



## Holmes Chapel Primary School

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Friday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

### Foodbank donations

Thank you again for your generous donations to local food banks last week. We have had the following thank you letters from the foodbanks:-

#### Middlewich –

Thank you very much for your generous donations which we collected today. The total weight was 162.79kgs.

Thank you so much, these donations will help to make a lot of families worry less about food poverty.

Kind regards

Lisette Dellow

*Middlewich & District Foodbank*

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[www.middlewichdistrict.foodbank.org.uk](http://www.middlewichdistrict.foodbank.org.uk)

#### Sandbach

Dear staff and pupils at Holmes Chapel Primary School,

Thank you very much for your recent donations from the school harvest

celebrations to the Sandbach Food Bank and the Sandbach Pantry. The Sandbach Food Bank is small in comparison to many other food banks in the UK, but it is still a much needed service, delivering between 4 and 12 emergency food parcels each week – wherever there is food poverty it is good to be able to respond and help those in need. The Sandbach Pantry serves between 50 and 100 clients on a weekly basis.

The Food Bank is in place to provide emergency help in the form of a food parcel, which will last at least 3 days, to people in need in Sandbach and the surrounding villages. A food parcel is made up of tinned and packet foods, and some toiletries. The Sandbach Pantry is a follow on service to the Food Bank, providing an ongoing service, for a small charge, to help in the prevention of further emergency food help being required. Both the Food Bank and the Pantry get referrals from local agencies – these are people who know who has a genuine need for our help.

Your donations will help us to continue to provide food help to those in financial difficulty for the next 12 months. This is a big help to people in need in the Sandbach area, who are always very appreciative of the service we provide.

Best wishes,

Karen Foster, for the Sandbach food bank volunteers.



### **Christmas performance – Year 1 and Year 2**

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. Tickets are free and can be applied for through Arbor from 24<sup>th</sup> November.

### **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). 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 24<sup>th</sup> 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 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

### **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 23<sup>rd</sup> December**
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- **Christmas Party Day – Wednesday 24th December**
- **Nerf day - Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](#)**  
**24<sup>th</sup> - [Multi-Sports Holiday Club - Holmes Chapel Primary School \(5 - 11yrs\) at Holmes Chapel Primary School, Holmes Chapel | Sports Coaching Group | Powered by ClassForKids](#)**

### Roadworks – West Way

We have been notified by the Parish council of the following prohibition of traffic, that will likely effect parents who use Westway. This order will come into operation on Monday 24 November 2025 and it is anticipated that the works will be completed by Friday 5 December 2025. West Way, Holmes Chapel from the junction of Jubilee Walk to outside house number 81.

### 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 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 <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

<b>Friday 28<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Eyes and ears screening for Reception aged children</b>
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### 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 <b>(Singing group performing 4.45-5.05pm)</b>
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
<b>Friday 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>Guitar/Ukelele performance to parents</b>

### 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
<b>Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Key Strings performances for KS1 and KS2</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
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Year 4 Presentation for parents 9.15am

Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> – Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 SATS tests
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Year 3 Presentation for parents 9.15am
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

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

Fiona Gresty  
Principal

Vicki Bradford  
Head of school

