

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to our first newsletter of the summer term.

Maths Challenge triumph

On Tuesday, 14th April, four pupils from Year 5 (Luke, Daniel, Joseph & Ava) represented Holbrook at a Maths Challenge event held at Bohunt School. The competition consisted of three exciting and demanding rounds, designed to test a range of mathematical skills, including problem-solving, reasoning, and teamwork.



Throughout the event, our pupils demonstrated collaboration, resilience, and determination. Each round presented new challenges, but the team approached every task with focus and enthusiasm, supporting one another and thinking creatively to solve complex problems. Their hard work and perseverance truly paid off, as Holbrook was awarded first place overall. We are incredibly proud of their success and the way they represented the school. Well done to all involved! *Mrs Nicholls*

Jolf day

We all had a great time on Tuesday with a Jolf whole school play golf experience day. The children had the opportunity to navigate their golf ball from the start position, around bunkers, water hazards, trees, bushes and ultimately get the ball into the hole at the bottom of the flag in the fewest amount of shots possible.

The children participated in paired year groups with the older children becoming leaders during the sessions and supporting the play of the younger children. A great day was had by all.



Curriculum

This week... Reception children have planted Tomato seeds



Year 2 had lots of fun practising their 10 times tables

WOW Walk to School challenge

We are excited to relaunch our Walk to School Travel Tracker from Monday, 27th April. Children are encouraged to travel actively at least twice a week by walking, cycling, scooting, or by choosing to 'park and stride'. Pupils taking part will have the chance to earn badges each month for their efforts. More details about the scheme will be sent out in a separate email, and in an assembly next week for the children.

Don't forget you can help your children to achieve their badges by joining in with *Walk to school Wednesday*.

Members of staff will be at both of our park and stride locations (Tythe Barn & St Marks Church) every Wednesday, during the summer term., where the staff will join the children on their walk to school. Please remember children from St Marks will need accompanying by an adult if they do not usually walk to school on their own, although children at Tythe barn can walk on into school with the member of staff due to the access to school grounds. We would love to see you join us on our walk to school.

Mrs Filson



Charity cake sale

Yesterday one of our Year 6 pupils, Delilah, held a cake sale in aid of the charity Bliss, which supports babies born premature or sick. The total raised was over £350 which is epic! We would like to thank the staff, students and parents for their generosity. *Delilah & Mrs Peate*

Staff news

Congratulations to Miss Valero (part of the office team) who got married over the Easter break. She has returned to work and is now known as Mrs Valero Cliffe.



Uniform

Visitors to the school often comment on how smart Holbrook pupils look in their uniform. Please remember shoes should be black with a flat heel and have no embellishment or logo, with velcro, bar or lace fastenings. In addition, please ensure that children have the correct PE kit, which consists of House colour T-shirt, black shorts or skorts (black jogging bottoms if cold). Thank you for your help in maintaining these high standards. Should you need any assistance (financial or information) in uniform matters then please contact the school office.

Hair

All children, girls and boys, must tie hair up where it is long enough to do so. Hair should be a natural colour (no dye) and avoid any 'extreme' hairstyles e.g tramlines. Accessories such as slides, ribbons, bobbles, etc, should be simple and in school colours.

Jewellery

Jewellery should not be worn to school. The only exception is stud earrings, which must be removed for PE. We ask parents wishing children to have pierced ears, to get piercing right at the start of the summer holidays, so that earrings can be removed for PE lessons from the start of the new term.

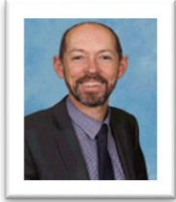




Safeguarding

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. For pupils to feel that they are able to do their best and achieve their true potential, it is important that they feel safe and supported in our school environment.



Our Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) for all Safeguarding and Child Protection issues is Mr Ian Holmes. Our Deputy DSLs are Mrs Natalie Davies (Deputy Headteacher) and Mrs Sara Nash (Assistant Headteacher/Inclusion Lead).

Designated Safeguarding Leads (DSL) for Child Protection		
		
Mr Ian Holmes Head teacher	Mrs Natalie Davies Deputy Head teacher	Mrs Sara Nash Assistant Head (Inclusion)

If you would like to speak to one of our DSLs please either call or email on:

Telephone: 01403 272500

Email: dsl@holbrookprimaryschool.com

Super League Basketball Playoff Finals, Sunday 17 May 2026 | O2 Arena, London

The school has been offered specially discounted tickets for the upcoming Super League Basketball Playoff Finals, which take place on Sunday 17th May 2026 @ The O2, London. Ticket cost £10 each for both Adults or Children (normal ticket prices £28 Adult / £20 Children) which is a discount of at least 50%.

The Playoff Finals are the showpiece event in the British Basketball calendar, and you can be part of the 16,000 crowd in the spectacular surroundings of The O2, London to enjoy this fast-paced double bill of the two top teams from both the Men's and Women's leagues.

Further details can be found here www.superleaguebasketballm.co.uk/2026playoffs/

You can book your tickets here: www.britishbasketballshop.com/products/2026playoffprimary



We have been overwhelmed by the sponsorship for our great athletes HIIT activity before Easter. We are still finalising the sponsorship money, but it is looking close to £6000! What an amazing achievement - thank you so much to all the friends and family that have supported this.

The funds will go towards sporting equipment for the school, which the children will help to choose - so watch this space. Items such as the stickers, wristbands and posters will be sent out as soon as we have finalised the total and will be given out to children soon. Thank you again for making this such a wonderful event for the children in school.

Curriculum letters for parents

This term's curriculum letters, which include information about what the children are learning in each year group this term, can be found on the school website under the Curriculum – Curriculum overview tab. They can also be found using the following links below:

[EYFS](#)

[Year 1](#)

[Year 2](#)

[Year 3](#)

[Year 4](#)

[Year 5](#)

[Year 6](#)

Chartwells Hot Meal Ordering

CUT OFF DATE Thursday 23:59	FOR WEEK COMMENCING
23 rd April	4 th May
30 th April	11 th May
7 th May	18 th May
21 st May	1 st June
28 th May	8 th June

Diary Dates (new additions in bold)	
Friday 1 st May	Happy Holbrook session
Thursday 7th May	Y3 Swimming starts
W/c 11 th May	Y6 SATs week
Friday 22 nd May	INSET day- school closed to pupils
Wed 17 th June	Sports Day

Details of sporting events can be found on our calendar page on the website [here](#):

Have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards,



Ian Holmes
Headteacher