



## Holmes Chapel Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

### Year 1 and Year 2 Village Walks

Last week our Year 1 and Year 2 children walked into the village.



Year 1 visited the village to enrich their History Homes topic, so on their walk the children compared the houses in Holmes Chapel – looking at the homes built during different times in the past as well as new homes currently being built.

Year 2's visit had a geography focus and The focus was identifying features of the village to compare to Chembakolli in India.

### Year 6 Crucial Crewe Trip

Year 6 had a great time at the Crucial Crewe event this week. It was an interactive way of delivering health and well-being messages to the children in preparation for secondary school. The event, led by professionals from the Emergency Services and local agencies, encouraged model behaviour and good citizenship through active participation in a range of health and safety activities.

### Fund raising for the Guide Dogs Association – Reception

Following last week's visit from Karen and her dog Donna from the Guide Dogs Association, our reception children made their own guide dog out of paper to take for a walk around the trim trail. The children also made a donation to the Guide Dogs Association.

## **Positive Communication: Working Together for Our Children**

As a school community, we value strong, respectful partnerships between home and school. We understand that parents and carers are passionate about their children's wellbeing and education — and we are too. In today's digital world, it can be tempting to turn to social media like Facebook to express concerns or frustrations. However, we kindly remind all families that **Facebook is not the appropriate platform for resolving school matters.**

### Let's Talk — Not Post

If you have a question, concern, or feedback:

- Please **contact the school directly** through the appropriate channels
- Speaking with your child's teacher, the school office, or a school leader allows us to respond quickly, clarify information, and work towards a positive outcome
- Posting on social media can spread misinformation, damage trust, and doesn't always lead to helpful solutions

### A Supportive Community

Our goal is to foster a school environment where all members — staff, students, and families — feel respected and supported. We ask that communication remain:

- Respectful and constructive
- Focused on solutions
- Private when discussing individual children or staff members

By working together and communicating openly, we can create the best possible experience for all students. Thank you for helping us maintain a safe, respectful, and positive school community.

If you ever have a concern or would like to speak with someone at school, please contact the school office.

## **Holiday Activities and Food programme**

Cheshire East Council are proud to present the Holiday Activities and Food programme, which is made up of a number of local schools, holiday club providers, community and voluntary organisations to provide families with fun activities, healthy meals and more. This is free for recipients of income-related free school meals. For further information, please follow this link:-

[https://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/schools/holiday-activities-and-food-programme-haf.aspx?utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=govdelivery](https://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/schools/holiday-activities-and-food-programme-haf.aspx?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery)

## **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 use this link for booking

<https://sports-coaching-group.classforkids.io/term/1128>

- Monday: Yr 1-4 Dance
  - Tuesday: Yr 1/2 Football
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- 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 Notice 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 20 <sup>th</sup>	Allotment session Y5
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Parents' Evenings for Class 5a (Mrs May's class)
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> and Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Parents' Evenings for rest of school
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

<b>Monday 10<sup>th</sup> – Friday 14<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Anti-bullying week, including Odd Socks day on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> November</b>
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
<b>Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> (please note change of date)</b>	<b>PTFA Santa Sleigh visit for KS1 Elf run for KS2 (fundraising for St Luke's Hospice)</b>
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas parties
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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