

Holdbrook Messenger

Friday 14th November 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week has been an extremely difficult one for everyone associated with Holdbrook Primary School. Ms Bull was loved by all and will be sorely missed. She was a huge part of our school for over twenty years and was someone who would do anything for anyone, especially the children. On behalf of all the staff and governors, I would like to thank each and every one of you for your messages of support throughout the week. Your words have been overwhelming and deeply appreciated, and they have been passed on to Ms Bull's family.

I would also like to thank you for your understanding on Monday regarding the slightly later start to the school day. The 11am start allowed staff to welcome the children in a way that felt right and in keeping with what Ms Bull would have wanted.

From Monday, there will be a book of condolence in the main office for parents and carers who wish to leave a message. Some parents have also asked about flowers and donations; once we have more information from the family, we will share this with you.

A reminder that next week we have school photos taking place on Wednesday. Parents' Evening will also be held on Wednesday and Thursday. You should have received a time slot; if you have not, please speak to your child's class teacher on Monday.

Finally, today we held a non-uniform day for Children in Need and raised £169. Thank you for your generosity.

I hope you have a restful and peaceful weekend, and we look forward to welcoming you back to school 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 & Mrs Englefield.

| Reading Award | Writing Award | Holdbrook Hero |
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| Rec Eylul | Rec Alexander | Rec Olivia |
| Y1 Thiago | Y1 Layrn | Y1 Doruk |
| Y2 Francie | Y2 Maame | Y2 Yusra |
| Y3 Louie | Y3 William | Y3 Keziah |
| Y4 Andris | Y4 Belis | Y4 Mira |
| Y5 Michelle T | Y5 Sanaa | Y5 Henry |
| Y6 Sema | Y6 Kiki | Y6 Beatrice |
| 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: Y3– 98.7%
School attendance this week: 95.1% (School target: 97%)

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Key Dates

| Date | Event |
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| 19 th Nov | School photos – individual and sibling photos |
| 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!

Reminders

Please do not use your mobile phone on 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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