

Holmes Chapel
Primary School and Nursery

OUR SCHOOL

Holmes Chapel Primary School and Nursery is a Community School with an age range of 2 to 11 years. We have two mixed ability classes in each year group.

Early Years Foundation Stage

Nursery (Ages 2–4)
Holmes Chapel Primary School is proud to offer nursery provision for children aged 2 to 4 years old. Designed around family needs, we operate from 8:00 am to 6:00 pm throughout the year, including school holidays (excluding Bank Holidays and INSET days).
Housed in a custom nursery building within our school grounds, the facility boasts three age-appropriate outdoor spaces created to build gross motor skills, creativity, and active exploration.
Nursery children also enjoy regular use of the wider school grounds, including our trim trail, fields, outdoor classroom, and woodland area.
Our warm, highly qualified team delivers exceptional care, supporting each child's individual growth and working in close partnership with parents from day one.

Reception
Our EYFS team work closely with all of our feeder pre schools, nurseries and childminders to help each child settle happily into our Reception classes. The children make visits to school before they start in September and initially they come to school on a part time basis. This allows time for the children and staff to get to know each other. We have an information evening and in the summer term to welcome new parents to our school community and to give parents information about how they can best support their child's learning.
The two Reception classrooms are linked and the children also have access to their own creative room as well as a dedicated outdoor learning and play area.

Key Stages 1 and 2

Throughout Key Stage 1 (Years 1 and 2) and Key Stage 2 (Years 3 to 6) the children's progress is monitored to ensure each child reaches his/her full potential. In Year 6 the children complete SATs in English and Maths.
In each year group, the teachers work closely together, supported by teaching assistants, to ensure the same curriculum is covered across both classes.

Transfer to Secondary School

The majority of our pupils transfer to Holmes Chapel Comprehensive School. We have long established links with the Comprehensive School; children in Years 5 and 6 have several opportunities to visit and teachers from the Comprehensive School come to our school to talk to the children about their transition.

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OUR CURRICULUM

Our curriculum is broad, balanced and creative with topics covering history, geography and science.
More information is available on our website - please scan the QR Code

Maths and English

Maths and English are taught as discrete subjects every day as well as being incorporated in to many areas of the curriculum.

Reading

Early reading is taught through phonics, using the Little Wandle phonics scheme. We use a combination of home/school reading materials; structured reading scheme books and 'real' books. At Key Stage 2 children develop their reading skills using the Take One Book scheme. We promote reading for enjoyment and pleasure.



Computing

Computing is taught through the Purple Mash scheme, with an emphasis on e-safety. We have excellent facilities, with I-pads, laptops and an interactive whiteboard in every classroom. Children also develop their skills using the secure pages of the school's website.



Modern Foreign Languages

French is currently taught in Key Stage 2 using the Language Angels scheme.

Music

All children have weekly music lessons and throughout Year 4, children have tuition in an instrument through the Wider Opportunities scheme.



Physical Education

All children take part in at least two hours of PE weekly both indoors and outdoors. Children in the older year groups have swimming lessons at a local Leisure Centre, working towards the government requirement for all children to have the ability to swim at least 25m. Children participate in termly house competitions in a variety of sports.
We welcome parents and carers to our annual sports day in the summer term.



Outdoor Learning

Our large playground, extensive fields, woodland, and natural meadow mean that many aspects of environmental education take place in our own grounds. We also have allotments where the children grow fruit and vegetables.
More information about our exciting outdoor learning activities can be found on our website.



Educational and Residential Visits

Our curriculum is enriched by trips out of school as well as by visits to school from experts. In Years 5 and 6 the children have the opportunity to go on a residential trip.



Inclusion

Our Special Educational Needs Coordinator (SENCO) works with the class teachers, team of teaching assistants and parents/carers to provide any additional support needed for children with special educational needs. Pupils with SEN or disabilities are identified early on. Staff make adaptations to their teaching so that pupils can access the same learning as their peers.

We also ensure that our more able children are challenged and extended by work set in class as well as having opportunities to take part in additional learning activities organised with other local schools. Parents whose children have any form of SEN or disability are encouraged to make an appointment to view the school and discuss their child's needs.



Extra-Curricular Activities

We provide a wide variety of extra curricular clubs and activities, with clubs running before and after school and at lunchtimes. There are opportunities to sing and play instruments as well as private music lessons by visiting teachers. The school encourages children to take part in sport and our teams compete with other local schools in sports such as football (girls and boys), cross country, netball and boccia. Art, gymnastics, maths and gardening clubs are also offered.



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PARENT PARTNERSHIP

We are keen to engage with parents and carers and for you to participate in your child's education in a number of ways.

