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Dear Parents/Carers,

Year 3 visit to Macclesfield Forest

On Tuesday 8th July Year 3 spent the day at Macclesfield Forest learning some geographical skills and developing their knowledge of fieldwork and mapping. They took part in the following activities: drawing simple field sketches, looking at different types of maps, using a key to locate ordnance survey symbols, learning how to use a compass and orienteering. They had so much fun!



Transition sessions – Wednesday 9th July

All children have now had the opportunity to meet the teachers and teaching assistants who will be teaching them from September 2025 and have visited their new classroom. Further information for parents will be available at our Meet the Teacher sessions in September – see below for dates and times of these events.

Final week of term

Next week is our final week of this academic year, and it will be time to say a fond farewell to all our lovely Year 6 children. We wish them every success as they move on to their next adventure. Events to look forward next week are our Year 6 leaver's performance for parents and our leaver's assembly. We are also looking forward to the Travelling by Tuba music concerts for both key stages on Wednesday. Term finishes at 1.20pm on Friday 18th July. We wish everyone a restful and safe summer break.

End of year results

We are very proud of our Year 6 cohort for achieving well in their SATs. Overall results are below:-

Subject	Holmes Chapel Primary School	National
Reading	89% (GDS 44%)	75%
Maths	78% (GDS 19%)	74%
Writing	78% (GDS 5%)	72%
Grammar, punctuation and spelling	86% (GDS 34%)	73%
Science	94%	82%

We are also very proud of our Year 1 cohort for achieving a 85% pass in their phonics screening check! Well done everyone!

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 with your requests we will then pack your orders and leave them at the office to collect.

After school clubs – autumn term 2025

We are currently organising a range of after school clubs for the autumn term.

The following clubs will be run by school staff:-

- Monday – Coding Club 3.20-4.00pm (Year 6 – run by Mr Vickery and TBC)
- Thursday – Cooking Club 3.20-4.40pm (Year 5 – run by Mrs Hill and Mrs Middleton)
- Thursday – Singing Club 3.20-4.00pm (Years 4-6 - run by Ms Lackford, Mrs May) starting on Thursday 25th September

The following clubs will be run by outside providers in September and will require payment - flyers will be sent out shortly:

Sports Coaching

Monday: Dance (Yr 1-4)

Monday: Basketball/Netball (Yr 3-6)

Tuesday: Dodgeball (Yr 4-6)

Tuesday: Football (Yr 1-3)

Wednesday: Dodgeball (Yr 1-3)

Wednesday: Football (Yr 3-6)

Thursday: Pickleball (Yr 3-6)

Thursday: Gymnastics (Yr 1-4)

Drama Club – **React Theatre** – Thursdays (Y3-6)

Art Club - **Art Zone** – Tuesdays (Y1-6)

All clubs will start during the second full week of the autumn term. We will send out further information about how to book a place for your child at the beginning of the autumn term. Please note that the outdoor clubs will not continue after half term.

School Car Park

Having had a few parking incidents with collection of children especially from after after-school clubs, we ask you to remind all adults collecting your children to abide by the school rules. We do not allow parking in the car park unless it has been previously agreed by the school. We will not tolerate abusive behaviour towards our staff for enforcing the parking policy. This policy is in place to keep all children safe when exiting the school and using the crossing.

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 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.

July 2025

Monday 14 th	Allotment session for Year 5
Tuesday 15 th	Year 6 Leaver's performance for parents 2pm
Wednesday 16 th	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

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 st and Tuesday 2 nd	Inset days for staff – school closed
Wednesday 3 rd	Autumn Term begins

Monday 8 th	Allotment session for Year 2
Tuesday 9 th	3.30pm Meet the Teacher for Year 2 4.00pm Meet the Teacher for Year 4
Wednesday 10 th	3.30pm Meet the Teacher for Year 1 4.00pm Meet the Teacher for Year 3
Thursday 11 th	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 th	Allotment session for Year 3
Thursday 18 th	Individual photos
Monday 22 nd	Allotment session for Year 4
Monday 29 th	Allotment session for Year 5

October 2025

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

Kind regards,

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Principal

Vicki Bradford
Head of school

