



Holmes Chapel Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Information from Meet the Teacher sessions

If you missed our Meet the Teacher sessions, please find information shared on the year group pages of our school website by following this link:- <https://www.holmeschapelprimary.org.uk/classes>

Staff news

Mrs Robinson, who has worked as a SEN teaching assistant is leaving us today to start a new career path as a midwife. Mrs Robinson has been an asset to our staff team; our loss is the NHS' gain! Thank you so much to Mrs Robinson for all of her hard work at Holmes Chapel Primary.

Cross Country House Competition

The children have shown incredible determination and team spirit during this week's cross country house competition. Despite the intermittent rain, the children gave it their all. From the very first stride to the final sprint, they demonstrated resilience, grit, and a fantastic attitude that made us all proud. It wasn't just about finishing fast — it was about trying hard, supporting one another, and not giving up when the going got tough.

A huge well done to everyone who took part. You've shown what perseverance really looks like, and we couldn't be more impressed. Rain or shine, you're all stars!

Book Fair

Please visit our Book Fair on Monday 22nd and Tuesday 23rd September 3.30-4.00pm in the breakout rooms.

After school clubs – Autumn Term 2025

Please see below our after school clubs for the autumn term.

The following clubs will be run by school staff. To secure your child's place, please log onto parentpay and click on the 'pay for other items' button.

- Monday – Coding Club 3.20-4.00pm (Year 6 – run by Mr Vickery and Miss Brett)
- Thursday – Singing Club 3.20-4.00pm (Years 4-6 - run by Ms Lackford, Mrs May, Ms Whalley)



To secure your child's place, please complete and return the slip which was sent home if your child expressed an interest in attending.

- Thursday – Cooking Club 3.20-4.40pm (Year 5 – run by Mrs Hill and Mrs Middleton)

The following clubs will be run by outside providers and will require payment – please contact the school office for further information.

The clubs below started from Monday 8th September.

Sports Coaching – sportscoachinggroup.co.uk

- 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)
- Friday: Gymnastics (Yr 1-4)

React Theatre – reacttheatreacademy@gmail.com

- Drama Club — Thursdays (Y3-6)

Art Zone – jo@art-zone.co.uk

- Art Club — Tuesdays (Y1-6)

PFTA News

Welcome back to school! We look forward to a fresh year of fundraising to support our school resources.

We have a couple of dates for your diary:

Meet The PFTA (Wed 17th Sept, 7-9pm ish, Bottle Bank) a casual meeting for old and new members to discuss upcoming events, ideas and fundraising requests from school. Come along to find out more about what your PFTA does for your child's school.

PFTA/School meeting (9 - 10am, school) Join in discussions with the PFTA and school representatives about future events and fundraising requests from the school.

Autumn PFTA Disco - Thursday 16th Oct. Years 1-6 after school event. Reception classes get their own in school hours disco as a gentle introduction to school discos. More details to follow! Volunteers for the events will be needed.

Uniform shop - Volunteers are needed to open the pre-loved uniform shop 2:45-3:10 on Fridays. This is a valuable resource for our school community so a fab way to help your school. Volunteers don't need to be available every Friday, just need a group of helpers to rotate in. Guidance will be provided and 2 parents needed to help each week.

Courteous Parking

The parking enforcement officers have been monitoring parking around school and will be continuing to do so. Please ensure that you park legally in a side road with consideration for our neighbours and other road users. Please note that there should be no parking in the layby outside school.

Safety reminder

To ensure your child's safety, please remember the following government regulations:-

Children must [normally use a child car seat](#) until they're 12 years old or 135 centimetres tall, whichever comes first.

Children over 12 or more than 135cm tall [must wear a seat belt](#).

You can choose a child car seat based on your child's height or weight.

You can find out more by following the link to this government website:- <https://www.gov.uk/child-car-seats-the-rules>

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, we are 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 our duty to strongly urge parents or carers to avoid booking holidays, appointments or visits overseas during term-time. In addition, it is important that we 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 the next academic year. New dates have been added in bold.

September 2025

Monday 15 th	Allotment session for Year 3
Wednesday 17th	Meet the PTFA – Bottle Bank Holmes Chapel – All welcome
Thursday 18 th	Individual photos
Monday 22 nd	Allotment session for Year 4
Monday 22 nd	Book Fair 3.30pm
Tuesday 23 rd	Book Fair 3.30pm
Thursday 25th	PTFA/School meeting 9-10am in school – all welcome
Monday 29 th	Allotment session for Year 5

October 2025

Monday 6 th	Allotment session for Year 2
Tuesday 7 th	Open Morning 9.15-11.30am
Monday 13 th	Allotment session for Year 3
Thursday 16 th	Child safety event in Crewe for Year 6
Thursday 16th	After School PTFA Disco (Y1-Y6)
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

November 2025

Monday 10 th	Odd Socks day
Tuesday 11 th	FLUENZ
Friday 14 th	Children in Need

December 2025

Sunday 7th	Holmes Chapel Village Christmas Fair 3-7pm
Tuesday 9 th	KS1 performance 1.45pm
Wednesday 10 th	KS1 performance 6pm
Tuesday 16 th	Reception nativity 9.45am
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Wednesday 17 th	Christmas lunch
Thursday 18 th	Christmas parties
Friday 19 th	School closes at 1.20pm
Monday 22 nd December – Monday 5 th January (inclusive)	School closed – Christmas break

January 2026

Monday 5 th	INSET day for staff – school closed
Tuesday 6 th	Spring term begins

Kind regards,

Fiona Gresty
Principal

Vicki Bradford
Head of school

