

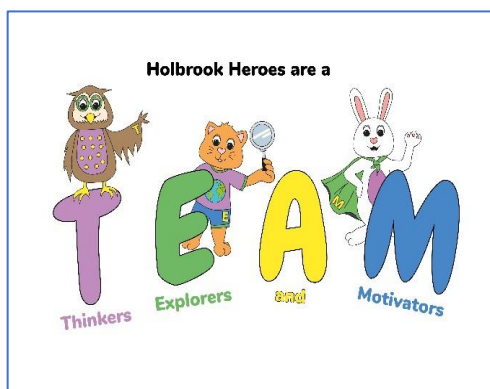
Dear Parents/Carers, Welcome Back to School

I hope you and your family had a relaxing and enjoyable summer break. As we begin a new school year, I would like to extend a very warm welcome to all of our returning families, as well as those joining the Holbrook community for the first time.

Our staff have been busy preparing exciting learning opportunities that will challenge, engage and inspire the children, and we look forward to a term filled with success, growth and new experiences.

We have been incredibly impressed by how quickly all year groups have settled into their new classrooms and routines. The children have returned with enthusiasm and a positive attitude towards learning, while also demonstrating the high standards of behaviour that we value at Holbrook.

Thank you for ensuring that your children have returned to school looking smart and ready to learn. A gentle reminder that children should wear plain black school shoes with a flat heel and either Velcro, bar or lace fastenings. If you have not yet been able to purchase suitable shoes, or if your child's shoes have become damaged, please let their class teacher know. If you require support with purchasing any aspect of school uniform, please do not hesitate to contact the school in confidence.



Developing a Growth Mindset

Over the first few days of term, the children have taken part in assemblies, lessons and activities focused on developing a *growth mindset*.

A growth mindset is the belief that abilities and skills can be developed through effort, practice and perseverance. It helps children understand that making mistakes is a valuable part of the learning process and that challenges provide opportunities to grow. This links closely to our Holbrook Learning Skills and the attitudes we encourage every day.

You can support your child at home by encouraging them to embrace challenges, learn from mistakes and keep trying when they find something difficult. Praising effort, determination and progress, rather than focusing solely on outcomes, helps to build confidence, resilience and a lifelong love of learning.



Summer works

Take a look at our new EY/Y1 outside area and Y1 toilets, which were refurbished during the summer holidays. KS2 classes have a new roof and every class has a new classroom sign.

EY/Y1 outside area

BEFORE



AFTER



Year 1 toilets

BEFORE



AFTER



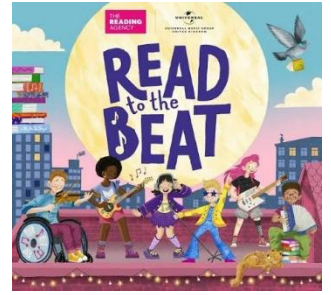
New class signs



Summer Reading Challenge

Well done to everyone who has completed one or both of the Summer Reading Challenges so far. Good news – there is still time to complete the challenge and earn ten house points for your house team by bringing your medal/certificate into school, see below.

*This year's Summer Reading Challenge, Read to the Beat is available in libraries until **Saturday 12th September**. There is still plenty of time to pop into your local library to collect your certificate and medal and tell us about all the lovely books you've been reading over the summer. Or, if you haven't yet registered, there's still time to sign up and join in with some reading.*



Parent information meetings

We will be holding meetings for parents of each year group shortly. This is an opportunity to find out more information about the curriculum, trips/visits, how to support your child and much more. For those who are unable to attend, the information will be made available on our website. The dates and times are detailed below :

Please use the links below to view the curriculum letters for this term and the curriculum overviews for the year, informing you of what your child will be learning throughout the year. More details will be available at the curriculum meetings, which will be held in the school hall (times below).

[Reception](#), Tuesday 22nd at 2.30pm

[Year 1](#), Wednesday 16th at 2.30pm

[Year 2](#), Tuesday 15th at 2.30pm

[Year 3](#), Tuesday 15th at 8.50am

[Year 4](#), Wednesday 16th at 8.50am

[Year 5](#), Thursday 17th at 8.50am

[Year 6](#), Monday 7th September at 3.10pm

Staying in Touch

We believe that good communication between home and school helps your child succeed. If you ever have questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact your child's teacher by email or phone.

We'll keep you updated with details about upcoming events and activities through future messages, and you can also find information on our school website.



