

Holdbrook Messenger

Friday 7th November 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you have all had a lovely week. It's been a very busy few days in school following the half-term break. The children have returned full of enthusiasm and have picked up right where they left off, working extremely hard in all their lessons.

We ended the week with a special assembly featuring a guest performance from *Kwasi*, a local singer and songwriter. He performed three of his own songs, and the children had the chance to join in too! Afterwards, they asked some brilliant questions about his music and writing. It was a fantastic way to finish the week.

Looking ahead to next week:

- **Tuesday – Remembrance Day:** We will hold a special assembly and observe a two-minute silence at 11am. Poppies are available for purchase from the main school office.
- **Friday – Children in Need Day:** This will be a non-uniform day for all children in exchange for a £1 donation. There will also be themed activities taking place in class throughout the day.

A gentle reminder to parents and carers: please ensure that children leave all personal items (toys, etc.) at home. These can be distracting in class, and we cannot take responsibility for any items that go missing. Thank you for your understanding. Finally, a note about **Breakfast Club** – bookings are now taken weekly. Spaces open every Friday at 4pm for the following week.

We hope you have a wonderful weekend and look forward to welcoming everyone back on Monday!

Michael Mackey
Headteacher

Other information:

All clubs have started. SPACES AVAILABLE. Clubs have been emailed out to parents and carers. Any questions please contact the school office.

Breakfast Club: We open at 8am. Choice of breakfast. NO COST! Sign up on Parent Gateway. MAX 30 places, if not booked call the office!!!

After School Club: Our ASC runs each day until 5.45pm. A light snack and lots of activities. £6 - sibling discount available.

Uniform reminder: Please can I ask that children wear the correct uniform. In particular the correct jumper and plain black trainers or shoes. Thank you!

SAFEGUARDING:

If you have any concerns for the safety and well-being of any child, please contact a member of our safeguarding team. The safeguarding leads are Mr Mackey, Mrs Turner, Ms Bull & Mrs Englefield.

Reading Award	Writing Award	Holdbrook Hero
Rec Roman	Rec Lina	Rec Helin
Y1 Liyana	Y1 Nellie	Y1 Daisy
Y2 Kamilah	Y2 Reggie	Y2 Minel
Y3 Hari	Y3 Emily	Y3 Amarah
Y4 Leyla	Y4 Rossi	Y4 Nyla
Y5 Miya	Y5 Ida Mary	Y5 Blanka
Y6 Beatrice	Y6 Muiz	Y6 Kamal
Well done to everyone! 😊		

Hardworking
Organised
Listeners
Determined
Brave
Resilient
Optimistic
Open Hearted
Kind
Honest
Empathetic
Respectful
Ourselves

Be Co-operative
Be Curious
Be Caring
Be Confident



Top attendance: Y5– 98.2%
School attendance this week: 95.3% (School target: 97%)

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Key Dates

Date	Event
14 th Nov	Children in Need Day – Non School Uniform Day - £1 donation
19 th Nov	Parents Evening for Year 2, Year 3 and Year 6.
20 th Nov	Parents Evening for Year 1 Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6.
20 th Nov	Parents Evening for Reception Parents/Carers
27 th Nov	Christmas Bonanza 3.45pm - 5.45pm
28 th Nov	INSET Day – School closed
10 th & 11 th Dec	Art Exhibition Week
12 th Dec	Christmas Jumper Day
16 th Dec	EYFS Christmas Nativity
17 th Dec	Christmas Dinner Day
17 th Dec	Performance Poetry
19 th Dec	Last Day of Term – School finishes at 1.15pm.

IMPORTANT REMINDER!

Breakfast Club

Please make sure you have booked your place. If you haven't please call the office on the day. If you turn up please come with your child to the office and speak to the office staff.

Many thanks!

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Reminders

Please do not use your mobile phone on the school site when dropping off or collecting your child.



We have lots of children in our school with allergies. Please refrain from sending in nuts, chocolate or food with sesame seeds in. THANK YOU!

Healthy Pack Lunches

Please can you ensure that child has a healthy, balanced lunch box.



No chocolate, nuts or fizzy drinks.

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