

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to our weekly newsletter.



World Book Day 2025



As part of our Holbrook World Book Day celebrations, every child was invited to come and choose one of the £1 books that have been specially written by a range of famous authors to celebrate WBD 2025. The Reading Ambassadors worked hard to choose the books that they felt their peers would enjoy the most, and hopefully your child enjoys the book that they chose. These have been provided free of charge by the school as we are able to buy them at a discounted rate, so please do still use the WBD token that your child brought home in February to purchase another £1 book, or as £1 towards another book. You have until March 23rd to spend these. More information about the books can be found [here](#) Mrs Reeves

Sports news

Year 5 and 6 pupils took part in a racquet sports festival this week at The Bridge. They had a lot of fun learning some fundamental skills involved in many different racquet sports including tennis, badminton, table tennis and squash.



Curriculum news

Yesterday, Year 2 had a visit from the West Sussex Fire Service.

The children learnt lots about keeping safe and what an important job our firefighters do.

They were able to get into a fire engine, see the equipment and even got to wear some firefighting gear.

Parent Consultations

It was lovely to see so many parents at our Consultation Evenings this week. Thank you for your support and the crucial role that this plays in our learning partnership.



Amazon wish list thank you

A big thank you on behalf of the teachers and children to everyone that has purchased something from the Amazon wish lists. We have had some lovely surprises this half term! Please make sure that you identify yourselves from the gift message option so that that we can thank you in person. These extra resources are

very valuable to our classes, as is all forms of support we receive from our families. For the original communication, see our newsletter on 14th February [here](#).

Chartwells

For any queries or comments regarding hot school meals or the ordering platform Parentpay, please contact Chartwells via phone 01243 774175 or email 73041@compass-group.co.uk.

Contact details

We want to make sure you know who to contact about specific issues and our office staff; Mrs Moloney, Mrs Coomber and Ms Valero are able to make appointments for the Head Teacher and all other staff members.

If you have a concern, please speak with the class teacher in the first instance, as most concerns can be dealt with successfully in this way. If you require another member of staff to be at the meeting, then the next step would be to involve the Phase Lead.

If you have a question about...	Please ask to see or contact...	Contact details
... your child in their class	Your child's class teacher	Class email address
... other Early Years/Y1 matters	Mrs Wright, EYFS/Y1 Phase Leader	phaseleadr1@holbrookprimaryschool.com
... other Y2/Y3 matters	Miss Swift, Y2 & Y3 Phase Leader	phaselead23@holbrookprimaryschool.com
... other Y4, Y5 & Y6 matters	Mr Hudspith Y4, Y5 & Y6 Phase Leader	phaselead456@holbrookprimaryschool.com
... Special Educational Needs and Inclusion and Pupil Premium	Mrs Brooks, Assistant Head teacher	assistanthead@holbrookprimaryschool.com
... other pupil or curriculum related matters	Mrs Davies, Deputy Head teacher	deputy@holbrookprimaryschool.com
... Hot school meals	Chartwells Office	Tel 0845 603 7998

Maths and climate change made easy - Clean Growth UK

Do you want to boost your skills, knowledge and confidence in maths and learn about climate change for business? Solar panels, electric vehicles and carbon footprints – are you interested in finding out more about them? And would you like to earn a £20 voucher for West Sussex's award-winning chocolatier, Cocoa Loco?



In partnership with the Sussex Maths Tutor and Small99, we've developed a unique online course for parents, to help you get to grips with net zero and boost your everyday maths skills. Once you've finished the course you will receive a voucher code to spend £20 with [Cocoa Loco](#). Click [here](#) for further details.

Picture News

This week's topic for discussion is 'How can we make connections with others?' – see below.



How can we make connections with others?



In the news this week

The Princess of Wales has recently shared pictures, drawn by herself, Prince George, Princess Charlotte, and Prince Louis, of each other. The artworks, shared on social media, are part of the Shaping Us campaign, which highlights how we develop skills to connect with others from a young age. The pictures also aim to raise awareness of an exhibition, launched by The Princess, at the National Portrait Gallery in London, encouraging children to explore their relationships and feelings.

Things to talk about at home ...

- > Share your thoughts on the drawings. Have you ever drawn a portrait of someone? Do you think this type of activity could help build connections with others?
- > Can you think of any other ways you can connect with others around you?
- > Talk to someone at home about some of the people you are connected to.

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

Share your thoughts and read the opinions of others

www.picture-news.co.uk/discuss



© Picture News 2025

CHARTWELLS ORDER CUT OFF DATES	
CUT OFF DATE Thursday 23:59	FOR WEEK COMMENCING
13 th March	24 th March
20 th March	31 st March
10 th April	21 st April
17 th April	28 th April
Diary Dates (new additions in bold)	
Monday 10 th - Friday 14 th March	STEM Week
Wednesday 26 th March	Y6 trip to Amberley Museum
Wednesday 26 th March	Parent Workshop- Helping your child manage big emotions.
Thursday 27 th March	Y4 Ukulele Concert
Tuesday 1 st April	Book Fayre
Friday 4 th April	Last day of term

Have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards,



Ian Holmes
Headteacher