



Holmes Chapel Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers,



Reception children Superheroes

This week our children in Reception have read 'Supertato' by Sue Hendra and Paul Linnet and designed their own Superveggie Superhero at home. They will now work on labelling a picture of our Superveggies and writing a short sentence to describe it.



Christmas performances

Year 1 and Year 2

- Tuesday 9th December at 1.45pm
- Wednesday 10th December at 6pm

Reception classes

- Class Ra – Tuesday 16th December at 9.45am
- Class R – Wednesday 17th December at 9.45am

Tickets are available to order for all our Christmas performances through Arbor (please contact the school office if you need further information).

Refreshments will be available, provided by the PTFA, at each performance. Raffle tickets for our Christmas hampers will be available to buy at £1 per ticket (£5 for a strip of 5 tickets) – you can pay with cash or by card.

Christmas Events

- Christmas lunch – we will be serving a full traditional Christmas lunch or vegetarian alternative on Wednesday 17th December. Christmas lunch will be served in the school hall. **Please order your child's Christmas lunch on ParentPay by Friday 5th December as there will be no separate menu sent out this year.**
 - Christmas parties – Thursday 18th December. Children are invited to wear party clothes for the day (please make sure their outfit and shoes are suitable for playing outside). We invite you to send in a voluntary donation of £1 towards the cost of party food by Monday 8th December.
- Thank you

- Elf run for KS2 children - Children in years 3, 4, 5 and 6 are invited to take part in a Christmas Elf run around the school grounds on the morning of Wednesday 17th December. The event is in support of St Luke's Hospice and children will be invited to raise sponsor money. Children should wear school uniform and wear or bring suitable trainers. More details to follow.
- Santa Sleigh for KS1 children – Children in Reception and Years 1 and 2 will have the opportunity to meet Santa in his sleigh on the afternoon of Wednesday 17th December. Thank you very much to the PTFA for organising this event.



HCPS Year 6 Christmas Market - Thursday 18th December 3.30-4.15pm

On Thursday 18th December we will be holding our very own Year 6 Christmas Market in order to fundraise a very special post-SATs treat for our lovely Year 6 pupils as a celebration of all their hard work throughout their time at HCPS. Please do come along and support the event, which will be the outcome of an enterprise opportunity for our Year 6 pupils. Children will learn about costs and profits, as well as value for money and will be making all of the products sold at the market. On offer, there will be: sock snowmen (an adorable decoration for any home), Christmas tree brownies, hot chocolate reindeer, Christmas stockings, Christmas bookmarks, a range of Christmas tree decorations and festive rice krispie treats. The goods will range between £1 and £3 and it would be brilliant if our whole school community could support the event! Please note that this is a **cash only** event – thank you.

School Uniform

As the weather gets colder, we appreciate that children may need to wear more layers of clothing to keep them warm. We are happy for children wear skins under PE kit (under sports shorts and/or a sports t-shirt) or under long trousers or a long sleeved jumper. However, skins should not be worn under school uniform shorts or school uniform t-shirts. Thank you for your cooperation.

Cold weather

As it is now colder and often wet, please make sure your child comes to school every day in a warm, waterproof coat. We take the children outside to play as often as possible so they need something that will keep them warm and dry. As always, please make sure that coats are clearly named. Children are also welcome to bring a hat, scarf and gloves – please make sure these are also clearly named to prevent them getting lost or muddled up with others. Thank you.

PTFA News

- Non-uniform day for donations to PTFA Christmas Hampers - Friday 5th December.
- Christmas Hamper raffle - Raffle tickets for the hampers will be on sale at our Christmas shows (see above for dates and times) and after school in the school playground on Tuesday 9th December and Friday 12th December, as well as online. Prizes will be drawn on Wednesday 17th December and winners will be notified by phone or email (hampers can then be collected from the school office).
- Children's raffle – win an amazing prize, including cinema tickets, sweet treats, a games bundle and Panto tickets. Raffle tickets will be on sale in school for children to buy every lunchtime from 1st – 12th December at £1 per ticket, £5 for a strip of 5 (cash only please). Prizes will be drawn at the final assembly of the school term on Friday 19th December. Money raised from this raffle will be used to pay towards the Key Strings performance for children on Tuesday 24th March.



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 Holmes chapel primary school.

Here is 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](#)

Community News

A message from the Parish Council

Middlewich Road Play Area - We want your views!

The Parish Council has set aside funding to improve the Middlewich Road and Elm Drive Play Areas over a multi-year period.

The first phase of our project is focused on the Middlewich Road Play Area, in particular the pirate ship section. This part of the play area is looking run down and the pirate ship in particular can be a place of anti-social behaviour with graffiti and littering.

The Parish Council would like to gain initial thoughts from our residents about what equipment you would like to see replace the items in the pirate ship area.

Please can you answer the following questionnaire and share your thoughts with us:

<https://forms.office.com/e/yJCT53iipB>

The deadline for responses is 15th January 2026 at 12pm.

Thank you for taking the time to complete our survey!

Christmas Tree Festival

Some of our children have been making decorations in school to decorate a tree at the Holmes Chapel Methodist Church Christmas Tree Festival. Please go along and see our decorated tree. Opening times are:-

- Friday 12th December 3.30pm-7pm
- Saturday 13th December 9.30am-3.00pm

Entry is free and donations can be made for Action for Children.

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.

December 2025

Friday 5 th	Non-uniform day - PTFA hamper donations
Sunday 7 th	Holmes Chapel Village Christmas Fair 3-7pm (Singing group performing 4.45-5.05pm)
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
Friday 23 rd	Guitar/Ukelele performance to parents KS1 2pm, KS2 2.30pm

February 2026

Thursday 5 th	Mystery readers 2.45pm
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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 24 th	Key Strings performances for KS1 and KS2
Thursday 26 th	Mystery readers 2.45pm
Thursday 26th	PTFA Spring Disco – Reception classes 2.30-3.00pm; Years 1, 2 and 3 5.00-5.45pm; Years 4, 5 and 6 6.00-6.45pm
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
Friday 17th	Donations for PTFA Spring Fair (Make the Rules day)
Saturday 25th	PTFA Spring Fair

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
Friday 12th	Non-uniform day (donations for PTFA rainbow hampers)
Monday 15 th	Year 2 visit to Stockport Air Raid Shelter
Tuesday 16th	New Reception Parents open evening 6pm
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

