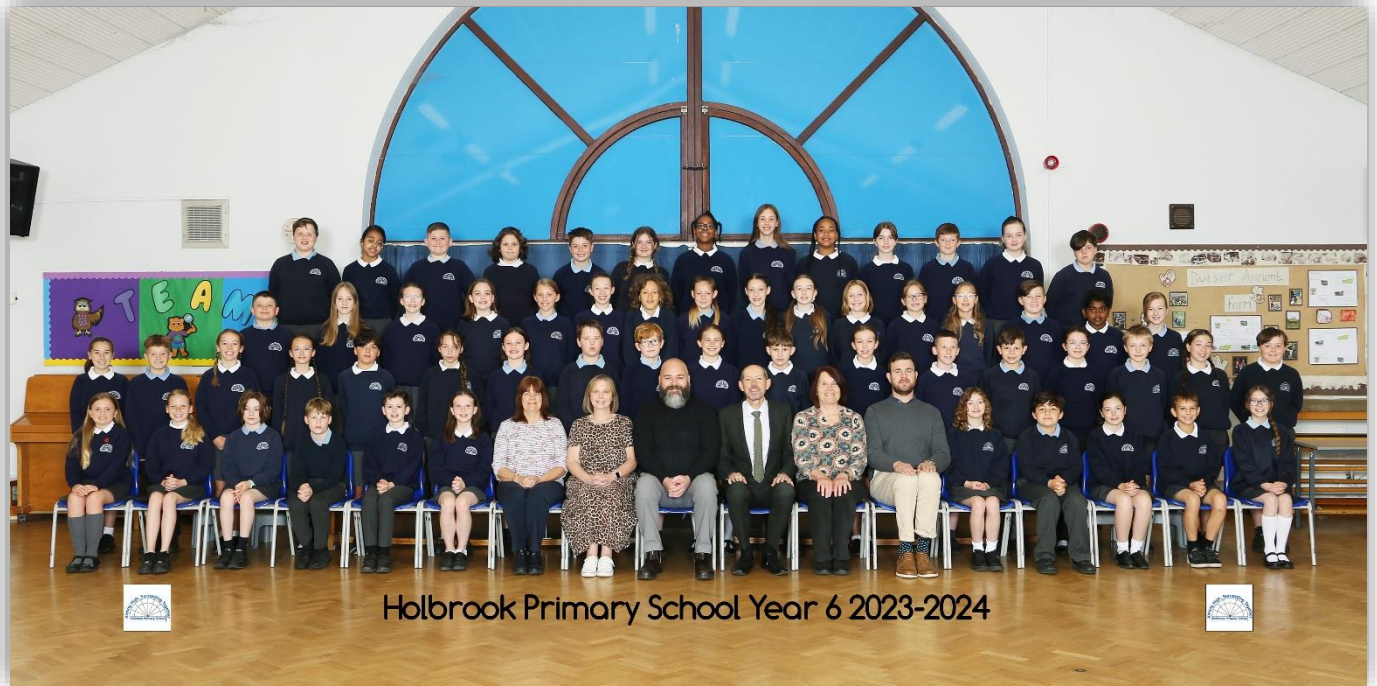


Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome to our final weekly newsletter.

### Year 6 Leavers 2024

We say goodbye and good luck to all our amazing Year 6 children moving on to their new schools and thank them for their commitment and hard work this year. The whole year group was awarded a Gold Award in today's Celebration Assembly for a wonderful year where they have worked very hard, challenged themselves and been a pleasure to teach. They have been excellent role models and epitomise the type of child that we wish to leave Holbrook at the end of Year 6 – kind, independent, responsible and successful in many different ways.



At our Leavers Achievement afternoon, we heard about their many wonderful individual characteristics and contributions to Holbrook over the past seven years. They should be very proud of all of their achievements, as well as playing an important role in Holbrook school life. I am certainly proud of you all and am confident that you will go on to achieve great things at your new schools. Best wishes for the future.

### Holbrook Curriculum

#### Spanish Day

Year 6 pupils enjoyed a special Spanish experience on Wednesday when Ms Duo set up a Spanish café. The children practised their Spanish when ordering and eating a variety of Spanish food.





### Year 2 DT project

Some of the wonderful animal puppets made by our Year 2 pupils based around their African topic.

### EYFS Bikeability

This week it was the turn of Otters who enjoyed practising their skills on the balance bikes.



### Friends of Holbrook

Thank you everyone who helped organise, volunteer and attend our Summer Fair last Sunday. The weather was kind and it was lovely to see so many families enjoying the occasion.

Thank you to Friends of Holbrook for their contribution to the Year 6 BBQ and Fun Day which was enjoyed by all of our leavers.

There will be a few committee members vacancies in September, so please let the current committee or school office know if you would be interested in helping our school and community.



### Thinking Garden

A big Thank You to mum, Kristina Schraitel for her successful application to Blue Diamond Nursery on behalf of the Thinking Garden. Her application was successful and as a result, it looks like we will be getting a £2000 grant, plus expert advice to help us with our plans.

### Summer Reading Challenge

Horsham Library delivered an assembly this week about the Summer Reading Challenge.

The children's challenge is to choose and read some amazing library books over the holiday. They will receive a fab Marvellous Makers fold-out poster and collect amazing scratch-and-sniff smelly stickers along the way. There'll be fun activities in the library too, including a Character Hunt competition with a special prize draw!



If they complete the challenge by Saturday 14 September, they will be rewarded with a medal and certificate. As a special bonus, **any child who uploads a photo of their certificate/medal to Seesaw will receive 10 House points.**

To find out more, take a look at the special 'West Sussex Libraries – Marvellous Makers, the Summer Reading Challenge 2024' video animation and complete the online form to take part at [arena.westsussex.gov.uk/src](https://arena.westsussex.gov.uk/src) or by scanning the QR code.



### Uniform reminder

We recognise that the school holidays is the time that many families purchase new uniform. Please see a separate Parentmail with helpful reminders to enable all pupils to start the new academic year with the correct uniform and maintain our usual high standards.

### Staff news

As we approach the end of the summer term, we say goodbyes to Miss Harding, Ms Young, Mr Thompson and Mr Kenny. Next term we welcome Miss Midmer (Teacher) and Mrs Cable (Support staff).



### CHARTWELLS ORDER CUT OFF DATES

| CUT OFF DATE<br>Thursday 23:59 | FOR WEEK COMMENCING |
|--------------------------------|---------------------|
| 22-August                      | 02-September        |
| 29-August                      | 09-September        |
| 05-September                   | 16-September        |
| 12-September                   | 23-September        |
| 19-September                   | 30-September        |
| 26-September                   | 07-October          |
| 03-October                     | 14-October          |
| 10-October                     | 21-October          |
| 17-October                     | 28-October          |

### Diary dates (new dates will appear in bold)

| Tuesday 23rd July                                     | Last day of term                   |
|---|------------------------------------|
| Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September                      | INSET DAY- school closed to pupils |
| Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September                     | INSET DAY- school closed to pupils |
| <b>Mon 16<sup>th</sup> - Fri 20<sup>th</sup> Sept</b> | <b>Y6 to Bowles</b>                |
| <b>Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October</b>                | <b>Y4 Swimming starts</b>          |

Have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards,



Ian Holmes  
Headteacher