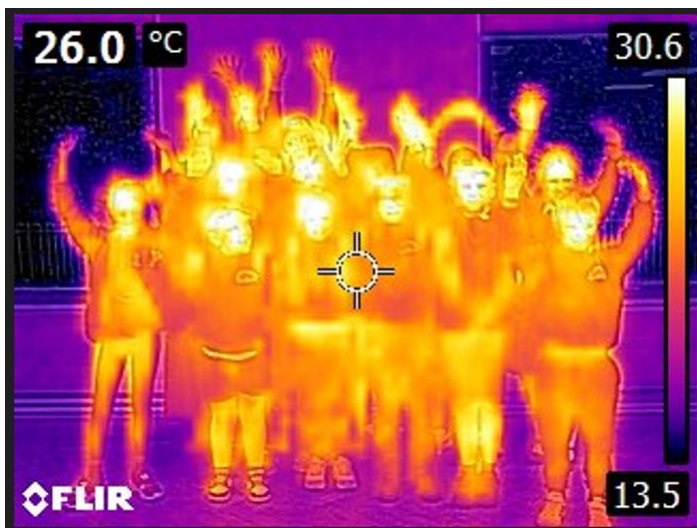


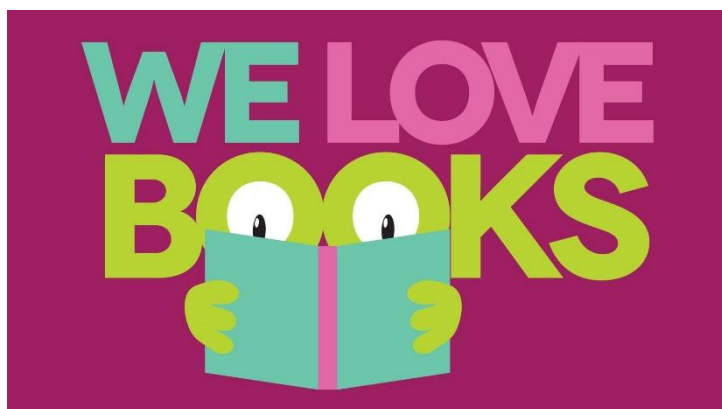
Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to our weekly newsletter.

### Curriculum news



James Veness from Energy Sparks held an interesting KS2 assembly about energy use. Afterwards, he worked with the Eco-Council and showed them how to interpret the school's energy data usage and suggested ways they could encourage everyone at Holbrook to be more mindful about energy use. The Eco-Council loved using the thermal image camera and went around the school to identify where we are losing heat (windows!). This photo of the Eco Council has been taken using the thermal image camera. James also showed the Eco Council how much electricity we generate through our solar panels. *Mrs Filson*



Some of our Reading Ambassadors selecting new books for the classroom from the mobile library van.

Other photos of this week's learning include Year 2 art, Year 3 P.E and Year 6 maths.



## Staff update

We will shortly be saying farewell to Mrs Souques who will be taking her maternity leave. I am pleased to confirm that we have recruited an experienced teacher, Mrs Trickey, to cover her absence and she will be in school next week as part of our transition arrangements.



## Remembrance assembly

Our Friday Celebration assembly today included Remembrance poems from Year 5 pupils. Later on, they shared their learning with parents in a special event. A wreath made at school will also be laid at the Carfax ceremony at the weekend.

## Anti-Bullying Week

Next week is Anti-Bullying week and this year's theme is Choose Respect. The week will include special assemblies, one of which will be led by our Anti-Bullying Ambassadors. On Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November, we will join the nationwide Odd Socks day to celebrate that we are all different. The children can wear their craziest or most colourful odd socks to school (with normal uniform). During the week, the children will be involved in other activities and learning around this theme. A reminder that our Anti-Bullying policy can be found on the school website [here](#). This week's Picture News below also has an anti-bullying theme.

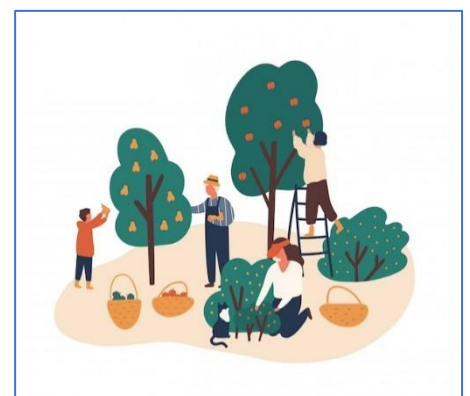


## VOTE FOR HORSHAM CHILDREN'S PARADE

A reminder that our school has signed up to take part in Horsham Children's Parade 2025. Please help the organisers to raise the funds needed to make it happen by voting for them in The People's Budget using this link [www.horsham.gov.uk/peoplesbudgetvote](http://www.horsham.gov.uk/peoplesbudgetvote) and select Happy Accidents CIC, the not for profit organisation behind Horsham Children's Parade. Voting closes midnight, Sunday 10 November.

## Thinking Garden News

Thank you to everyone who has helped clear the Thinking Garden over the past few months. We are now in a position where we are ready to start planting. Next week, we are getting a big delivery of shrubs from Newbridge Nursery and on Saturday, 16<sup>th</sup> November, we will start planting them. If you are available on that day between 9-11am, please let me know; even if you can do just an hour, we'd be grateful. Thanks, Mrs Filson ([eagles@holbrookprimaryschool.com](mailto:eagles@holbrookprimaryschool.com))



# TAKEHOME

11th - 17th November



## In the news this week

This year, Anti-Bullying Week takes place on 11<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> November with the theme, 'Choose Respect'. As part of the week, Odd Socks Day is on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November, with odd socks being worn to celebrate what makes us all unique. There are many other ways schools are raising awareness and taking action to tackle bullying, including several pupils working towards becoming Anti-Bullying Ambassadors.

### Things to talk about at home ...

- > What do you know about Anti-Bullying Week?
- > This year's theme is 'Choose Respect', what is your definition of respect? Ask others at home.
- > This week's story explores the role of Anti-Bullying Ambassadors. Do you think this a good way of tackling bullying? Can you think of any other strategies?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

Share your thoughts and read the opinions of others [www.picture-news.co.uk/discuss](http://www.picture-news.co.uk/discuss)

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CHARTWELLS ORDER CUT OFF DATES	
CUT OFF DATE Thursday 23:59	FOR WEEK COMMENCING
14 <sup>th</sup> November	25 <sup>th</sup> November
21 <sup>st</sup> November	2 <sup>nd</sup> December
28 <sup>th</sup> November	9 <sup>th</sup> December
05 <sup>th</sup> December	16 <sup>th</sup> December- <i>Christmas Lunch week</i>
26 <sup>th</sup> December	6 <sup>th</sup> January 2025

Diary Dates (new additions in bold)	
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> November	Sayers Croft meeting for Y4 Parents 3.15
<b>Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November</b>	<b>FOH Non-Uniform day- chocolate donations please</b>
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> November	Y4 Trip to Fishbourne Roman Palace
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	FOH Non-Uniform day- bottle donations please
Sat 7 <sup>th</sup> December	FOH Christmas Fayre
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	KS1 Nativity to Y1 parents 9.15
Wed 11 <sup>th</sup> December	KS1 Nativity to Y2 parents 9.15
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	EYFS Nativity to parents 2.15
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	KS2 Carols at St Mary's 7pm
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas assemblies at St Marks
Wed 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Lunch
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Last day of term

Have a lovely weekend.

Ian Holmes-Headteacher