

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to our weekly newsletter.

Year 6 Leavers 2026

We say goodbye and good luck to all our wonderful Year 6 children as they move on to the next stage of their educational journey. We thank them for their commitment, hard work and positive contribution to life at Holbrook throughout the year.

The entire year group has worked incredibly hard and achieved success across a wide range of academic, sporting and creative pursuits. They have been fantastic role models for younger pupils and have truly embodied the values we hope every child takes with them when they leave Holbrook: kindness, independence, responsibility and a determination to succeed.

We are immensely proud of all they have achieved and wish them every success and happiness in their new schools. They will always remain an important part of the Holbrook family.



At our Year 6 Leavers' Achievement Afternoon, we celebrated the many wonderful qualities, talents and contributions of each child, reflecting on the positive impact they have had on Holbrook throughout their seven years with us. They should be immensely proud of all they have achieved, both inside and outside the classroom, and of the important role they have played in our school community.

The children also enjoyed a memorable programme of leavers' celebrations, including a BBQ with friends and staff, a fun-filled activity day, and the opportunity to take home a Leavers' Book filled with special memories of their time at Holbrook. We would like to extend our thanks to the Friends of Holbrook for their generous support in helping to make these events so special.

I am incredibly proud of every one of you and have no doubt that you will continue to thrive, embrace new opportunities and achieve great things in your new schools. We wish you every success and happiness for the future.

Curriculum

It's been a busy week in school, with lots going across the curriculum.



Last week, the whole school took part in a special eco-morning focusing on decarbonisation and biodiversity. Some of the activities included: creating minibeast hotels and water stations, designing a nature friendly playground, creating walk to school posters, and finding out about the importance of trees. The children thought of many ways to make Holbrook more eco-friendly, and many of their ideas will be added to our school's climate action plan.

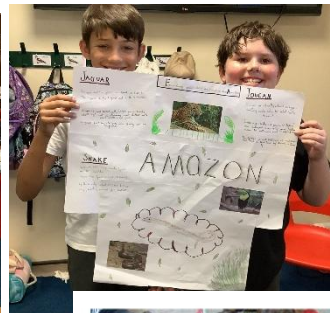
Mrs Filson



In DT Year 3 designed, made and ate healthy sandwiches and year 2 have been sewing their animal puppets.



Year 4 have been researching about the amazon, creating projects which they have shared across the classes.



Year 5 and 6 took part in Stem workshops, with a visit from Chess Dynamics and projects which led the children to create a fan car and a moving fairground ride.



Eagles STEM fan car activity.



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Sports news

The last few weeks, Years 3, 4 & 5 have taken part in house rounders competitions – getting the chance to win valuable points for their teams.

Well done to Dragons – Year 5 winners, Unicorns from Year 4 and Unicorns again in Year 3.

Rock Steady Concert

Since Rock Steady Music School was launched at Holbrook the children involved have had a fantastic time learning their instruments and vocals to the song of their choice. This culminated in a special concert for their parents on Wednesday 16th. All the children performed their song in



their individual bands, for the first time in front of (a very appreciative) audience. Band leader Sam explained how the children's skills had been developed so far and what their next steps would be when it continues in the Autumn Term. The children work in mixed aged groups to form their own rock band using a range of instruments and the corridors are alive with the sounds and rhythms every Wednesday.

Transition

On Thursday, the children met their new class teacher for the second time as part of our transition events before the end of the year. The dates for the Parent meetings at the start of the autumn term are being finalised and we hope to add these to the school calendar very soon.

Tapestry



Important: Moving from Seesaw to Tapestry

From September, we will be using Tapestry as our new communication and learning platform.

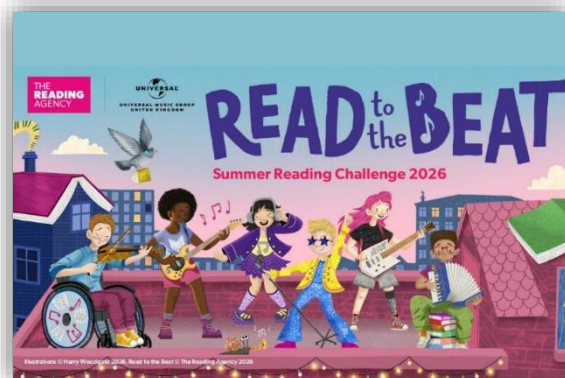
To receive updates about your child's learning and important messages from teachers, please complete the transfer form by **Monday 20 July**.

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Summer Reading Challenges

In Monday's assemblies, Sophie Jelliss, one of our Holbrook Parents, introduced a Summer Reading Challenge being run through the company where she works, Atos, as part of the Million Makers initiative, raising funds for The King's Trust.

The challenge encourages children to set their own reading goal over the summer and read anything they enjoy – books, comics or audiobooks. Families can take part with a small donation (typically £5 - £25), with all funds supporting The King's Trust.



Please see the attached poster for full details and how to take part. You can also [click on the link here](#) to sign up.



The Atos Million Makers team, Power of 15, is proud to support The King's Trust, helping young people build the confidence and skills they need to live, learn and earn.

Sign up by 31 July and make a small donation – children might like to raise donations through summer sponsorship.

Read over the summer – books, comics, audio books – whatever you like!

Submit your donation to enter a prize draw to win a signed book kindly donated by **Julia Donaldson** PLUS a 6-month book subscription (Prize draw to take place on Monday 14 September)



Power of 15 from Atos are organising a series of events to raise funds for The King's Trust through the Million Makers challenge. These events are estimated to raise at least £100,000 in total, to be donated before March 2027.

The King's Trust is a registered charity in England and Wales (1079675) and Scotland (SC041198).

We hope many of you will get involved and support reading over the summer holidays.

There are now two Reading Challenges running over the summer period. The West Sussex [Read to the Beat](#), celebrating the connection between reading, music and creativity, and the Atos Reading Challenge. Children can complete both challenges at the same time.

As a special bonus, **any child who uploads a photo of their certificate/medal for either challenge to Tapestry will receive 10 House points.** If they complete both, then that will be 20 House points.

HDC Community Safety Partnership Road Safety Survey

The following is a message sent on behalf of Horsham District Council Community Safety Partnership and Horsham District Neighbourhood Watch

Horsham District Community Safety Partnership has Road Safety as a priority for 2026-2027 and would like to hear from residents and businesses about any road safety concerns, they may have.

The short survey is available until the end of July and should only take a few minutes to complete - please click on the link below to open the survey and share your views.

[Road Safety Survey for the Horsham District | Horsham District Council](#)



Staff news

As we approach the end of the summer term, we say fond goodbyes to Mrs Beckham, Mr Hudspith, Mrs Nash and Mrs Van der Ent. We wish all of them well in their new jobs and adventures.

Next term we welcome Mrs Little (Inclusion Lead/SENDCo), Mr Fiveash, Miss Michael-Harwood, (Class teachers) and Mrs Kellaway, Mrs Moszkal, Mrs Rose, and Miss Sinfield (Support staff) to the team.

Diary Dates (new additions in bold)

Wednesday 22 nd July	Last Day of Term
Tuesday 1 st Sept	INSET Day- School closed to pupils
Wednesday 2 nd Sept	School starts for Y1-6
Mon 14 th -18 th Sept	Y6 Residential to Bowles

Have an enjoyable weekend.

Kind regards,

Ian Holmes
Headteacher