

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to our weekly newsletter.

Sports news

Our Year 5 and 6 girls had a fantastic time at the Southwater cricket competition. With each game, their confidence grew, and they showed real improvement in both their skills and teamwork. It was wonderful to see their determination and how well they supported one another throughout the event. Well done to all involved! *Mrs Davies*



Sports day

It was wonderful to welcome so many parents and carers to our annual Sports Day - thank you for joining us and supporting the children. Our House Captains did a superb job organising the events and providing support throughout the day. The EYFS and KS1 children enjoyed taking part in a carousel of activities before the excitement of the sprint races. Congratulations to Dragons and Unicorns, who were the overall winners in EYFS/KS1 and KS2, respectively. More photos can be found in an album [here](#).



Reading Ambassadors

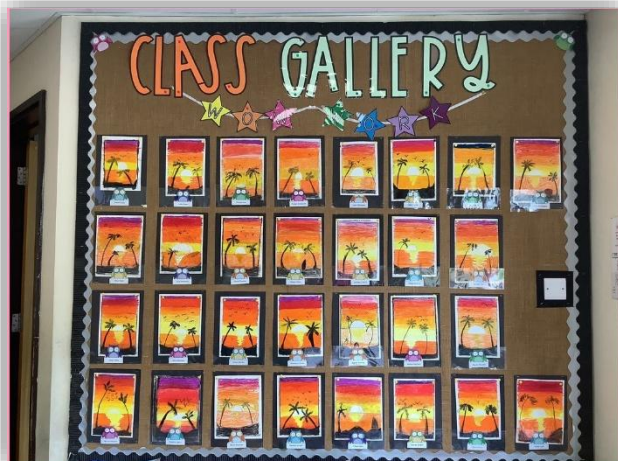
On Monday 15th June, 13 of the Reading Ambassadors club left school early to catch a bus down to Waterstones in town. Once there, we were met by Tabs who helped us to choose books with the proceeds from the second-hand book sale at the beginning of the year. We all had great fun selecting from their fabulous range and will be busy over the next couple of weeks getting them onto our library system and sharing them with the classes. Thank you to Waterstones for their generous discount and helping us replenish our library with nearly £500 of new books!

Mrs Reeves and Mrs Coomber

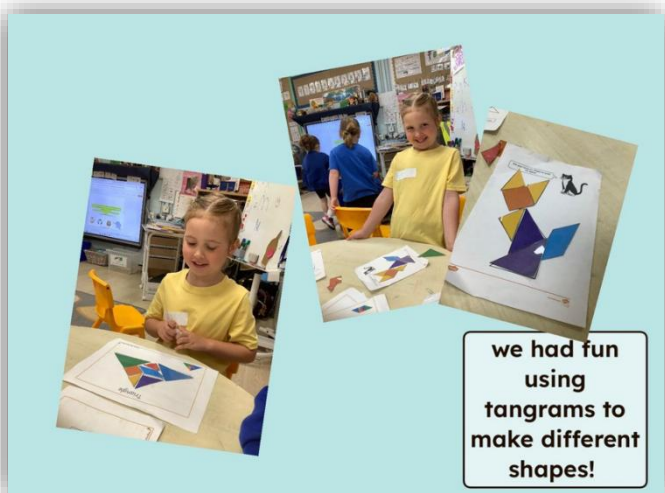


Curriculum

Year 5 pupils using the World Cup statistics to compare data and their lovely pastel artwork.



Reception children making tangrams



Year 1 children creating pictograms



Strider visit

Yesterday, Strider, the Walk to School mascot, visited Holbrook school to help celebrate Clean Air Day.

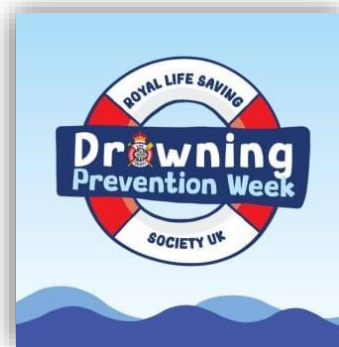
Clean Air Day is the UK's largest annual air pollution campaign, aimed at raising awareness of how poor air quality impacts our health and environment.

Several of our Eco-reps met with Ceri Wilkinson, the Living Streets project coordinator and shared how Holbrook is making a positive difference to our health, community and environment.

