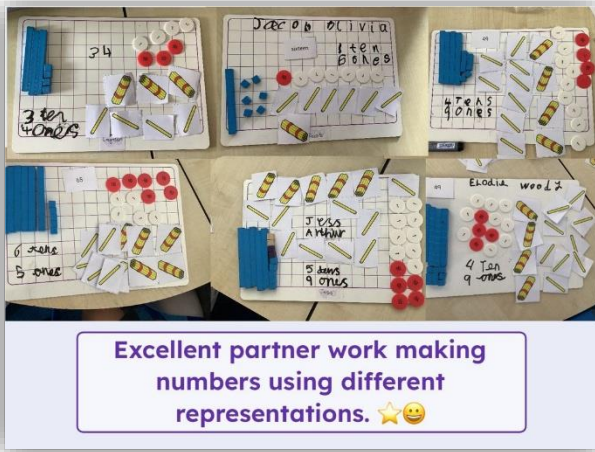


Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to our weekly newsletter.

Curriculum news

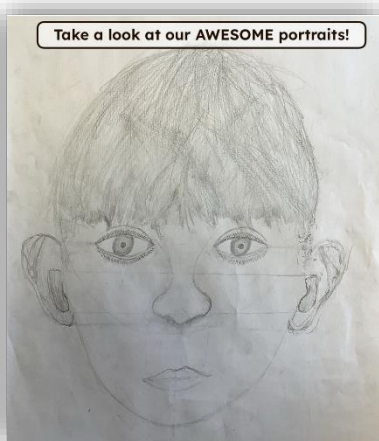
Here are some photographs of our curriculum in action this week.



Year 2 maths learning



Year 5 have made amazing progress on their learning-to-juggle Growth Mindset challenge.



Year 3 Stone Age artwork



Year 4 talked about digital footprints and what this means. The children then designed their own footprint based on what they look at or play online. There were some really interesting discussions.



A couple of Year 6 self-portraits.



Welcome

Aiming High, Succeeding Together
Holbrook Primary School

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please join us

New Intake Tours are:-

- 2/10 - 9.15am
- 9/10 - 9.15am
- 16/10 - 9.15am
- 22/10 - 3.30pm
- 6/11 - 9.15am
- 10/11 - 1.30pm
- 27/11 - 9.15am
- 4/12 - 3.30pm
- 11/12 - 9.15am

Call 01403 272500 to book

New intake

Our new Reception children started school this week and have rapidly settled into their classrooms. We have been very impressed at how quickly they are learning the new routines and expectations – well done!

Looking ahead to September 2026, the dates for prospective new parents to tour the school have been published and can be found on the poster and on our website [here](#). If you know of any families who might be interested, then please feel free to forward these details to them.

Eco-News: A new Pollination Education Station to be installed at Holbrook

This week, we were excited to discover that our school has been selected to receive a pollination station. West Sussex Green Living received a request from some of our pupils earlier in the year for one. Over the past few years, an increasing number of pollination stations have been installed throughout Sussex to create a 100 mile 'nature corridor' for pollinating insects. A photo of one is below. You can also find out more by clicking on the link [Love your garden](#)

To help us build the station, we need help sourcing the following items: fir cones, fallen bits of bark, roof slates and sheep wool. I will be collecting the above items outside my year 5 classroom, so if your child is able to bring any of these items before Friday 19th September, we would be very grateful.

Thanks, Dawn Filson



School Funding - Census Day



Census Day 2nd October is important for school funding, as the number of pupils eating school lunch on this day contributes to our school budget. Funding is allocated to the school based on the number of KS1 meals taken on this day. The more meals ordered, the more funding allocated, allowing our school budget to be used for classroom resources. If

you would like your child to have a meal that day, then please note that you need to book before the deadline of 18th September. Please see the attached menu for this term's Census day on Thursday October 2nd. Thank you for your continuing support!

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!



Parent information meetings

Please use the links below to view the curriculum letters for this term and the curriculum overviews for the year, informing you of what your child will be learning throughout the year. More details will be available at the curriculum meetings (times below).

[Reception](#), Tuesday 23rd at 2.30pm

[Year 1](#), Wednesday 17th at 2.30pm

[Year 2](#), Tuesday 16th at 2.30pm

[Year 3](#), Thursday 18th at 8.50am

[Year 4](#), Wednesday 17th at 8.50am

[Year 5](#), Tuesday 16th at 8.50am

[Year 6](#)

Safeguarding

Holbrook Primary School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff, volunteers and the wider community to share this commitment. We ensure that our pupils feel secure, are encouraged to talk, are listened to and are safe. Throughout our curriculum, we provide activities and opportunities that equip our children to stay safe and develop essential life skills.



Where there is any concern about the wellbeing/safeguarding of a pupil in school this is referred to the Local Authority MASH team for advice, support and further action where required. Sometimes we may need to share information and work in partnership with other agencies when there are concerns about a child's welfare. We will ensure that our concerns about our pupils are discussed with his/her parents/carers first unless we have reason to believe that such a move would be contrary to the child's welfare.

Parents and members of the public can also make referrals to the West Sussex team on 01403 229900 (Mon-Fri 9am-5pm) or 033 022 2664 (other times).

The school's Designated Safeguarding Leads (DSL) for all Safeguarding and Child Protection issues are Mrs Davies (Deputy Headteacher), Mrs Nash (Assistant Headteacher) and myself.

CHARTWELLS ORDER CUT OFF DATES	
CUT OFF DATE Thursday 23:59	FOR WEEK COMMENCING
18 th September	29 th September
25 th September	6 th October
2 nd October	13 th October
9 th October	20 th October
23 rd October	3 rd November

FREE Football Club

Please see the poster below for further details of a free Football Club for KS2 pupils.

St Marks Church Holbrook
FREE FOOTBALL CLUB
at The Holbrook Club
School Years 3-9
6-7pm

All abilities welcome

Sessions by approved FA coach

Dates for the Autumn Term:
15th Sept, 29th Sept,
13th Oct, 27th Oct,
10th Nov, 24th Nov,
8th Dec, 22nd Dec.

Just come along
or email mandy@stmarksholbrook.org.uk for more information

Diary Dates (new additions in bold)	
Mon 15 th - Fri 19 th September	Y6 Residential to Bowles
Tuesday 16 th September	Parent Information Meetings Y5 - 8.50, Y2- 2.30pm
Wednesday 17 th September	Parent Information Meetings Y4-8.50, Y1-2.30
Thursday 18 th September	Y3 Parent Information Meeting 8.50
Thursday 18 th September	Y4 Swimming starts
Friday 26 th September	Y6 MacMillan Coffee Afternoon 2.30
Monday 29 th September	School Council to visit Houses of Parliament
Monday 29 th September	FOH AGM
Thursday 2 nd October	Y3 trip to Butser
Thursday 2 nd October	Census Day

Have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards,

Ian Holmes
Headteacher