

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to our weekly newsletter.

Holbrook Curriculum

Clockwise from the top left: Year 2 looking for mini beasts in the Thinking Garden, Year 4 learning about proportion for self-portraits and Year 5 enjoying partner reading with Year 2.



Holbrook runners

Well done to Alex B and Bobby F who took part in the Alf Shrubbs Memorial Run last weekend. They finished the 1-mile race for children aged 8-11 in 12th and 2nd place, respectively. A super effort!



Harvest Festival

Our Harvest Festival assemblies will take place on **Thursday 8th October**. Mrs Varley and our newly elected School Council will be helping to organise the event and coordinate our annual appeal for donations.

We are always incredibly grateful for the generosity of our families in supporting this important cause. Donations of tinned and packet foods, as well as essential hygiene products, are greatly appreciated and will be donated to a local charity to support those in need within our community.

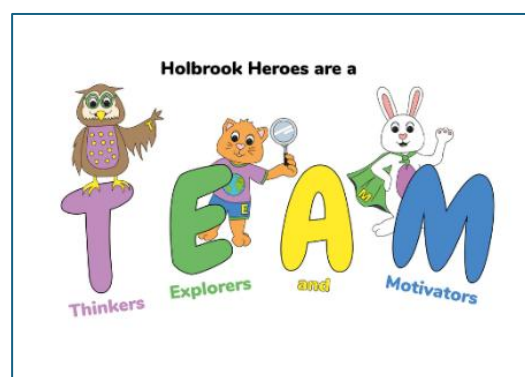
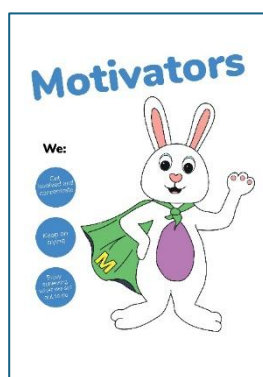
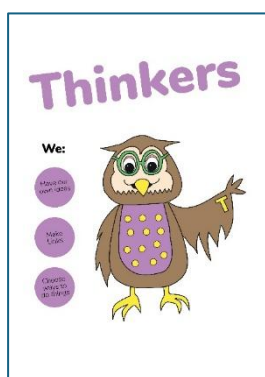
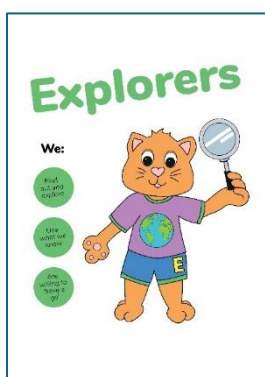
Further details about donations and collection arrangements will be shared in due course.

Holbrook Learning Skills

At Holbrook, we are proud to offer a broad and balanced curriculum enriched by meaningful, motivating and memorable learning experiences. Alongside this, we place a strong emphasis on teaching children **how to learn**, helping them to develop the attitudes, behaviours and transferable skills needed to become successful lifelong learners.

Our Learning Skills framework encourages pupils to become independent, responsible and resilient learners who are well equipped for the opportunities and challenges of modern life. We believe that effective learners are **Thinkers, Explorers and Motivated Learners**, with each of these characteristics broken down into three key strands.

To celebrate and promote these skills, every class has a special owl, cat and rabbit soft toy which are awarded to children who demonstrate these learning behaviours. Pupils may also receive Learning Skills stickers in recognition of their efforts. If your child brings home a sticker, please take a moment to congratulate them and ask them about the learning skill they have demonstrated. We love hearing children talk about their achievements and learning journeys.



Safeguarding – Attendance at school clubs

If your child is unable to attend their after-school club for any reason, please let the School Office know in advance. This helps us ensure all children are safe and accounted for. If a child is expected at a club but hasn't arrived and we haven't been informed, we will contact parents or carers to confirm their safety and whereabouts. Thank you for your support in keeping our pupils safe.



Family Learning courses

The West Sussex Family Learning team is pleased to launch its latest programme of free courses for parents and carers. Designed to provide practical support for families, our courses help parents, grandparents and carers build confidence, develop new strategies, and support their children's learning and wellbeing.

This term, they are offering virtual courses, including '**How to Help Your Child with Learning in Reception and Key Stage 1**' and '**Managing Screen Time**', alongside in-person courses, such as '**Supporting Children with Anxiety and Building Resilience**', available in Horsham

and Crawley. They also offer a range of courses across the county for families with pre-school children, focusing on developing key skills for learning and preparing children for a successful start to school.

These short, practical courses provide useful advice, evidence-based strategies, and the opportunity to connect with other families facing similar challenges. To find out more and view the latest courses, please visit the Family Learning website [here](#).

Considering a Career in Teaching?

Holbrook is proud to be a partner school within the SCITT training programme, providing opportunities for aspiring teachers to train in a supportive and high-quality school environment.

The next recruitment cycle for trainee teachers opens on **29 September 2026** for a **September 2027 start**. With partner schools located across Sussex, the programme offers an excellent route into teaching through a practical, school-based curriculum that combines hands-on classroom experience with professional training.

This pathway allows trainees to train close to home, gain valuable experience from day one and develop their skills within local school communities, without the need for extensive travel.

If you are considering a rewarding career in teaching, this could be an excellent opportunity to find out more about the profession and take the first steps towards becoming a qualified teacher. Further information about the programme can be found through our SCITT partnership. Click on the poster for further details.

Applications open now for a September 2027 start



Thinking about a career in teaching?

Tanbridge Teacher Training offers a school based training route to gain QTS and a PGCE in one of our partner schools across Sussex.

Join our next information event

Monday 5th October - 4-5pm
Tanbridge House School
A281 Guildford Road Horsham RH12 1SR
Contact us: teachertraining@ths.uk.net



Scan to register interest!

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Tanbridge Teacher Training SCITT

Follow us on social media for clips of trainees in action and FAQs answered.

DIARY DATES (new dates added in bold)	
Tuesday 22nd Sept	8.50 Y3 Parent Meeting
Tuesday 22 nd Sept	2.30 YR Parent Meeting
Friday 25 th Sept	2pm Y6 MacMillan Coffee Afternoon – all welcome
Monday 28 th Sept	Flu Immunisations
Thursday 8 th Oct	Harvest Festival
Thurs 22nd Oct	Y3 Trip to Buster Ancient Farm
Friday 23 rd Oct	Inset day
Wednesday 4 th Nov	Photo day
Friday 13th Nov	Y1 Trip to Hever Castle

Have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards,



Ian Holmes

Headteacher