

# Holdbrook Messenger

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a very busy and productive week across the school! Assessments have been taking place in all year groups, and we are incredibly proud of the effort and progress the children have shown. They have approached their learning with focus and determination—well done to everyone!

Our Year 1 and Year 2 pupils enjoyed a lovely trip to the local library this week. It was a fantastic opportunity to explore new books, develop a love of reading, and engage with the wider community. The children represented the school beautifully.

On Thursday, we were delighted to host our wonderful Art Exhibition. The children's creativity truly shone, and it was fantastic to see their work displayed for all to enjoy. Thank you to all the parents and carers who came along to support the event—it meant a great deal to the children and staff.

Friday saw us come together for Red Nose Day. Thank you so much for your generous donations and for helping us support such an important cause while having lots of fun along the way.

Finally, for those families celebrating Eid, we would like to wish you Eid Mubarak. We hope you have a peaceful and joyful time with your families.

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

Michael Mackey - Headteacher

## Other information:

Last week was the last week of extra curricular clubs. They will resume after the Easter Break.

**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 Asya	Rec Matthias	Rec Bella
Y1 Anna-Maria	Y1 Doruk	Y1 Hamza
Y2 Carolina	Y2 Favour	Y2 Minel
Y3 Louie	Y3 Anaya	Y3 Hoorain
Y4 Eren	Y4 Andris	Y4 Nadia
Y5 Michelle T	Y5 Finnley	Y5 Yemi
Y6 Jamie Leigh	Y6 Jennifer	Y6 Kiki

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 6 – 96.8%

Well done Year 6.

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## Key Dates

Date	Information
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March 2026	Last Day of the Spring Term – 1.15pm finish
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> April 2026	Children return to school for the Summer Term 1
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> May 2026	Bank Holiday – school closed
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May 2026	Last day of the half term. School finishes at 3.15pm
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> June 2026	Children return to school for Summer Term 2
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> June 2026	INSET Day – School closed to children
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> July 2026	Last day of the Summer Term. School finishes at 1.15pm



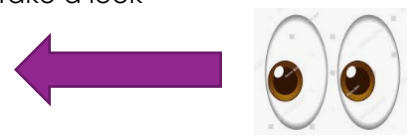
**Waltham Holy Cross Primary School**  
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 Waltham Abbey, EN9 1LG

**31st March - 8th April**  
**9AM - 3PM**



EASTER HOLIDAY FUN!

Take a look



Free HAF spaces available for FSM children  
 Scan the QR code below to book

**To book:**  
 Visit [www.superstarsport.co.uk](http://www.superstarsport.co.uk)  
 Go to "Book Now" & select your club!




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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 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 child has a  
healthy, balanced lunch box.*



*No chocolate, nuts or fizzy drinks.*

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**CHEXS**  
**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 2<sup>nd</sup> March to Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March**  
**3.30 - 4.30pm**

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

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

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