a paragraph or two or an essay if you wish! *(Please note that they cannot accept articles in the form of PDF files.*

*Please send them Word or JPEG files or they can copy text from an email).*

## 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 termtime 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
Per Parent/Per Child
Penalty Notice fines will continue to be issued <b>per parent per child</b> . For example: 3 siblings absent for termtime leave, would result in each parent receiving 3 separate fines.
First Offence
The first time a Penalty Notice is issued for termtime 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>
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 termtime 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>
Third Offence
On the third time that an offence is committed within 3 years of the first penalty notice for either a termtime 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.

### June 2025

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
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	HCCS Open Evening for Year 5 4.00-6.15pm
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Allotment session for Year 3

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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
<del>Thursday 10<sup>th</sup></del>	<del>Singing club performance for parents 4pm (cancelled – sorry)</del>
<b>Friday 11<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>RSPCA fundraising event</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:-

Please note a change to dates for year groups for Meet the Teacher, based on some teachers moving to different year groups.

### September 2025

Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> and Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Inset days for staff – school closed
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Autumn Term begins
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Allotment session for Year 2
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup>	3.30pm Meet the Teacher for Year 2 4.00pm Meet the Teacher for Year 4
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup>	3.30pm Meet the Teacher for Year 1 4.00pm Meet the Teacher for Year 3
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup>	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
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Allotment session for Year 3
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Individual photos
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Allotment session for Year 4
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup>	Allotment session for Year 5

### October 2025

Monday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Allotment session for Year 2
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Allotment session for Year 3
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Allotment session for Year 5
<b>Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> and Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>Parents' Evenings</b>
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup>	Inset day for staff – school closed
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> to Friday 31 <sup>st</sup>	Half term break – school closed

Kind regards,

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Principal

Vicki Bradford  
Head of school

