

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to our weekly newsletter.

Curriculum

Reception children have been reading *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* this week. As well as writing about it, they created their own butterflies from a variety of different objects.



Year 1 pupils enjoyed their maths finding fractions of shapes using playdoh.



Walk to School Week May 18th - 21st

Next week is National Walk to School Week. Our school is celebrating it by encouraging children to walk, scoot, cycle or park and stride to school. The children have made the posters above to promote it.

Thursday 21st May- Choose Your Shoes day

Walk to school in your favourite shoes/trainers. We can't wait to see what you choose to wear (just remember that they must be practical for your day and that you still need to wear uniform!).



Don't forget we have staff walking from our park and stride locations (Tythe barn and St Marks church) every Wednesday to encourage the children to walk to school.

Thank you for supporting the children with this, they are enjoying tracking their daily travel in their classrooms and learning about the healthy benefits of walking to school.



Travel Survey

Thank you to everyone who has completed our parent travel survey sent earlier this week. Your feedback will help us better understand how pupils travel to and from school and identify any opportunities to improve safety, convenience, and sustainability for our community. There is still time to complete the survey via this link [Parent Travel Survey 2026 – Fill in form](#)
The closing date is Friday 22nd May.

Free spaces at the Growing Hub (Saturday, 30th May)

Sussex Green Living would like to invite 15 children from Holbrook Primary School for a FREE gardening session at the Growing Hub on Saturday 30th May between 10am and 2:30pm (United Reform Church, Springfield Road, Horsham). Children will have the opportunity to plant some seeds with Sussex Green Living's expert gardener. Please note, that an adult family member will need to accompany them.

If you are interested in a place/places, please email me and I will forward your details to Sussex Green Living.

Thanks, Dawn Filson (Eagles@holbrookprimaryschool.com)



Staffing

At the end of the summer term, we will say farewell to Mr Hudspith will be leaving Holbrook to take up the post of Deputy Headteacher at a school in Littlehampton. Mr Hudspith has contributed much to Holbrook over the past 5 years, and our loss is their gain. We will miss him but wish him well in his new role.

Safeguarding – online safety

The digital world is changing at a rapid rate, and it can be challenging to keep up. A webinar from the West Sussex digital safety team '*Navigating the new digital landscape – a guide for parents*', explains how rapidly evolving AI is shaping children's digital lives, highlights new online risks such as deepfakes and AI-driven influence, and helps parents shift from simply blocking apps to building genuine digital resilience and critical thinking.

Free sessions are available to book on 29 April and 24 June. Other free webinars include:

- *A brief introduction into artificial intelligence* on 17 May and 15 July
- *Child sexual abuse material – can you spot it?* on 14 July.

All of their upcoming webinars, including their fraud sessions can be viewed and booked via their Eventbrite Collection Page [here](#).

COMMUNITY NEWS:

St. Mark's Church Clothing Exchange



ST MARK'S CLOTHING EXCHANGE

**Tuesday 19th May
10:00am-12:00pm**

In St Mark's Church Hall
North Heath Lane
RH12 5PU

HOW IT WORKS:

- Check in donations of clean, good quality, in-season clothes (especially Children's) at the church hall at 10:00-10:20am. Collect a shopping token and queue number
- If you are in need, you can check in without donating
- Go and enjoy a free drink and cake at Holbrook Heart Cafe in the church whilst we hang up the donations.
- The exchange opens for browsing at around 10:30am
- Any leftover clothing is donated to charity.

For more information 01403 261380
office@stmarksholbrook.org.uk



Family Learning

Horsham

Nature Explorers - Broadbridge Heath Scout Hut - Tuesdays
- 2nd June-7th July - 10am-12pm

This fun and interactive course includes family activities in and around nature. Each session is based on a children's book and offers creative craft activities using resources found in nature.

Click [HERE](#) to sign up.

Supporting Your Child with Anxiety and Building Resilience -
Roffey Millennium Hall - Wednesdays - 3rd June-24th June -
10am-11:30am

This course is designed to help parents better understand childhood anxiety and develop practical, effective ways to support their children.

Click [HERE](#) to sign up.

All sessions are **FREE**, booking is required. For any queries, please contact:
familylearning@westsussex.gov.uk

SKILLS FOR LIFE 

Family Learning courses

Family Learning is a service from West Sussex CC that provides opportunities for families to learn together, develop confidence, improve communication and acquire new skills.

They have a variety of FREE courses designed to help families learn, grow and have fun together. These include;

How to help your child with learning

Raising Teens: An introduction to the Teenage Brain

Mini-movers

The poster above illustrates two other courses in the local Horsham area. For further details click [here](#).

Chartwells Hot Meal Ordering

CUT OFF DATE Thursday 23:59	FOR WEEK COMMENCING
21 st May	1 st June
28 th May	8 th June
4 th June	15 th June
11 th June	22 nd June
18 th June	29 th June
25 th June	6 th July
2 nd July	13 th July
9 th July	20 th July

Diary Dates (new additions in bold)	
Wed 20 th May	Class photos
Friday 22 nd May	INSET day- school closed to pupils
w/c 25 th May	Half term- school closed
Friday 5 th June	Happy Holbrook session
Tuesday 9 th June	Y5/6 boys cricket at Horsham CC
Tuesday 10 th June	Y3 Striking & Fielding Festival at The Bridge
Wednesday 10 th June	YR trip to Washbrooks Farm
Friday 12 th June	Y5 Footgolf at Rookwood Golf Club
Wed 17 th June	Sports Day
Thursday 18 th June	Y5/Y6 girls cricket at Horsham CC
Friday 26 th June	Y2 trip to Drusillas
Tuesday 7 th July	Y6 Production
Mon 13 th July	Y6 Leaver's Assembly
Thursday 9 th July	Y6 Production

Have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards,



Ian Holmes
Headteacher