



## Holmes Chapel Primary School

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Friday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

### Parents' Evenings – Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> and Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> October

Our booking system for making an appointment for this term's parents' evenings will open at 6pm today (Friday 10<sup>th</sup> October) and will close at 6pm on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> October. Details about how to book your appointment were sent out last 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.

Please note that appointments for children in Class 5a (Mrs May's class) will be on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> October – please see the separate letter sent out earlier this week to Class 5a parents.

### NSPCC workshops

This week and last week some representatives from the NSPCC came to talk to our Year 2, 5 and 6 children about their 'Speak out Stay safe' safeguarding programme that aims to equip a generation of children with the knowledge they need to stay safe from abuse and neglect. The children engaged well with our visitors.

### Visit from Guide Dogs Association

On Wednesday we had a visit from Karen and her dog Donna to talk to children in Reception and Year 6 about the important work that guide dogs do. The children enjoyed finding out all about how the dogs are trained.





### Front Row Music Assembly

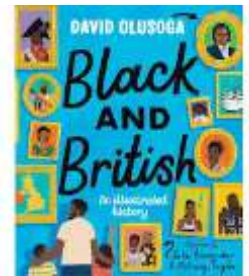
Front Row Music came in today to deliver an assembly. The children had a great time learning about the eukulele and joining in with some songs. If your child is interested in eukulele lessons in school please find a letter detailing how to book attached or visit

[www.frontrow-music.com/signup](http://www.frontrow-music.com/signup) to sign up.



### Black and British themed event – week beginning 13<sup>th</sup> October

October 1st 2025 marks the beginning of Black History Month, widely regarded as one of the most prominent cultural celebrations of the year. Honouring the contributions made to society by people of Black heritage and their communities, Black History Month



is a time to educate and enrich the world with the importance of Black history.

During the week beginning 13<sup>th</sup> October, the children will be learning about key figures in Britain, both historical and contemporary. We will be using the book 'Black and British' by David Olusoga as a stimulus.

### After school clubs – second half of autumn term 2025

Please see below our after school clubs for the second half of 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 Miss Brett)
- Thursday – Singing Club 3.20-4.00pm (Years 4-6 - run by Ms Lackford, Mrs May, Ms Whalley)
- 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 will commence from Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November.**

### Sports Coaching – <https://sportscoachinggroup.co.uk/>

Please see the attached flyer for booking information.

- Monday: Yr 1-4 Dance
- Tuesday: Yr 1/2 Football
- Wednesday: Yr 1-4 Dodgeball
- Wednesday: Yr 3-6 Football
- Thursday: Yr 1-4 Multi-Sports
- Friday: Yr 1-4 Gymnastics
- Friday: Yr 3-6 Boxing + Fun Fitness

### React Theatre – [reacttheatreacademy@gmail.com](mailto:reacttheatreacademy@gmail.com)

Please see attached flyers for more information.

- Drama Club — Thursdays (Y3-6)

### Art Zone – [jo@art-zone.co.uk](mailto:jo@art-zone.co.uk)

Please see attached flyer for more information.

- Art Club — Tuesdays (Y1-6)

## Mad Science Club - <https://northengland.madscience.org>

Thursdays at 3:20pm-4:20pm for KS2 (Y3-6) on the following dates:

- Thursday 6th November
- Thursday 13th November
- Thursday 20th November
- Thursday 27th November
- Thursday 4th December
- Thursday 11th December

The deadline for registrations is **21/10/2025**. Please register your children online at <https://northengland.madscience.org> on a first-come, first-served basis. Payment by instalments is available. If you have any problems or queries with booking please call Mad Science directly on 01772 628844 and they'll be happy to help!

## 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 13 <sup>th</sup>	Allotment session for Year 3
<b>Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Mad Science assembly for KS2</b>
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Child safety event in Crewe for Year 6
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Mystery readers 2.45pm
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup>	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 <sup>th</sup>	Wear Red Day – Show racism the red card
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup>	PC Andy Cornall e-safety workshop with Year 5 and Year 6 children
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Allotment session for Year 5
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> and Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Parents' Evenings
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

### November 2025

Monday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Odd Socks day
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup>	FLUENZ
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Children in Need
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup>	PC Cornall – Online safety presentation for parents 6pm – School Hall 6pm

### December 2025

Friday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Non-uniform day - PTFA hamper donations
Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Holmes Chapel Village Christmas Fair 3-7pm
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup>	KS1 performance 1.45pm
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup>	KS1 performance 6pm
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Reception nativity 9.45am
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Reception nativity 9.45am
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas lunch
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas parties
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup>	PTFA Santa Sleigh visit for KS1 Elf run for KS2 (fundraising for St Luke's Hospice)
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup>	School closes at 1.20pm
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December – Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> January (inclusive)	School closed – Christmas break

### January 2026

Monday 5 <sup>th</sup>	INSET day for staff – school closed
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Spring term begins
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Year 4 visit New Vic Theatre

### February 2026

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

**March 2026**

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

**April 2026**

Monday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Summer term begins
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Year 4 visit to Crowden Valley

**May 2026**

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

**June 2026**

Monday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Year 2 visit to Stockport Air Raid Shelter
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> and Friday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Transition days for Holmes Chapel Comprehensive School
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup>	Sports Day

**July 2026**

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

Kind regards,

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Principal

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Head of school