Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to our weekly newsletter.



Sports news

Years 3 and 4 had a wonderful time at Collyers on Tuesday at the Badminton festival. The children tried a range of activities and skills based around the game of Badminton, led by the Collyers sports leaders. The children enjoyed learning about a different sport and tackled the challenges with great enthusiasm and resilience.

Mrs Davies

Curriculum news



Year 5 have been continuing their learning about the world wars, after their fantastic remembrance service at St Marks church. This week, they were visited by Jeff (Olivia's grandad) who shared artefacts about the wars, ahead of their trip to Newhaven fort, where they can develop their understanding further.

Pets in Socks!





We had an overwhelming response on Tapestry to pets (or favourite toys) in odd socks, here is just a little snapshot. This was a great way to raise awareness of our anti-bullying week, giving the whole school community a chance to have fun and join in. The children enjoyed wearing a colourful mix of odd socks on Monday to launch the week. Please ask your children what they got up to this week in lessons and assemblies as a part of anti-bullying week.



Anti-Bullying Week – Break the Silence

This week we have been taking part in activities relating to Anti-Bullying Week, including Odd Socks Day on Monday. The Anti-Bullying Ambassadors led assemblies for KS1 and KS2 all about the theme 'Break the Silence' and the children made posters and odd socks designs throughout the week! We also launched an Odd Socks on your Pet competition - we have had lots of wonderful entries and we will be revealing the winners soon. *Mrs Souques*

Safeguarding

Local residents have raised concerns about cars driving down Holbrook School Lane, especially at the turning circle at the bottom, which is also at the entrance to a road of houses. We have children from school who live there, some of who walk to school by themselves. Please be extra careful when using this turning circle and make sure you are fully aware of any children walking to school.
Thank you

London mini-marathon



After our participation last year, we have automatically been given 40 places in the TCS mini-London marathon. This year it will take place on Friday the 23rd of April and will be a total of one mile. Even though we have been allocated places, we need to register how many we would require.
If your child would be interested in taking part, please email Mrs Davies deputy@holbrookprimaryschool.com, with the subject *marathon*, by Monday the 14th of December **AT THE LATEST.**

Fayre volunteers: we need you!



We're halfway there with our volunteer slots. Let's fill the rest so the Fayre can run smoothly for everyone. Slots are just one hour, across food and drink, the Elves Workshop and activities, stalls and tombolas, and welcome and setting up. If you can spare an hour, please sign up here by Wed 25 November: https://www.pta-events.co.uk/holbrookprimaryschool/index.cfm?event=event&eventId=126209

Raffle tickets

Win days out at Fishers Farm and Hobbledown, local bars and café vouchers, festive and pamper hampers and more! Please return stubs, money and unsold tickets to the school office postbox before the Fayre. Stubs must be in the name of someone aged 16+.

Calling all Holbrook bakers!

With just over a week to go until our Christmas Fayre, 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 on the day.

Year 5 & 6 Christmas movie night

Join us on **Friday 11 December at 5:30pm** for *Home Alone*! Free entry (add the standard ticket at checkout), optional £5 snack bundle, and a nut-free event. Book here: https://www.pta-events.co.uk/holbrookprimaryschool/index.cfm?event=event&eventId=126631

Non-uniform day reminder

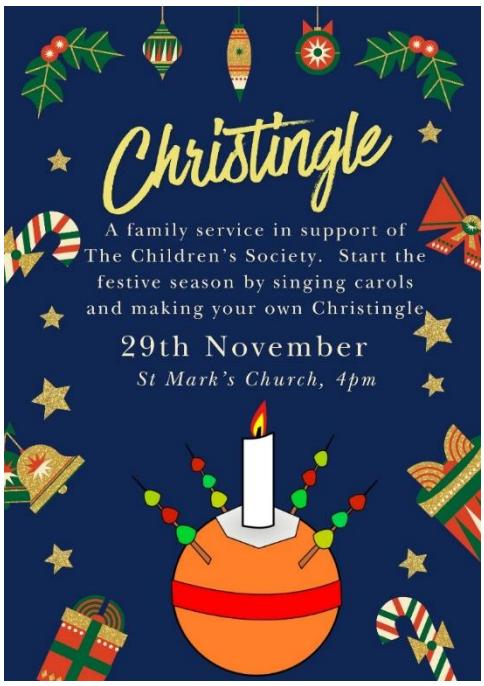
Friday 27 November is a whole-school non-uniform day. Please bring a bottle (alcoholic or soft) or £1 for our tombolas. Collection boxes will be out at morning drop-off. It's also our cake drop-off day, so bring your bakes along too!

Everyone is welcome

We want every family to be able to enjoy the Fayre. If things are tight at the moment and you'd like a little help to join in, please get in touch in confidence at FOHIChair@holbrookprimaryschool.com or speak to the school office. We'll quietly see what we can do.

Family Grapevine magazine

Please find below a link to the digital-only version of the West Sussex Family Grapevine magazine. The decision has been taken again not to produce a printed version for environmental reasons, and so that copies do not need to be physically distributed. https://thefamilygrapevine.co.uk/west-sussex/magazine/winter-2026/



Christingle at St. Mark's church

Please find more information about our Christingle service, which is the kick-off for the festive season, on the first Sunday in Advent. Please see the flyer attached.

Thank you,

Mandy Leddin

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