Keeping Parents Informed

At the start of the school year, we hold a "meet the teacher" evening, where you can find out about the year's planned curriculum and topics and about how you will be able to assist in supporting your child.
Parents' Evenings are held twice a year to discuss your child's progress and all parents are given a written report towards the end of the Summer Term.

Parent Volunteers

Many parents, grandparents and carers enjoy volunteering in our classes, for example by hearing children read or helping on school trips. We are committed to safeguarding children and facilitate DBS checks where required.

Performances and Presentations

Parents are invited into school to celebrate key events with the children, share work or to enjoy performances.

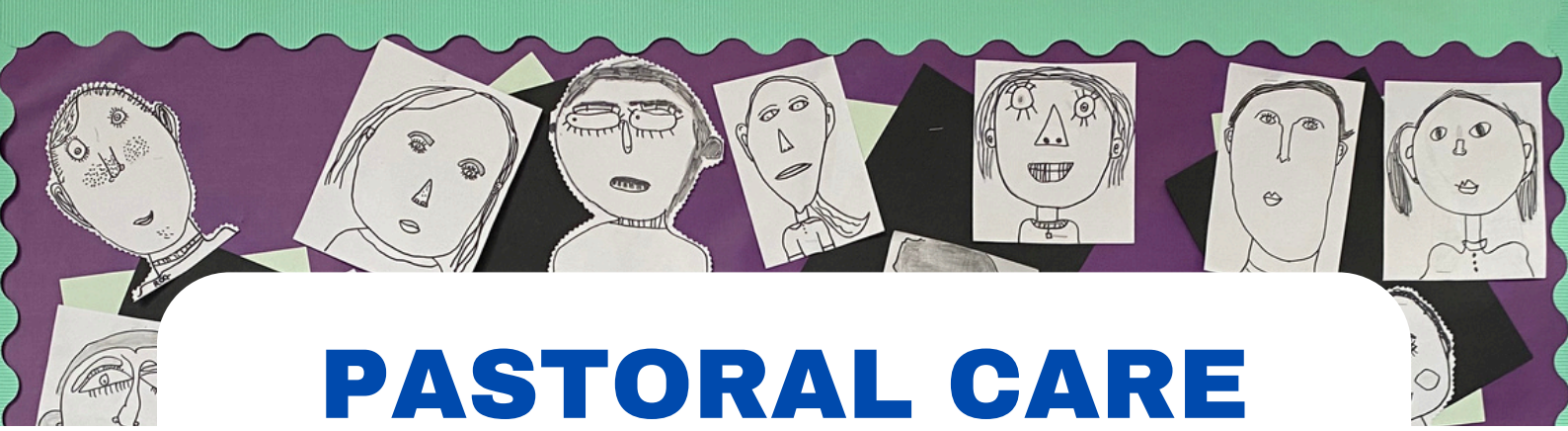
Our Parent Teacher and Friends Association

We have a thriving PTFA, open to all parents/carers and staff, which meets regularly to organise a wide range of events for children and adults.

Homework

Information about homework and the week's activities is communicated on the school's website.

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PASTORAL CARE

We are proud of our happy and caring environment

Emotional Well-being

At Holmes Chapel Primary School we recognise the importance of emotional wellbeing and how much a child's emotional health and wellbeing influences their cognitive development and learning, as well as their physical and social health and their mental wellbeing in adulthood.Our curriculum positively promotes wellbeing and resilience. All aspects of school life are underpinned by our school rules.

Learning Mentor

Our Learning Mentor works with staff and parents/carers to provide additional support for children with social, emotional and behavioural needs.

SCHOOL ROUTINE

School Hours

Children arrive at school from **8.40am** for an 8.50am start and school finishes at **3.20pm**. With the exception of the last day of each full term school finishes at **1.20pm**

Lunches

We are designated as a 'Healthy School' and work hard to ensure we maintain our healthy school status.
You can choose either school dinners or packed lunches for your child each day. All school meals are cooked on site and the menu offers children a varied choice from a healthy and nutritionally balanced menu, including a vegetarian option.

Healthy Break Time Snacks

All Reception and Key Stage 1 children are provided with free fruit. Parents are also welcome to provide healthy snacks for their child. Children can bring a water bottle and are encouraged to drink throughout the day.

The Hive - Wraparound Care

Before school club will run from 8am and is available for children aged 4-11.
This session is chargeable at **£6.00**, a light breakfast will be provided.
After school club will run from 3.20pm to 6pm and is available for all children aged 4-11.
A snack and drink will be provided. A flat rate of **£13.50** will be charged.

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