



## Holmes Chapel Primary School

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Friday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to the second half of the autumn term. We hope everyone had a good half term break.

### Coming up this 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 – please see letter sent out on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> November.



#### 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/>



#### School communication – Arbor

We have been very aware that as a school we use too many different platforms. We have been working hard towards using one platform for communication, trip bookings & paying for meals. We are therefore excited to share that, as from next week we will be introducing the Arbor App system to parents. In the first instance you will be sent log in details to register with Arbor, please see attached the instructions. For the time being we will ask you to download the App and ensure your details are correct, school communication will start to come through Arbor, rather than using School Spider. Whilst we wait for everyone to be registered we will still be using Parent pay for payment items, such as meals & trips. We hope that by the end of the school year we can streamline everything into Arbor.



#### Keep your child safe online – a presentation for parents (Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> November at 6pm)

Join us in the school hall for a highly informative presentation for parents/carers of children in all year groups from PC Andy Cornall. This is an excellent opportunity to find out about how to keep your child safe online, particularly now that even our youngest children are accessing smartphones and tablets at home. The presentation will begin at 6pm and will last for approximately 45 minutes.

Please note that, due the content, this presentation is not suitable for children to attend with you. Children in Year 5 and 6 have had their own workshop sessions in school with PC Cornall.

If you are interested in attending this presentation please complete the form below so we can ensure we have the correct number of seats in the hall.

[Keep your child safe online – Fill out form](#)

### Christmas performance – Year 1 and Year 2

Very soon our children in Year 1 and Year 2 will be starting to prepare for their Christmas performance to parents. Performances will take place on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December at 1.45pm and Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December at 6pm. For health and safety reasons, this year we are intending to ticket this event. Please watch out for details about how to apply for your tickets in the next couple of weeks.

### Nativity performance – Reception classes

Our reception class nativities will take place on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December at 9.45am (Class Ra – Miss Sanchez's class) and Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December at 9.45am (Class R – Mrs Noble/Ms Cain's class). We look forward to seeing you there!

### 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



### Services offered by Cheshire East Council

#### Sleep Workshop for parents: 14 November 2025

A two-hour workshop to support you in understanding why your child may be struggling to sleep, possible causes of sleeping issues and importantly, what you can do to help your child and family get better sleep... For parents of children aged 8-16yrs who live in the Macclesfield, Wilmslow, Poynton or Knutsford areas. The next event will be held on Friday 14th November 2025, 10:00am-12:00pm, at Oakencloough Family Hub, Wilmslow.

Link: <https://www.justdropin.co.uk/sleep/>



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### **Visyon Parent/Carer peer support group: 19 November 2025**

Visyon are offering a peer support group for parents and carers to discuss ways to support their young people. This will be held at Visyon in Congleton on Wednesday 19 November 2025 from 10:00am.

Link: <https://www.visyon.org.uk/parentworkshops>



### **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 3.20-4.15pm (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)**

- Drama Club — Thursdays (Y3-6)

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

- 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



### **Community News**

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:

- The Holmes Chapel Christmas Market & Fair
- Our campaign for a pedestrian crossing on Macclesfield Road

- Santa's Sleigh Schedule for December
- Remembrance Sunday Parade details
- And much, much more!

### 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	
<b>Term time leave:</b>	Penalty Notice fines will be issued for term time leave of 5 or more consecutive days or:
<b>Unauthorised absence:</b>	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 <b>per parent per child</b> . 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:	
<b>£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)</b>	
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:	
<b>£160 if paid within 28 days. (Unpaid penalty notices may result in a parental prosecution)</b>	
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.

#### November 2025

Monday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Odd Socks day
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup>	PTFA AGM – 7.15pm at school
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
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> and Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup>	Book Fair 3.30-4.00pm
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
<b>Thursday 7<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Year 4 Presentation for parents 9.15am</b>
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> – Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 SATS tests
<b>Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Year 3 Presentation for parents 9.15am</b>
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

<b>Friday 5<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Year 5 Presentation for parents 9.30-10am</b>
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
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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

Vicki Bradford  
Head of school

