



Holmes Chapel Primary School

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Friday 16th January 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

Year 4 visit to The New Vic Theatre

On Wednesday 14th January, our Year 4 classes visited the New Vic Theatre in Newcastle Under Lyme to see The Little Mermaid, based on the story by Hans Christian Andersen. It was a fantastic performance, with brilliant acrobatics, singing and storytelling.



The children all had a wonderful experience and we are extremely proud of the way they behaved and represented our school.

Vacancy - Midday Assistant - Monday - Friday / Term time only / 11.45 - 13.15 / 7.5 hrs/week

We are seeking to appoint an enthusiastic, flexible and well-motivated Midday Assistant who is committed to enabling all children to achieve their full potential. The successful applicant will be responsible for ensuring supervision for all pupils during the lunchtime period both in the dining hall and during playground activities. Please see the website for more details.

Spring term Parents' Evenings – Wednesday 11th and Thursday 12th February

Our spring term parents' evenings will be held face to face in school. The booking system for making an appointment for this term's parents' evenings will open at 6pm Friday 30th January and close at 6pm on Friday 6th February. More details about how to book your appointment will be sent out next week.

This parents' evening meeting is an opportunity for you to talk to your child's teacher about what is going well and how we will be supporting your child to continue to make good progress over the rest of this term and this year. Please note that this appointment is not suitable for your child/children to attend with you.

Mrs Bradford, our SENCO will also be available during both parents' evenings to discuss any SEND related concerns you may have. There is no appointment necessary for this. If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

SEND 0-19+ health practitioners drop in clinics (On behalf of health visitor/school nursing services Cheshire East)

Our school nurse has sent information regarding some drop in clinics. This is for parents of children & Young people for support, signposting and guidance with all SEND related issues and helping to understand why your child may be struggling and ideas that may help.

- Think your child may have SEND and not sure where to go or what to do?
- Need support around toileting, sleep, behaviour or development – feel free to drop in for a chat. You will be seen on a 1-1 basis and there is no need to bring your child. Please see the attached leaflet for the dates and locations.

Cheshire Prize for literature

Please find attached information regarding the Cheshire Prize for Literature competition. Further information can also be found at the following link:

<https://www.chester.ac.uk/about/events/cheshire-prize/>

Reminder about dogs on school premises

Please can I remind you that dogs are not allowed in the school playground at the beginning and end of the school day. We have seen an increase in parents carrying a small dog in a pouch - for the safety of all our community, please refrain from doing this. Thank you for your cooperation.

Please note that we have robust risk assessments in place for our school dogs.

After school clubs – first half of spring term 2026

Please see below our after school clubs for the first half of the spring 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 3.20-4.15pm (Years 3-6 - run by Ms Lackford, Mrs May, Ms Whalley)

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 Tuesday 6th January.**

Sports Coaching – <https://sportscoachinggroup.co.uk/>

Please see the attached flyer for booking information.

- Monday: Dance (Yr 1-4)
- Tuesday: Football (Yr 1/2)
- Wednesday: Football (Yr 3-6)
- Wednesday: Dodgeball (Yr 1-4)
- Thursday: Ball Sports (Yr 1-4)
- Friday: Archery + Pickleball (Yr 3-6)
- Friday: Gymnastics (Yr 1-4)

React Theatre – reacttheatreacademy@gmail.com

- Drama Club — Thursdays (Y3-6)

Art Zone – jo@art-zone.co.uk

- Art Club -- Tuesdays (Y1-6)

Calendar of Events

Please see below calendar dates for the next academic year. New dates have been added in bold.

January 2026

Friday 23 rd	Guitar/Ukulele performance – children only KS1 2pm, KS2 2.30pm (Performance for parents in Summer Term)
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Friday 30 th	Road safety presentation for Year 5
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February 2026

Wednesday 4th	Year 5 residential meeting for parents 5pm (online)
Thursday 5 th	Mystery readers 2.45pm
Friday 6 th	Young Voices concert (Manchester)
Monday 9 th – Friday 13 th	Children's Mental Health Week
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
Monday 23 rd	Year 1 allotment session

March 2026

Monday 2 nd	Year 2 allotment session
Thursday 5 th	World Book Day
Monday 9 th	Year 3 allotment session
Monday 16 th – Wednesday 18 th	Year 5 residential visit
Thursday 10 th	Singfest concert for Year 3 at HCCS 10.00-11.15am
Monday 16 th	Reception allotment session
Friday 20 th	Red Nose Day
Monday 23 rd	Year 5 allotment session
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 26 th	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 Apr	School closed – Easter break

April 2026

Monday 13 th	Summer term begins
Monday 13 th	Year 1 allotment session
Wednesday 15 th	Year 4 visit to Crowden Valley
Friday 17 th	Donations for PTFA Spring Fair (Make the Rules day)
Monday 20 th	Year 2 allotment session
Saturday 25 th	PTFA Spring Fair
Monday 27 th	Year 5 Bikeability
Monday 27 th	Year 3 allotment session

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
Monday 11 th	Year 1 allotment session
Monday 18 th	Year 2 allotment session
Wednesday 20 th	Year 3 Presentation for parents 9.15am
Thursday 21 st	Class photos
Thursday 21 st	Mystery Readers 2.45pm
Monday 25 th – Friday 29 th	School closed – Half term break

June 2026

Monday 1 st	Year 3 allotment session
Friday 5 th	Year 5 Presentation for parents 9.30-10am
Monday 8 th	Year 5 allotment session
Friday 12 th	Non-uniform day (donations for PTFA rainbow hampers)
Monday 15 th	Year 2 visit to Stockport Air Raid Shelter
Monday 15 th	Year 1 allotment session
Tuesday 16 th	New Reception Parents open evening 6pm
Thursday 18 th and Friday 19 th	Transition days for Holmes Chapel Comprehensive School
Monday 22 nd	Year 2 allotment session
Wednesday 24 th	Sports Day
Monday 29 th and Tuesday 30 th	Year 6 Bikeability
Monday 29 th	Year 3 allotment session

July 2026

Wednesday 1 st – Friday 3 rd	Year 6 residential visit
Friday 3 rd	Class 3 visit to Delamere Forest
Monday 6 th	Year 5 allotment session
Wednesday 8 th	Reports to parents
Thursday 9 th	Mystery readers 2.45pm
Friday 10 th	Class 3a visit to Delamere Forest
Monday 13 th	Year 4 allotment session
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 for school and Leaver's lunch
Thursday 16 th	Leaver's assembly for parents 2pm
Friday 17 th	School closes at 1.20pm
Monday 20 th July – Monday 31 st August	School closed – summer break

Kind regards,

Fiona Gresty
Principal

Vicki Bradford
Head of school