

Holdbrook Messenger

Friday 17th April 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! It has been a fantastic start to the summer term, and wonderful to see the children return with such enthusiasm, positivity, and readiness to learn. They have truly hit the ground running, settling quickly back into routines and demonstrating excellent attitudes across the school.

Our first Celebration Assembly of the term was a real highlight. We were incredibly proud to recognise so many children who have already gone above and beyond in their learning and behaviour. A special mention goes to those who received the Book of Excellence—a fantastic achievement that reflects hard work, determination, and pride in their work. Well done to all our award winners!

This week also saw the start of some exciting opportunities for our pupils. Children in Years 1, 2, and 3 who completed their Bikeability sessions; where they have developed important cycling skills and learnt how to stay safe when cycling. It has been wonderful to see their confidence grow already. In addition, Year 5 made a splash this week as they started their swimming lessons on Monday. Swimming is such an important life skill, and we look forward to seeing the children develop their confidence and ability in the water over the coming weeks.

The summer term is always a busy and exciting time in school; filled with learning opportunities, events, and memorable experiences. There are a number of key dates coming up, which are listed below, and we will continue to add to these as the term progresses.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We are looking forward to a productive and enjoyable term ahead! We wish you a lovely weekend.
Michael Mackey - Headteacher

Other information:

All after school clubs will start the week beginning the 27th April.

NOTE ALL EXTRA CURRICULAR CLUBS WILL BE FREE!

Breakfast Club: We open at 8am.

Choice of breakfast. NO COST!

Sign up on Parent Gateway. MAX 30 places, if not booked on 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

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 Eliz	Rec Roman	Rec Deniz
Y1 Bryan	Y1 Hamza	Y1 Uzayr
Y2 Minel	Y2 Aras	Y2 Callum
Y3 Kaitlyn	Y3 Amira	Y3 Riyanne
Y4 Gabriela	Y4 Nyla	Y4 Eren
Y5 Tiana	Y5 Blanka	Y5 Nyamedor
Y6 Kamal	Y6 Sonny	Y6 Berkin

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 – 96.8%

Well done Year 3.

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Key Dates

Date	Information
Every Monday	Year 5 Swimming
Wed 22 nd April 2026	Year 4 & 5 Trip to the White Water Centre
Monday 4 th May 2026	Bank Holiday – school closed
11 th – 14 th May 2026	Year 6 KS2 SATS Week
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
Friday 3 rd July 2026	Sports Day (Timings will be confirmed, but it will be in the morning)
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 school site when dropping off or collecting your child. This in line with our Safeguarding Policy.



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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