

Holdbrook Messenger

Friday 13th March 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another busy and exciting week at school, with plenty of learning experiences both in and out of the classroom. This week our Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3 pupils took part in their Bikeability sessions. The children had a fantastic time developing their cycling skills, learning about road safety and building their confidence on bikes. The instructors commented on how enthusiastic and well-behaved the children were throughout the sessions. Well done to everyone who took part!

On Wednesday, our Year 3 CHEXS group enjoyed their outing. The children represented the school brilliantly and made the most of the experience. Opportunities like this help pupils develop teamwork, confidence and independence.

On Thursday we were delighted to welcome author Venessa Taylor to our school. She delivered a fun and interactive assembly for EYFS and KS1, engaging the children with stories and creativity. Throughout the day, each KS2 class also took part in a writing workshop where pupils explored storytelling techniques and developed their own ideas. It was an inspiring visit and we hope it encourages many of our pupils to continue enjoying reading and writing.

Thank you to all the parents and carers who attended our parent evenings this week. We really valued the opportunity to meet with you and discuss your child's progress and achievements. Your continued support and partnership with the school makes a huge difference to our pupils' success.

Thank you, as always, for your ongoing support. We wish you a lovely weekend.

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
Rec Matias	Rec Asya	Rec Alexander
Y1 Ahmet	Y1 Yasha	Y1 Hussain
Y2 Ahnaf	Y2 Reggie	Y2 Ruzgar
Y3 Xander	Y3 Amira	Y3 Riyanne
Y4 Ronnie	Y4 Tyla	Y4 Lydia J
Y5 Fahyam	Y5 Amo	Y5 Uilst
Y6 Ali	Y6 Mason	Y6 Selen
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: Yr 3 – 100%
School attendance this week:
91% (School target: 97%)

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Key Dates

Date	Information
Thursday 19 th March 2026	Art Exhibition afterschool – more information to follow
Friday 20 th March 2026	Red Nose Day – more information to follow
Friday 27 th March 2026	Last Day of the Spring Term – 1.15pm finish
Monday 13 th April 2026	Children return to school for the Summer Term 1
Monday 4 th May 2026	Bank Holiday – school closed
Friday 22 nd May 2026	Last day of the half term. School finishes at 3.15pm
Monday 1 st June 2026	Children return to school for Summer Term 2
Friday 19 th June 2026	INSET Day – School closed to children
Tuesday 21 st July 2026	Last day of the Summer Term. School finishes at 1.15pm

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Reminders

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!

Please do not use your mobile phone on our school site when dropping off or collecting your child. This is in line with our Safeguarding Policy.



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**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.



Spring Inspired

Kid Crafts

If you would like to book a space on our **FREE Spring Craft session** then please scan the QR code.



Sessions run from **Tuesday 2nd March** to **Wednesday 25th March**
3.30 - 4.30pm

ALL Children MUST be accompanied by an adult.
Spaces are limited so please book early to avoid disappointment



Direct link to book: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/chexs>

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