

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to our weekly newsletter.

Sports news

Dodgeball Team Reaches National Finals

Our dodgeball team travelled to Twickenham on Thursday to compete in the regional finals, following their fantastic success in winning the county finals last term.

Facing strong competition from 10 other teams across the region, the pupils demonstrated excellent skill and determination throughout the day. In the morning, they played five matches against half of the field, securing an impressive four wins.

In the afternoon, the team competed in play-off matches against two of the strongest teams in the remaining group. Although they were narrowly defeated in both games, they showed great effort and sportsmanship against very tough opposition.

Overall, the team achieved an outstanding **4th place out of 11 teams in the South region**, earning them a well-deserved place in the **national finals**.

We are incredibly proud of the team. Their resilience, hard work and teamwork have led them to this fantastic achievement – a first for Holbrook in reaching this stage of a national competition.

We wish them the very best of luck in the national finals next month and look forward to sharing their result



Curriculum



Year 2 pupils enjoying compass work



Reception children sharing equally



School Council

The School Council recently did a walk around the school with Mr Richardson, our Premises Manager. Here is their report;

We went for a walk round the school with Mr Richardson, our site manager at Holbrook.

He told us that he loves his job and enjoys coming to work each day. He comes in early in the morning to unlock the doors, turn on the lights and get the school ready for us. He said his worst job is having to fix/clean up the toilets when they have been damaged on purpose. This takes time away from other jobs he needs to do AND costs the school money.

Mobile Library visit

On Wednesday we were visited by the West Sussex Schools Library Service mobile library. The mobile library contains information books, junior fiction, beginner reads and picture books as well as collections of picture books for older readers, dual language books, and graphic novels. We were able to borrow 10 books for each class. Special thanks to: Lily S, Max L, Kenuli JA, Kimi M, Ernie M, Elizabeth T, Nieve B, Janna E, Cody B, Sienna D, Oliver B, Ella B, Daniel W, Hugo L, Jasmine D, George J, Bohdi K, Tori L, Isy W and Callum A for their enthusiasm, thoughtfulness, and maturity in choosing a fantastic range of books for their classes. *Mrs Coomber*

Attendance award

Last month the classes with the best attendance were; Owls 98.5%, Foxes 97.8% and Badgers 97.7%. A special 'Well done' to those classes and thank you everyone for ensuring that your child's attendance at school is a high priority.



Walk to School award

Well done to Owls Class for winning May's Walk to School Award! They achieved the highest number of active journeys to school throughout the month.

Next week, our Eco-Club will be handing out badges to all pupils who earned them in May. Keep up the great work, everyone, and let's see which class will take the title next month!



Staffing

Congratulations to Miss Sisson who got married over half-term. She returns to Holbrook as Mrs Varley

Head Lice

Please be aware that we have received some reports of headlice in school. Remember if your child has hair longer than shoulder length they need to tie it back in a **full** ponytail/braid to prevent the spread. More information can be found [here](#)



PSHE curriculum

Personal, Social, Health and Economic (PSHE) is a wide overarching curriculum subject, which includes Relationships, Sex and Health Education (RSHE). Here, the focus in primary school is to teach children the fundamental building blocks and characteristics of positive relationships with particular reference to family, friends and relationships, including an understanding of what friendship and family means and how to show respect for others. It also includes the building of healthy online relationships and teaches the children how to ensure relationships are safe.



Our PSHE/RSHE curriculum [here](#) is adopted from the model PSHE Association document and was developed with parents several years ago. Recent changes to RSHE from the DfE encourage schools to review their curriculum and we would like to invite any interested parents into school for a meeting where we will explain the changes (which are minimal) and also, to share some of the resources (including 'No Outsiders' books) we use with each year group. The meeting will be held on Monday 15th June 8:45-9:30am in the studio.

Parent survey

One of the ways we continue to improve as a school is by regularly seeking feedback from our parents and carers. Our annual *Parent Survey* helps us understand what we are doing well and where we can do even better, while ensuring we are meeting the needs of both you and your children.



We would greatly appreciate you taking a few minutes to complete the survey and help us make Holbrook School the very best it can be.

You can access the survey [here](#)

The survey will remain open for two weeks and will close on **Wednesday 17th June**.

Thank you very much for your time and continued support.

Safeguarding

While many allergies result in only mild symptoms, some can be far more dangerous, causing life-threatening episodes of anaphylaxis that require swift intervention. This week's guide helps break down the warning signs and outlines the immediate steps to take when every second counts.

It also provides a useful overview of the most common food allergens – from milk and eggs to shellfish and sesame – as well as common non-food triggers like insect venom, pollen, and medication. With clear guidance on recognising the symptoms of a serious reaction and the role of devices like auto-injectors, this resource can help adults feel more prepared and informed when supporting children with allergies.

At Holbrook, staff are trained to deal with children and adults with mild and severe allergies. If your child is diagnosed with an allergy, please inform the school at the earliest opportunity.

Click on the poster for a larger version.

The infographic poster is titled 'What Parents & Educators Need to Know about ALLERGIES & ANAPHYLAXIS'. It provides a comprehensive overview of allergies and anaphylaxis, including symptoms, allergens, and treatment options. Key sections include: 'ALLERGIES AND ANAPHYLAXIS' (mild symptoms vs. anaphylaxis), 'WHAT ADRENALINE DOES' (reduces swelling, opens airways), 'TOP 14 FOOD ALLERGENS' (celery, fish, crustaceans, eggs, milk, soya, lupin, cereals, tree nuts, sesame, mustard, molluscs, peanuts, sulphites), and 'NON-FOOD ALLERGENS' (pollen, pet hair/dander, insect venom, medication/drugs). It also features 'LINKS TO FURTHER RESOURCES' with QR codes for AllergyWise, EpiPen, Jext, and Adrenaline and AADs. The poster is branded with 'Wake Up Wednesday' and 'The National College' logos.

Chartwells Hot Meal Ordering

CUT OFF DATE	FOR WEEK COMMENCING
Thursday 23:59	
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)	
Tuesday 9 th June	Y5/6 mixed 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 9.30- KS2, 1.30- KS1
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

Upcoming events at St. Mark's Church

Watch a promo video

Left to their own devices

PARENTING IN A DIGITAL AGE

This event is not just for parents but for anyone involved with children and young people as they navigate technology. Katharine's wisdom and experience will equip you with confidence in this challenging digital age. Whilst the event is free, you must reserve a ticket.

Tickets: <https://tinyurl.com/4h3wdev8>

or scan the QR Code:

8TH JUNE 2026

ST MARK'S CHURCH
HOLBROOK, RH12 5PU

7:30-9:30pm

GUEST SPEAKER

KATHARINE HILL

CEO of Care for the Family, and Author.

St Mark's Church

SEND

CAFE

MONDAYS, 10am-12pm

11th May

8th June

13th July

St Mark's Church,
Horsham

Join us to meet with other parents of SEND children to chat, share, and connect with people who understand your journey

Children are welcome to come along too. We are aware that Mondays don't work for everyone so please do get in touch if you can't come along but are interested in other SEND Family events and support.

Email: familyhub@stmarksholbrook.org.uk

ST MARK'S CHURCH

FOR ALL AGES

Fun Day

12-4 PM

FREE

SATURDAY 13TH JUNE

INFLATABLES
CRAFTS
GAMES
BBQ
CAFE
FACE PAINTING
AND MORE!

NORTH HEATH LANE, RH12 5PU
WWW.STMARKSHOLBROOK.ORG.UK

Have an enjoyable weekend.

Kind regards,

Ian Holmes
Headteacher