

Holdbrook Messenger

Friday 26th September 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you have all had a good week. Another busy week at school. This week we celebrated International Languages Day. It was a whole school celebration where the children learnt about different cultures, languages and countries. We had a whole school assembly and the children took part in a range of activities from food tasting, making pizzas, art activities, learning new words in different languages and learning traditional dances. The children were fantastic and really enjoyed the day, it was incredible to see the children learning in different ways. We will be celebrating different events this year and today was the first for this academic year that the children will be taking part in.

On page 2 there are the key dates for this term. We have added a cake sale for next Friday (3rd October) for McMillian Cancer Research. If you can donate any cakes we would really appreciate it. The sale will take place on both playgrounds at 3.15pm.

This week the school has been notified that there will be road works and road closures on Longcroft Drive from 16th October to 23rd October. I will share more information nearer the time but I have been advised to inform the parents & carers to avoid driving to school on these days.

A quick reminder for everyone: On PE days, students should wear black shorts or joggers and a plain white T-shirt. As the weather gets colder, a black jumper can also be worn. Please remember that football shirts and other non-uniform items are not permitted.

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. Club details 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.

Overall 95.8%

Rec	96.4%
Yr1	91.9%
Yr2	95.0%
Yr3	94.3%
Yr4	97.2%
Yr5	98.3%
Yr6	97.5%

Our attendance target is 97% each week. Please ensure that your child/children are in school and are punctual. The school gates open at 8.40am.

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:
School attendance this week:
95.8% (School target: 97%)

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Key Dates

Date	Event
3 rd Oct	McMillian Cake Sale – 3.15pm in both playgrounds.
17 th Oct	‘Wear Red Day’ – Supporting anti-racism.
24 th Oct	Last day of the half term – School finishes at 3.15pm
3 rd Nov	Children return to school following the half term break.
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.
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.

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Reminders

Please do not use your mobile phone on our 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 child has a healthy, balanced lunch box.



No chocolate, nuts or fizzy drinks.

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