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Friday 3rd October 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

Open morning

We are holding an open morning aimed at children starting school in September 2026. This is on Tuesday 7th October 9.15-11.30am. Please share this information if you know of anyone looking for school places in September.

Parents' Evenings – Wednesday 22nd and Thursday 23rd October

The booking system for making an appointment for this term's parents' evenings will open at 6pm Friday 10th October and close at 6pm on Friday 17th October. More details about how to book your appointment will be sent out next week.

This parents' evening meeting is an opportunity for you to talk to your child's teacher about how your child has settled in, what is going well and how we will be supporting your child to continue to make good progress over the rest of this term and this year. Please note that this appointment is not suitable for your child/children to attend with you. Mrs Bradford, our SENCO will also be available during both parents' evenings to discuss any SEND related concerns you may have. There is no appointment necessary for this. If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

YOUR SCHOOL NEEDS YOU!

Mystery Readers

We still have a few spare slots for parents/carers/grandparents to come into school as a mystery reader. Please contact the school office for further information.

Do you have a specialism or skill that you could share?

We would welcome any parents/carers/relatives/friends of your family who would like to come into school to talk to a class of children about something they do as a job or a hobby that would be interesting to share. Alternatively, you may have a skill that you could teach our children or show them to inspire them to have a go! Please contact the school office to register your skill.



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 Family Hubs

Family hubs support young people aged 0-19 and offer a wide range of resources, advice and information for young people and parents/carers. Find out more by following the link below:

<https://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/livewell/care-and-support-for-children/family-hubs/family-hubs.aspx>



The NHS are offering free online parenting courses – follow this link (<https://inourplace.co.uk/>) or go via the Family Hub page using the link above.

Community News

A message from Holmes Chapel Partnership:-

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

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

In this edition you will find out about:

- Updates on our campaign for a pedestrian crossing on Macclesfield Road
- Our 'Safe Spaces' scheme in the village
- Walking and cycling routes in Holmes Chapel
- The Crewe to Manchester Real Ale Trail
- And much, much more!

We are always delighted to receive contributions to the newsletter - all you have to do is send some text with pictures/logo to news@hcpartnership.org.uk and we will do the rest; you don't have to write an essay, we're happy to accept anything from a simple event notice to a couple of paragraphs, or more if you wish! Please note that we cannot accept articles in the form of pdf files, but can take plain text (in an email) or Word files.

If you would like to submit an article for the next issue, please email it to news@hcpartnership.org.uk by the 20th of the month before the cover date.

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.

October 2025

Monday 6 th	Allotment session for Year 2
Tuesday 7 th	Open Morning 9.15-11.30am
Wednesday 8 th	Year 2 Village Walk 9.15am
Wednesday 8 th	NSPCC workshops for Y2, Y5, Y6
Wednesday 8 th	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 16th	Mystery readers 2.45pm
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
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December 2025

Friday 5th	Non-uniform day - PTFA hamper donations
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
Wednesday 17 th	Reception nativity 9.45am
Wednesday 17 th	Christmas lunch
Thursday 18 th	Christmas parties
Thursday 18th	PTFA Santa Sleigh visit for KS1 Elf run for KS2 (fundraising for St Luke's Hospice)
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
Wednesday 14 th	Year 4 visit New Vic Theatre

February 2026

Thursday 5th	Mystery readers 2.45pm
Friday 6th	Young Voices concert (Manchester)
Tuesday 10th	Safer internet day
Wednesday 11th	Year 4 Greek workshop
Thursday 12th	Year 4 Greek workshop
Wednesday 11th and Thursday 12th	Spring term parents' evenings
Monday 16th – Friday 20th	School closed - Half term break

March 2026

Tuesday 5th	World Book Day
Monday 16th – Wednesday 18th	Year 5 residential visit
Thursday 26th	Mystery readers 2.45pm
Friday 27th	School closes at 1.20pm
Monday 30th March – Friday 10th April	School closed – Easter break

April 2026

Monday 13th	Summer term begins
Wednesday 15th	Year 4 visit to Crowden Valley

May 2026

Friday 1st	INSET day for staff – school closed
Monday 4th	Bank holiday – school closed
Tuesday 5th	Year 1 visit to Staircase House
Monday 11th – Thursday 14th	Year 6 SATS tests
Thursday 21st	Mystery Readers 2.45pm
Monday 25th – Friday 29th	School closed – Half term break

June 2026

Monday 15th	Year 2 visit to Stockport Air Raid Shelter
Thursday 18th and Friday 19th	Transition days for Holmes Chapel Comprehensive

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Wednesday 24th	Sports Day

July 2026

Wednesday 1st – Friday 3rd	Year 6 residential visit
Wednesday 8th	Reports to parents
Thursday 9th	Mystery readers 2.45pm
Tuesday 14th	Year 6 Leaver's performance to parents 2pm
Wednesday 15th	Year 6 Leaver's performance to parents 6pm
Thursday 16th	Leaver's assembly and Leaver's lunch
Friday 17th	School closes at 1.20pm
Monday 20th July – Monday 31st August	School closed – summer break

Kind regards,

Fiona Gresty
Principal

Vicki Bradford
Head of school

