

# Holdbrook Messenger

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you have all had a good week. Another busy week at school. Firstly, please can I ask you to look on page 2 for all key dates for this term. More information will follow nearer the dates advertised.

It has been lovely to see our nursery children in for the whole morning and the reception children in for the whole day. They have settled in extremely well and we are so proud of them. Our extra-curricular clubs started this week and we have spaces available. Please sign up as the children who have been in them this week have really enjoyed them.

All of our 'meet the teacher meetings' have now taken place. We have sent out the Autumn 1 overviews to all parents and carers. They give you an overview and brief description of what the children will be learning in all subject areas. We will continue to do this each half term so if you have any questions, at any point, please feel free to contact your child's class teacher through the school office.

A reminder that on PE days, children are to come into school in their PE kits. When the weather does turn colder they can come into school in black jogging bottoms and black jumper over their white PE t-shirt.

I hope you have a wonderful weekend and we look forward to seeing you back in school on Monday.

Michael Mackey  
Headteacher

### Other information:

All clubs have started. SPACES AVAILABLE. Clubs details have now 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.

### This week's awards

Reading	Writing	Holdbrook Hero
Y1 Daisy	Y1 Hussain	Y1 Abigail
Y2 Carolina	Y2 Yusrah	Y2 Sienna
Y3 Samarinda	Y3 Leyla	Y3 Roisin
Y4 Nyla	Y4 Belis	Y4 Leyla
Y5 Bulut	Y5 Nyamandor	Y5 Blanka
Y6 Sema	Y6 Beatrice	Y6 Ali

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: Well done to Year 6 - 98.2%**  
**School attendance this week: 94.8% (School target: 97%)**

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## **Key Dates**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>
19 <sup>th</sup> Sept	International day of languages. Whole school event where the children will learn about different countries, languages and cultures.
17 <sup>th</sup> Oct	‘Wear Red Day’ – Supporting anti-racism.
14 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Children in Need Day – Non School Uniform Day - £1 donation
19 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Parents Evening for Year 2, Year 3 and Year 6.
20 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Parents Evening for Year 2, Year 3 and Year 6.
27 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Christmas Bonanza 3.45pm - 5.45pm
28 <sup>th</sup> Nov	INSET Day – School closed
10 <sup>th</sup> & 11 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Art Exhibition Week
12 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas Jumper Day
16 <sup>th</sup> Dec	EYFS Christmas Nativity
17 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas Dinner Day
17 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Performance Poetry

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# CHEXS

CHEXS is a family support and youth support charity based in Broxbourne and has been running for 15 years with a focus on stronger families. Holdbrook works very closely with CHEXS in school and out of school. You will often see CHEXS staff at school working, supporting children in many different ways. Below is a poster of sessions that they are running for parents. Any queries please contact them directly or a member of staff in our school office who will be more than happy to help!

**NEW**  
**PARENTING REAL TALK**  
CHEXS

**FREE Parenting group**

Real talk with real people,  
a friendly group to listen and support the  
highs and lows of parenting.

**MY KID WITH FOOD**  
BLECH! THERE'S SEEDS ON THIS BUN!

**MY KID WITH EVERYTHING ELSE**  
OH MY GOD, DO YOU HAVE ROCKS IN YOUR MOUTH?!

**ME-TIME**  
FINALLY! KIDS ARE ASLEEP. CHORES ARE DONE. FROM NOW UNTIL BEDTIME I CAN DO WHATEVER I WANT!  
MOMENTS LATER... ZZZZZZZZ

**MY KID IN THE FUTURE**  
SO... WHERE DO YOU THINK THIS FEAR OF THE NUMBER THREE COMES FROM?

**MY KID RIGHT NOW**  
THAT'S IT! FINAL WARNING! ONE...! TWO...! AHHH!!

Let's chat about all things parenting over a tea, coffee, cake or biscuit!

**WHEN:** 17th September  
1st October  
15th October

**WHERE:** TESCO COMMUNITY ROOM  
BROOKFIELD

**TIME:** 1.00 - 2.15PM

**No need to book. Just turn up..**  
We'll pop the kettle on!

COMMUNITY FUND

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## Reminders

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

*You may have seen the signs around the playground regarding the use of mobile phones. Can I politely request that mobile phones are not used when on the school site as it is part of safeguarding all children and adults involved with Holdbrook.*



**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 your child has a healthy, balanced lunch box.*



*No chocolate, nuts or fizzy drinks.*

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