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Dear Parents/Carers,

NSPCC – Speak out, stay safe

This week children have watched a virtual NSPCC assembly. The assembly explains that all children have the right to speak out and have their views taken seriously, be kept safe and get help when they need it. Following this, our Year 2, 5 and 6 children will engage over the next 2 weeks in a 'Speak out stay safe' workshop run by the NSPCC. This what they say about their programme:-



NSPCC
Speak out. Stay safe.
programme

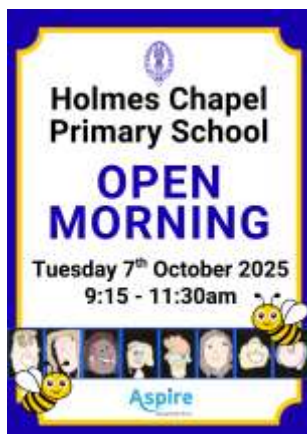
Speak out Stay safe is a safeguarding programme for children aged 5 to 11 years old. It is available to all primary schools in the UK and Channel Islands. It helps children understand:

- abuse in all its forms and how to recognise the signs of abuse
- that abuse is never a child's fault and they have the right to be safe
- where to get help and the sources of help available to them, including our [Childline service](#).

For more information, follow this link:- <https://learning.nspcc.org.uk/services/speak-out-stay-safe>

Book Fair

A big thank you to everyone who attended the book fair on Monday and Tuesday after school.



Open morning

We are holding an open morning aimed at children starting school in September 2026. Please share this information if you know of anyone looking for school places in September.

PTFA News – *Please see revised times for the PTFA discos*

Please note times for this term's disco on Thursday 16th October are as follows:-

- 5.00pm-5.45pm for Years 1, 2 and 3
- 6.00pm-7.00pm for Years 4, 5 and 6



Cheshire East Autism Team coffee mornings

Parent Carer Groups

In partnership with Cheshire and Warrington Carers representatives from The Cheshire East Autism Team attend coffee mornings where they are available to speak to parent/carers in an informal setting.

Below is a list of venues across Cheshire East.

**Crewe Parent Carer Coffee Morning 1st Monday of the Month 10.00am - 12.00noon.
Unless it's a Bank Holiday then 2nd Monday.**

Unit 1 , Brierley Business Centre, Mirion Street, Crewe. CW1 2AZ

Congleton Parent Carer Coffee Morning 2nd Friday of the Month 10.00 - 12.00pm

- Congleton Family Hub , New St Congleton, CW12 3AH

Poynton Evening Support Group - 3rd Monday of the Month 6.30pm - 8.00pm

- Poynton Methodist Church (CEAT do not attend this group)

**Macclesfield Parent Carer Coffee Morning - Now on 3rd WEDNESDAY of the Month
10.30 am -12.30pm**

- Broken Cross Children's Centre , Parkett Heyes Rd, Macclesfield SK11 8UD

More information on the groups can be found by by emailing
parentcarersupport@cheshireandwarringtoncarers.org or calling 0300 102 0008 or texting
07593782615

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 29 th	Allotment session for Year 5
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October 2025

Wednesday 1st	NSPCC workshops for Y2, Y5, Y6
Monday 6 th	Allotment session for Year 2
Tuesday 7 th	Open Morning 9.15-11.30am
Wednesday 8th	Year 2 Village Walk 9.15am
Wednesday 8th	NSPCC workshops for Y2, Y5, Y6
Wednesday 8th	Guide dog association visiting Reception
Monday 13 th	Allotment session for Year 3
Thursday 16 th	Child safety event in Crewe for Year 6
Thursday 16 th	After School PTFA Disco (Y1-Y6) 5.00-5.45pm for Years 1, 2 and 3 6.00-7.00pm for Years 4, 5 and 6
Friday 17 th	Wear Red Day – Show racism the red card
Monday 20 th	PC Andy Cornall e-safety workshop with Year 5 and Year 6 children
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
Wednesday 19 th	PC Cornall – Online safety presentation for parents 6pm – School Hall 6pm

December 2025

Sunday 7 th	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

Vicki Bradford

Principal

Head of school
