Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to our weekly newsletter.



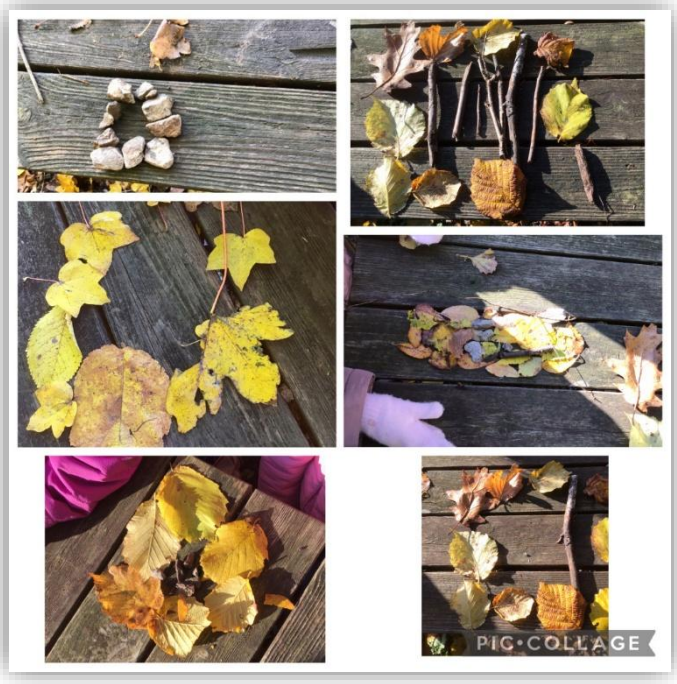
Year 5 Visit to Skylark House – Remembrance Day

On Wednesday, some of our Year 5 children enjoyed a very special visit to Skylark House to meet the residents and take part in a lovely Remembrance Day activity.

The children spent time chatting with the residents, sharing conversations about the wars and learning about the importance of remembering those who served and sacrificed so much.

Together, they made beautiful felt poppies, which the children created especially for the residents. The children were absolutely amazing, showing kindness, enthusiasm and creativity throughout the visit.

It was wonderful to see the generations coming together to share stories, make memories and reflect on the importance of Remembrance Day. We are so proud of how wonderfully the children represented our school. *Mrs Nicholls and Mrs Moloney*



Curriculum news

Reception children had fun looking for 2D shapes in the outdoor environment yesterday and then created their own.



Year 2 learnt about how and why lamps are used during Diwali.

Phonics workshops



It was lovely to see so many parents at our recent Phonics workshops. We hope you found the sessions helpful and informative, and that you now feel more confident in supporting your child's phonics learning at home. We really appreciate you taking the time to join us and for your continued support in your child's learning journey.

Anti-Bullying Week – Break the Silence



This year, the theme for Anti-Bullying Week is **'Break the Silence'**. Throughout the week, we will be raising awareness of the importance of speaking up, being kind and standing together against bullying.

We will be holding special assemblies, including one led by our very own Anti-Bullying Ambassadors, who will help to share this important message.

On Monday, we will celebrate **Odd Socks Day**, reminding us that we are all different, unique and special in our own way.

Throughout the week, the children will also take part in a range of activities and learning opportunities linked to this year's theme, encouraging everyone to use their voice, support one another and help make our school a safe and happy place for all.

Safeguarding – Attendance

Regular attendance is vital to supporting positive outcomes for all pupils, but it is also an important part of keeping children safe. Knowing which children are absent from school and understanding the reasons for their absence is fundamental to effective safeguarding.

As a school, we have a duty of care to ensure that all children are safe and accounted for. At Holbrook, attendance is closely monitored on a weekly basis. We work hard to maintain positive and open communication with parents and have effective systems in place to identify and address any attendance concerns promptly and sensitively.

If your child's attendance falls below 90%, we will contact you by letter to make you aware of this and, where appropriate, offer support and guidance to help improve attendance. We understand that there can sometimes be challenges that affect a child's ability to attend school, so please do not hesitate to contact the school office if you have any concerns or feel you may need support.

Friends of Holbrook Christmas reminders

Non-school uniform day

Thank you for everybody's donations this week, don't forget that we have one more non-school uniform for the students to enjoy on **Friday 27th November**. Please bring a bottle (alcoholic or soft) OR £1 for our tombolas. Collection ponts will be out at morning drop-off in both KS1 and KS2 playgrounds.



Calling all Holbrook bakers! 🧁

With just over two weeks to go until our Christmas Fayre (28 November, 12-3pm), we'd love your donated homemade cakes and bakes. Please keep all bakes nut-free, attach an ingredients list to each item and clearly mark any allergens. Drop them off on Friday 27 November or bring them to the Fayre.

Raffle tickets

Please return completed raffle stubs, money and any unsold tickets to the school office postbox before the Fayre. Reminder that all stubs must be in the name of someone aged 16 or over.



Fayre volunteers

We're in need of volunteers to help make the Fayre run smoothly. If you can spare an hour to help, please book your slot here: https://www.ptaevents.co.uk/holbrookprimaryschool/index.cfm?event=volunteers

For any questions about the Fayre directly contact Laura on fohichair@holbrookprimaryschool.com and you can join our WhatsApp community to keep up to date.

Diary dates

DIARY DATES (new dates added in bold)	
Mon 16th Nov	**Odd Sock Day**
Fri 20th Nov	Y5 Trip to Newhaven Fort
Tues 24th Nov	Y4 trip to Fishbourne Roman Palace
Fri 27th Nov	Non Uniform day- (bottle donations)
Sat 28th Nov	FOH Christmas Fayre
Tues 8th Dec	KS1 Nativity to Y1 Parents
Wed 9th Dec	KS1 Nativity to Y2 Parents
Thurs 10th Dec	EYFS Nativity to Parents
Thurs 10th Dec	KS2 Carols at St Marys
Wed 16th Dec	Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Lunch

Have a lovely weekend.
Kind regards,

Ian Holmes
Headteacher