Holdbrook Messenger

Friday 16th October 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,
It has been a very busy couple of weeks at school since our last newsletter, and we have lots of exciting things to share with you!

Last week saw the launch of our new I Shine Academy, an exciting initiative designed to give children the opportunity to explore new interests, develop skills and discover hidden talents. Each half term, the children will take part in three sessions over three consecutive Thursdays, experiencing a range of exciting activities. This year, children in Years 1 and 2 will have the opportunity to experience six different activities, while children in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 can choose the sessions that interest them most. Whether they want to develop an existing passion, try something completely new or explore a curiosity, there is something for everyone!

Activities include pop-up art, cooking, gardening, languages and dance, to name just a few. The children have already thoroughly enjoyed their first I Shine Academy sessions, and we are looking forward to seeing their interests and talents continue to flourish!

On Friday, we welcomed Little City into school for our Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children. It was a wonderful day, full of fun, exploration and imaginative play, and all the children had a fantastic time! We will be sharing some photographs on our website soon, so keep an eye out for a glimpse of all the fun.

Next week is the final week of this half term. All extracurricular clubs will run as normal, and school will finish at the usual time of **3.15 pm next Friday**.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We hope you have a lovely weekend and look forward to welcoming everyone back to school on Monday.

Michael Mackey
Headteacher

Other information:

After school clubs have started.

PLEASE 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 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.

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Our Values

Hardworking
Organised
Listeners
Determined
Brave
Resilient
Optimistic
Open Hearted
Kind
Honest
Empathetic
Respectful
Ourselves

Top attendance:
Yr 5 100%
Well done Year 5.
Whole School: 95.6%

Be Co-operative
Be Curious
Be Caring
Be Confident



Our Weekly Awards

	Reading Hero	Writing Hero	Holdbrook	Numbots / TT Rockstars
Rec	Lavin	Laira	Adam	
Y1	William	Johnny	Eliz	Olivia
Y2	Bryan	Sophie	Anna	Albie
Y3	Minel	Ahnaf	Ruzgar G	Ruzgar G
Y4	Matei	Amira	Hoorain	Edmund
Y5	Andris	Stina	Maxim	Poema
Y6	Teo	Matias	Michelle T	Fayham



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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. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated!



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, sesame seeds or fizzy drinks.

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