Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to our weekly newsletter.

Year 4 Residential Visit to Sayers Croft
From Monday to Wednesday this week, our Year 4 children enjoyed an unforgettable residential trip to the wonderful Sayers Croft Activity Centre. During their stay, they took part in a wide range of exciting outdoor activities, including den building, toasting marshmallows around a campfire, river walking, scaling enormous boulders, low ropes and pond dipping.

For many children, this was their first experience of spending time away from their families, and they rose to the challenge brilliantly. They showed great independence, resilience and enthusiasm throughout the trip, making wonderful memories with their friends and embracing every new experience. We are incredibly proud of them all!

Sports news
Our Year 6 pupils recently took part in a rounders tournament, run by the Millais sports leaders, demonstrating fantastic teamwork, determination and sportsmanship throughout the event.
The children played a series of competitive matches against other local schools, showing great skill in both batting and fielding. Every player contributed to the team's success, with some excellent catches, accurate throws and impressive rounders scored during the morning.
What stood out most was the positive attitude displayed by all our pupils. They encouraged one another, celebrated each other's achievements and showed respect towards their opponents and the sports leaders. A huge well done to all of our Year 6 participants for being such excellent ambassadors for the school.

House rounders
This week Year 3 also enjoyed a house rounders competition.

Curriculum

Year 5 pupils enjoyed exploring the process of cyanotype printing, collecting natural materials and using sunlight to create beautiful botanical artworks. The activity combined science and creativity, producing some stunning results.

Year 1 had great fun on their Victorian day using a green screen to recreate a Victorian postcard, as well as enjoying a Punch and Judy show.

Transition

On Wednesday, our Y6 pupils visited their new secondary schools in preparation for Year 7 in September. The rest of the school will visit their new classrooms and teacher/s next Tuesday, in the first of our two transition sessions.

Open Afternoon & History Museum/Art Exhibition

As part of our transition events, we will be holding an open afternoon for parents and carers on Wednesday 8th July 2:45pm – 4:45pm.

This will be an opportunity for parents and children to visit our History Museum and Art Exhibition (from 2:45pm) and then share their child's learning in their current class, as well as visiting their child's future teacher. **The school day will finish at 3pm for all pupils,** giving staff a quick break before the classrooms reopen for visitors. Parents and children are welcome to use the field during this time to play or even have a picnic but please make sure your child/ren are supervised at all times.

Horsham Children's Parade 2026

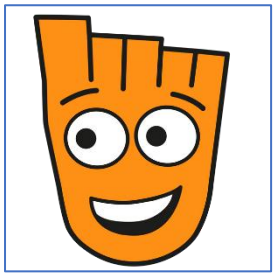
The annual Children's Parade takes place this Sunday 5th July in Horsham town centre. Look out for Holbrook's float and children, which is number 10 in the parade. We will be leaving Denne Road at 11a.m and are scheduled to arrive at Horsham Park at 12 noon.

FoH Summer Fair

Thank you to everyone who organised, helped at or came to support the Friends of Holbrook Summer Fair last Saturday. The weather was wonderful and it was lovely to see so many families enjoying this great community event.

Attendance award

Last month the classes with the best attendance were; Kingfishers 97.3%, Owls 96.7% and Falcons, Badgers & Otters 95.5%. 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 June's Walk to School Award! They achieved the highest number of active journeys to school throughout the month.

Staffing

Congratulations to Mrs Bansal who recently got married. She returns to Holbrook as Mrs Jones.

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Family Grapevine

Please find below a link to the digital-only version of the West Sussex Family Grapevine magazine. Parents/carers can access information on upcoming local events, Places to Go with their children, competitions and local clubs & societies. Click here.

Comptons Lane survey

West Sussex CC is proposing walking, wheeling and cycling improvements along Comptons Lane, Horsham.

Please see the poster for details about how you can provide feedback.

Chartwells Hot Meal Ordering

CUT OFF DATE Thursday 23:59	FOR WEEK COMMENCING
9th July	**20th July**

Diary Dates (new additions in bold)	
Tuesday 7th July	Y6 Production
Wednesday 8th July	Open Afternoon
Mon 13th July	Y6 Leaver's Assembly
Thursday 9th July	Y6 Production
Friday 17th July	Y2 Trip to Drusillas

Have an enjoyable weekend.
Kind regards,

Ian Holmes
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