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Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you very much for your support this week with Odd Socks Day, Children in Need and donations to local foodbanks. We have been overwhelmed by your generosity. A special thanks to Mrs Middleton who has distributed all of the donations.



Holmes Chapel Remembrance Sunday

Thank you to Mrs kozyra and the Year 6's who took part in the Holmes Chapel remembrance Sunday parade. As always it was a extremely well attended community event.



School communication – Arbor

As communicated last week, we are introducing the Arbor App as our new platform for parent/carers communication. Many families have already downloaded the App and registered – thank you.

Last week all parents/carers were sent log in details and instructions about how to register with Arbor. If you require further information, please contact the school office.

Please note that while 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 19th 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 to 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](#)

We have had very little take up for this event so far. Please fill out the form (link above) to let us know you are attending. Please note that it will not go ahead if numbers continue to be low.

Christmas performance – Year 1 and Year 2

Performances will take place on Tuesday 9th December at 1.45pm and Wednesday 10th December at 6pm. For health and safety reasons, this year we are intending to ticket this event. Tickets are free and can be applied for through Arbor from 24th November.

Nativity performance – Reception classes

Our reception class nativities will take place on Tuesday 16th December at 9.45am (Class Ra – Miss Sanchez's class) and Wednesday 17th December at 9.45am (Class R – Mrs Noble/Ms Cain's class). For health and safety reasons, this year we are intending to ticket this event. Tickets are free and can be applied for through Arbor from 24th November.

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 3rd 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

- Drama Club — Thursdays (Y3-6)

Art Zone – 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
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- Thursday 27th November
- Thursday 4th December
- Thursday 11th December

Christmas Holiday club

Our **Great Christmas Snowdown Holiday Clubs** are now live, and we would love for your students to have the most memorable Christmas holidays with **Sports Coaching Group**.

We are running at Homles chapel primary school.

Here's what we have on offer:

- **Christmas craft camp - Tuesday 23rd December**
- **Christmas Party Day – Wednesday 24th December**
- **Nerf day - Friday 2nd January**
- Christmas crafts
- Christmas themed party games
- Visits from our mascots
- Christmas jewellery making
- Multi-sports available every day

Additionally each child will enjoy a **hot Christmas dinner** on our Christmas Party Day (24th December).

Booking links:

22nd,23rd,2nd - [Multi-Sports Holiday Club - Holmes Chapel Primary School \(5 - 11yrs\) at Holmes Chapel Primary School, Holmes Chapel | Sports Coaching Group | Powered by ClassForKids](#)
24th - [Multi-Sports Holiday Club - Holmes Chapel Primary School \(5 - 11yrs\) at Holmes Chapel Primary School, Holmes Chapel | Sports Coaching Group | Powered by ClassForKids](#)

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.

November 2025

Wednesday 19 th	PC Cornall – Keep your child safe online presentation for parents – school hall 6pm
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December 2025

Friday 5 th	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
Wednesday 17 th (please note change of date)	PTFA Santa Sleigh visit for KS1 Elf run for KS2 (fundraising for St Luke's Hospice)
Thursday 18 th	Christmas parties
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 5 th	Mystery readers 2.45pm
Friday 6 th	Young Voices concert (Manchester)
Tuesday 10 th	Safer internet day
Wednesday 11 th	Year 4 Greek workshop
Thursday 12 th	Year 4 Greek workshop
Wednesday 11 th and Thursday 12 th	Spring term parents' evenings
Monday 16 th – Friday 20 th	School closed - Half term break

March 2026

Thursday 5 th	World Book Day
Monday 16 th – Wednesday 18 th	Year 5 residential visit
Monday 23 rd and Tuesday 24 th	Book Fair 3.30-4.00pm
Tuesday 24th	Key Strings performances for KS1 and KS2
Thursday 26 th	Mystery readers 2.45pm
Friday 27 th	School closes at 1.20pm
Monday 30 th March – Friday 10 th April	School closed – Easter break

April 2026

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

May 2026

Friday 1 st	INSET day for staff – school closed
Monday 4 th	Bank holiday – school closed
Tuesday 5 th	Year 1 visit to Staircase House
Thursday 7 th	Year 4 Presentation for parents 9.15am
Monday 11 th – Thursday 14 th	Year 6 SATS tests
Wednesday 20 th	Year 3 Presentation for parents 9.15am
Thursday 21 st	Mystery Readers 2.45pm
Monday 25 th – Friday 29 th	School closed – Half term break

June 2026

Friday 5 th	Year 5 Presentation for parents 9.30-10am
Monday 15 th	Year 2 visit to Stockport Air Raid Shelter
Thursday 18 th and Friday 19 th	Transition days for Holmes Chapel Comprehensive School
Wednesday 24 th	Sports Day

July 2026

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

Kind regards,

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Principal

Vicki Bradford
Head of school

