



## Holmes Chapel Primary School

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Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you to all our parents/carers for attending our parents' evenings this week. This has been a long and busy half term for the children and staff and we hope you all have a very well-deserved rest over the break next week.

### Coming up after half term

#### Anti-bullying week – 10<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> November

Anti-Bullying Week 2025 will take place from Monday 10<sup>th</sup> - Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November, with the theme: Power for Good. The week will kick off with **Odd Socks Day** on **Monday 10<sup>th</sup> November**, with adults and children being encouraged to wear odd socks to celebrate what makes us all unique.

Activities during the week will focus on how we can actively use our Power for Good, and what we can do to stop bullying.



#### Foodbank donations – Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November

In order to support our local foodbanks in Middlewich and Sandbach, we will be collecting donations on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November. Your optional donations are very much appreciated. The foodbanks have particularly asked for donations of particular items. More details to follow soon.



#### Children in Need – Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November

Children are invited to wear Pudsey accessories to celebrate Children in Need on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November. As we are already asking for foodbank donations, we will not be collecting for Children in Need. However, you can make your own donation if you wish through the website by following this link:-

<https://donate.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/>



#### PTFA News – a message from the committee

##### PTFA AGM – Monday 10<sup>th</sup> November 7.15pm

Dear Parents and Carers,

We warmly invite you to attend the **PTFA Annual General Meeting (AGM)**.

The AGM is an essential event in the PTFA calendar where we review our achievements from the past year, discuss how the funds raised have supported the school and elect the committee members who will lead our efforts next year.

**Your attendance is incredibly valuable.** It is a fantastic opportunity to hear firsthand about how the PTFA operates and contribute your ideas for the coming year. Whether you want to volunteer, join the committee, or simply learn more, all parents and carers are welcome to attend.

## Meeting Details

Detail	Information
Date:	Monday, November 10th
Time:	7:15 PM
Location:	In person at school

We look forward to seeing you there and working together to support our children's learning experience.

If you would like to get in contact with us our email address is [hcps.pta@gmail.com](mailto:hcps.pta@gmail.com)

Warm regards,

Jo, Chantelle, Dipa, Danika, Annabell and Gemma

PTFA Committee

## Half term holiday club

Sports coaching are running a holiday club in half term, they have a range of Halloween themed sports and crafts available which cater for all!

If you need a space and haven't already booked please use this link to book a space.

<https://sports-coaching-group.classforkids.io/camp/399>

**HAF Provision:**

**Cheshire East have granted limited spaces available across our HAF provision due to reduced funding. Sports coaching are offering a number of discounted multi-sports spaces to previous HAF customers where HAF camps are already full.**

As usual the children that are booked onto our HAF provision will still be eligible for a FREE meal as well as a jam packed day of sports and Halloween activities.

Eligibility and T&Cs apply, to claim the discount please email [holidays@sportscoachinggroup.co.uk](mailto:holidays@sportscoachinggroup.co.uk) or call us on 01270 449770 and choose extension 2.

## 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
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## 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

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
<b>Monday 10<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>PTFA AGM – 7.15pm at school</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
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> (please note change of date)	PTFA Santa Sleigh visit for KS1 Elf run for KS2 (fundraising for St Luke's Hospice)
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

Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup>	World Book Day
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> – Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Year 5 residential visit
<b>Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> and Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Book Fair 3.30-4.00pm</b>
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

Please remember that school is closed tomorrow for staff training. We wish everyone a happy half term break!

Kind regards,

Fiona Gresty  
Principal

Vicki Bradford  
Head of school