Safeguarding - Drowning Prevention Week 2026

This week is Drowning Prevention Week, which is deliberately timed ahead of the school summer holidays, when children spend more time outdoors and vital water safety skills can help keep them safe.

Free Water Safety Resources for Parents are available [here](#). The Royal Life Saving Society UK (RLSS UK) provides vital water safety information to help children and young people stay safe.



PSHE curriculum

For anyone unable to attend this week's parents' meeting regarding the revised PSHE/RSHE curriculum, the slideshow used has now been uploaded to the school website [here](#).

Staff update

At the end of the summer term, we will be saying goodbye to three valued members of our support team, Mrs Van der Ent and Mrs Beckham (Teaching & Learning Support), as well as Mrs Nash (Assistant Headteacher). We wish them all well in their new adventures.

We are pleased to welcome Mrs Kellaway, Mrs Moszkal, Mrs Rose and Miss Sinfield (Teaching & Learning Support) to the Holbrook team.

Tax-Free Childcare

Tax-Free Childcare (TFC) is a childcare top-up for working parents. It can be used to help pay for breakfast clubs, after-school clubs, holiday clubs, childminders, or sports activities. TFC is available for children aged up to 11, or 17 if the child has a disability. Families can visit the [Best Start in Life website](#) to check if they are eligible. You can find out more about the scheme by clicking [here](#).

Many parents and carers do not realise that TFC can be saved up on their accounts. Even if childcare is not required throughout the school terms, there is still the option to save up funds.

Best Start in Life has a page of [frequently asked questions](#), which may be useful for parents and carers. The Family Information Service (FIS) also has a [Facebook page](#). The FIS shares useful information on help paying for childcare and other topics useful to families.

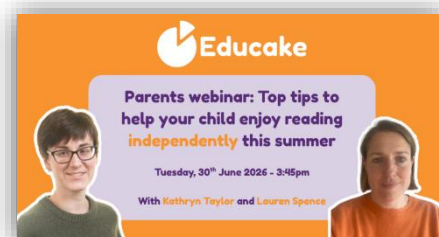
Other useful links and additional information:

- [Tax Free Childcare support for summer holiday activities](#)
- [Guidance on getting Tax-Free Childcare](#)
- [The Family Information Service's Facebook page](#)
- [Help paying for childcare web page](#)
- [The Family Information Service website](#) helps parents search for childcare



Helping children enjoy reading independently

Educake are running a FREE short parent webinar that many families find helpful at this time of year. The session is designed to help parents build their child's confidence and enjoyment of independent reading over the summer break. It is practical, reassuring and suitable for all year groups. If you can't make the exact time, Tuesday, 30th June 2026 – 3:45pm-4:30pm, [register](#) anyway and they will send the recording direct to your inbox to watch at a time that is more convenient.



Hot Weather Safety Reminder

With very warm temperatures forecast for next week, we want to ensure all children stay safe, happy, and comfortable while at school. Please support us by:

- Sending in a named water bottle every day – children will be encouraged to drink regularly.
- Providing a sun hat/cap to protect heads and faces during outdoor time.
- Applying sunscreen before school – staff can remind children to reapply, but younger pupils may need help at home first thing.
- Dressing children in light, loose, comfortable clothing where possible (in line with school uniform guidance).

In school, we will:

- Keep children in shaded areas during breaks where possible
- Limit time in direct sun and avoid strenuous outdoor activity during the hottest parts of the day
- Ensure regular water breaks

If your child feels unwell in the heat, please let the office know and keep them at home if necessary. Thank you for your support in helping everyone stay safe during the hot weather.

Chartwells Hot Meal Ordering

CUT OFF DATE Thursday 23:59	FOR WEEK COMMENCING
25 th June	6 th July
2 nd July	13 th July
9 th July	20 th July

Diary Dates (new additions in bold)	
Friday 26 th June	District Sports
Friday 26 th June	Y2 trip to Drusillas
Saturday 27 th June	FOH Summer Fayre 11-3pm
Tuesday 7 th July	Y6 Production
Wednesday 8 th July	Open Afternoon (more details to follow)
Mon 13 th July	Y6 Leaver's Assembly
Thursday 9 th July	Y6 Production

Have an enjoyable weekend.

Kind regards,



Ian Holmes
Headteacher