Tapestry



We are no longer using Seesaw for sharing our learning at school and setting home learning. Tapestry is currently being set up, please make sure you have given permission for this and if not please ask your class teacher for a letter. KS1 should now be up and running and KS2 will be ready next week. If you need any help or support, please check out these guides from Tapestry [Parents and carers - Tapestry Features](#). Any problems, please email the school office.



HORSHAM

BABY BALLERS & GRASSROOTS

GRASSROOTS SESSIONS



BABY BALLERS AGES 3-9			
Mon 5:00-6:00pm	Millais School	RH13 5HR	Year 1-3 Mixed

GRASSROOTS AGES 8-18			
Mon 6:00-7:00pm	Millais Secondary School	RH13 5HR	Year 7 Mixed
Mon 7:00-8:00pm	Millais Secondary School	RH13 5HR	Years 10-13 Boys
Thu 5:30-6:30pm	Bohunt Horsham		Year 4-6 Mixed
Thu 6:30-7:30pm	Bohunt Horsham		Year 8 & 9 Boys

All Girls -- see sessions in Crawley.

FIRST SESSION FREE

Book your free trial at stormbasketballclub.com/grassroots-sessions

karl@stormbasketballclub.com

Basketball opportunity

Storm has new grassroots basketball sessions running in Horsham this term and we are looking for new players. The days, times and year groups are on the flyer attached.

The first session is free for anyone who wants to try it. After that, any player who brings a friend who signs up earns a free session next half term, one per friend, up to that whole half term free. Full detail is here, and invitations need to be in during September:

<https://stormbasketballclub.com/news/invite-a-friend-and-earn-free-sessions/>

Funded Family Learning Courses for Parents, Grandparents, Carers and Children

Family Learning Virtual Courses

 **How To Help Your Child With Learning in Reception & KS1**
Thursdays 17 September – 15 October 2026
1:00pm – 2:30pm
Learn about the Reception and KS1 curriculum and discover simple, fun ways to support reading, writing and maths at home.

 **Managing Screen Time**
Wednesday 23 September 2026
1:00pm – 2:30pm
Explore practical strategies for creating healthy screen habits, setting boundaries and encouraging a balanced family lifestyle.

- ✓ Free online sessions via Microsoft Teams
- ✓ Friendly, supportive and interactive
- ✓ Practical tips to use at home

Sign up here: <https://www.webenrol.com/westsussex>
Or email familylearning@westsussex.gov.uk for more information



SKILLS FOR LIFE 

Looking for fun ways to support your child's learning and development? The West Sussex Adult Learning Service offers fully funded Family Learning courses help parents, grandparents, carers and children learn together, build confidence and develop new skills in a friendly and supportive environment.

Family Learning

Family Learning offers fun, practical, and engaging opportunities for parents, guardians, and grandparents to learn new skills, build confidence, and spend quality time together.

Our courses are designed to support families in a variety of ways. Some sessions are enjoyed alongside your child, while others are adult-only, giving you the chance to focus on your own learning and development.

Choose from a range of in-person and online courses, making it easy to find something that fits your family and schedule.

Some of our upcoming courses include:

- Mini Movers
- Nature Explorers
- Managing Screen Time
- Supporting Your Anxious Child
- And much more!

Find out what else we have on offer and discover what is happening in your area by scanning the QR code.




SKILLS FOR LIFE 

Whether you're interested in supporting reading and maths at home, preparing your child for school, enjoying creative learning activities together, or would like guidance understanding your child's behaviour, there's something for every family.

Courses are delivered both virtually and across the local area and parents, carers, grandparents, foster carers and kinship carers are all welcome to take part.

To find out more and book a place, visit: <https://www.webenrol.com/westsussex>.

Looking Ahead to a Great Term

We are excited about the term ahead and all that your children will achieve. Thank you for your ongoing support and for entrusting us with your child's education. We look forward to a rewarding term filled with learning, progress, and memorable experiences. Thank you for your ongoing support.

DIARY DATES (new dates added in bold)	
Monday 7 th Sept	3.10 Y6 Parent Meeting
Tuesday 15 th Sep	8.50 Y3 Parent Meeting 2.30 Y2 Parent Meeting
Wednesday 16 th Sep	8.50 Y4 Parent Meeting 2.30 Y1 Parent Meeting
Thursday 17 th Sept	8.50 Y1 Parent Meeting
Thursday 17 th Sept	Y4 Swimming Starts
Tuesday 22 nd Sept	2.30 YR Parent Meeting
Friday 25 th Sept	2.30 MacMillan Coffee Morning
Monday 28 th Sept	Flu Immunisations
Thursday 8 th Oct	Harvest Festival
Wednesday 4 th Nov	Photo day

Have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards,



Ian Holmes
Headteacher