

Dear Parents/Carers,

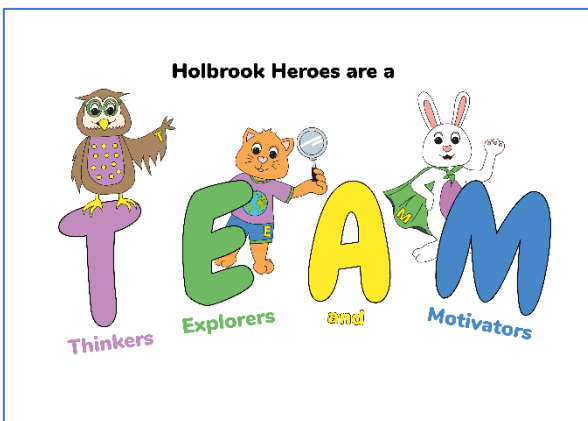
Welcome Back to School

I hope you and your family had a relaxing and enjoyable break. As the new term begins, we'd like to warmly welcome all our returning families and those joining Holbrook for the first time. Our teachers have been busy planning lessons that will challenge and inspire, we look forward to a term full of learning and growth.



We are really proud of how quickly all year groups have settled into their new classrooms and routines. The children have shown great enthusiasm for learning, as well as excellent behaviour that we expect at all times. Look out for the child-friendly Behaviour Policy that the School Council produced at the end of last term, which we hope to share with you soon.

Thank you for making sure your child came back looking smart in their uniform. Just a reminder: children should wear plain black school shoes with a flat heel (Velcro, bar or lace fastenings). If you haven't been able to get these yet or if your child's shoes are damaged, please let their class teacher know. If you need help with buying any part of the school uniform, please contact the school in confidence.



Learning About Growth Mindset

Over the past two days, the children have taken part in assemblies, lessons, and activities focused on developing a growth mindset.

A growth mindset means believing that we can improve our abilities through effort, practice, and learning from mistakes. It helps children understand that challenges are part of learning and that trying hard leads to progress. This fits well with our Holbrook Learning Skills.

You can support your child by encouraging them to see mistakes as learning opportunities and praising their effort, not just their results. This helps build confidence, resilience, and a love for learning.

How You Can Support Your Child

Here are a few other ways you can support your child as we begin this new term:

1. **Establish a Routine:** Help your child develop a consistent routine balancing schoolwork, rest & leisure.
2. **Encourage Reading:** Reading at home is one of the best ways to reinforce learning and foster curiosity.
3. **Stay Informed:** Keep up with school news and activities by checking our website and communication channels regularly.

This week's #WakeUpWednesday guide shares 10 top tips to support children with the transition back into school life. Click on the poster for further details.



Summer Reading Challenge

Well done to everyone who has completed the Summer Reading Challenge so far.

Good news – there is still time to complete the challenge and earn ten house points for your house team by bringing your medal/certificate into school, see below.

*This year's Summer Reading Challenge, Marvellous Makers is available in libraries until **Saturday 13th September**. There is still plenty of time to pop into your local library to collect your certificate and medal and tell us about all the lovely books you've been reading over the summer. Or, if you haven't yet registered, there's still time to sign up and join in with some reading.*



Parent information meetings

We will be holding meetings for parents of each year group shortly. This is an opportunity to find out more information about the curriculum, trips/visits, how to support your child and much more. For those who are unable to attend, the information will be made available on our website. The dates time are detailed below.

FREE Maths course for parents

Would you love to feel more confident helping your child with their maths homework? The 'Family Learning: helping your child with numeracy at key stage 2' course is designed just for parents and carers like you! In a relaxed and supportive environment, you'll learn simple, effective strategies to support your child's learning at home, with no complicated jargon or tests, just practical tools and tips that really work.

This course will not only boost your child's confidence in numeracy but also strengthen the connection between learning at school and at home. You'll explore the methods children are taught in the classroom today, so you can help them without confusion. Whether it's times tables, fractions, or problem-solving, you'll soon feel equipped to guide your child through their maths journey with ease and enjoyment.

Family learning is also a fantastic way to spend quality time together. You'll meet other parents, share experiences, and see first-hand the positive impact your support can have on your child's progress. Join us for this fun, friendly course and take the mystery out of maths because learning together really does make a difference.

Please click [here](#) to enrol on this FREE course, which takes place at Roffey Millennium Hall from 10 September to 1 October 2025.



Friends of Holbrook AGM

Save the date - Monday 29th September at 6pm. All parents are invited to the Annual General Meeting of the Friends of Holbrook which takes place on this date in the Studio - there will be cake!

Staying in Touch

We believe that good communication between home and school helps your child succeed. If you ever have questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact your child's teacher by email or phone.

We'll keep you updated with details about upcoming events and activities through future messages, and you can also find information on our school website.



CHARTWELLS ORDER CUT OFF DATES	
CUT OFF DATE Thursday 23:59	FOR WEEK COMMENCING
11 th September	22 nd September
18 th September	29 th September
25 th September	6 th October
2 nd October	13 th October
9 th October	20 th October

Diary Dates (new additions in bold)	
Monday 8th September	Y6 Parent Information Meeting (Inc Bowles) 3.15
Mon 15 th - Fri 19 th September	Y6 Residential to Bowles
Tuesday 16th September	Parent Information Meetings Y5 - 8.50, Y2- 2.30pm
Wednesday 17th September	Parent Information Meetings Y4-8.50, Y1-2.30
Thursday 18th September	Y3 Parent Information Meeting 8.50
Thursday 18 th September	Y4 Swimming starts
Friday 26th September	Y6 MacMillan Coffee Afternoon 2.30
Monday 29th September	School Council to visit Houses of Parliament
Monday 29th September	FOH AGM

Looking Ahead to a Great Term

We're really looking forward to a successful and enjoyable term with your children. Thank you for your continued support—it makes a big difference.

We truly appreciate you trusting us with your child's education, and we're excited for all the learning and fun ahead!

Have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards,



Ian Holmes
Headteacher