

The Holme C of E Primary School

Weekly Newsletter Issue 16 10th January 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Week 1 Spring Term!

Welcome back! It has been so lovely to see you all back in school. I hope you had a lovely Christmas break and thank you all so much for the gifts you gave us at Christmas, they really are so very much appreciated. It's been a bit chilly this week! The Weather forecast is looking a little warmer next week, but please make sure that your children are suitably dressed for the weather!

I'm sure you will join me in welcoming Miss Voong, Mrs Davies, Mrs Radford and Mrs Goddard who have joined our staff team this term and we welcome back Mrs Lockrose who is teaching in Year 1 until further notice. Unfortunately Ms Mitchell has decided to withdraw from the process so we are advertising again to replace her. We also look forward to welcoming Mrs Corry, our new SENCo after Easter. Mrs McMillan, our HSLW, will be acting SENCo until she joins us.

We have had a busy start to the week with the Police visiting us on Wednesday, to talk to our Year 5 and 6 children about online safety. The children have also enjoyed starting their new topics this week. The new topic webs should be on the website for your information early next week.

Year R have been enjoying the story of the gingerbread man! There was a 'crime scene' in wren's class room earlier on this week and the children have collected clues to find out what had happened to the gingerbread man, who had bitten off his leg and they created wanted posters to try and find out. (Clues seem to suggest the fox might have had something to do with this?!)

In Year 1 the children have enjoyed the story of Emma Jane's Aeroplane. They have been learning about continents, capital cities and the four nations of the UK in geography. They have also been counting backwards and forwards to and from 20 in maths as well as investigating their number bonds to 10.

Our Year 2 children have been writing riddles about African animals. They have finished off their shape topic in maths, learning about properties of 3D shapes and investigating patterns as well as starting their new topic on Money. In PE they have started exploring African Dance and in art they have been looking at African masks, reviewing and evaluating them in preparation for designing and making their own.

Year 3 have had their first forest school session, making ice sculptures. They have started two exciting books in Literacy and the children have been writing some excellent sentences using conjunctions and adverbs. Their maths topic continues to be multiplication and the children have been multiplying 2 digit numbers by one digit brilliantly! In science they have started to learn about skeletons, in R E about Sikhism and they have created timelines in history for the Ancient Egyptians! What a busy week!

Year 4 have also started lots of new topics. In Science they are learning about teeth this term and used a mirror to look the different types of teeth! In History they have started their Anglo-Saxon topic and the book they are using in English links to this as well. This afternoon, they started to make Anglo-Saxon jewellery and in computing the children are learning to programme, using logo turtle software. This week they programmed it to draw shapes.

Year 5 have started their new topic of life in The Freezer! They have been learning about Shackleton's expedition to the Antarctic and have written letters applying for jobs on his ship. In computing they have been using Micro-Bit Processors and in Maths they have been perfecting long multiplication!

Our Year 6 children have now finished writing their discussion text from last term on whether xenotransplantation should be allowed. They have also started their new topic on the Identity Project. They have been learning about electricity in science and have tackled multiplying and dividing fractions by integers in maths!

Our attendance award went to Year 5 again this week with 97.5%. Well done Hawks! As you know attendance is an area we are really keen to improve and we do really need everyone to be attendance 'HERO's at school—Here, Everyday, Ready and On time! Mrs McMillan is in the process of contacting the parents of children who's attendance is beginning to cause some concern. Please be aware that I cannot authorise family holidays. As much as we recognise the importance of family time together and the expense of holidays during scheduled breaks, every minute in school really does count!

A couple of reminders before I close. My usual parking reminder—please be considerate! Also please remember the deadline for applying for reception places, close next Wednesday 15 January 2025.

I think that is about all for this week. Have a lovely weekend and see you all on Monday.

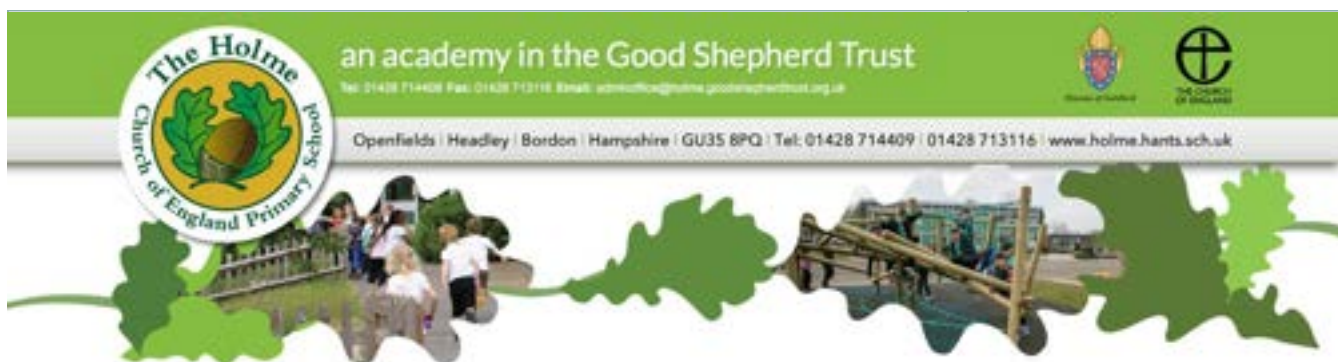
Sarah Stevenson,
Headteacher

KEY DATES

- Tuesday 14th January KS2 orchestra visit
- Monday 20th January 2025 INSET Day
- Friday 24th January - Year 4 to East Meon
- Monday 24th February 2025 INSET day
- Thursday 30th January, 2025 Oakmoor Basket Ball tournament
- Further Oakmoor sports tournaments:-

Spring 2 – Thursday 3rd April
– Tag Rugby

Summer 1 – Thursday 22nd
May – Rounders



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Forest Learning, Forest Fun and Welly Wednesday!

We are running our outside forest sessions slightly differently this term so that we can make the most of our wonderful forest area for outdoor learning across our school. This term our Year 1 and R children will have their block of sessions during an afternoon and the class teachers will give you more information at the meet and greet sessions.

PE INFORMATION

- Monday—Nightingales and Falcons
- Tuesday—Falcons and Woodpeckers
- Wednesday - Robins and Hawks
- Thursday—Nightingales, Owls and Woodpeckers.
- Friday—Hawks and Robins

FROTH DATES

- TBC



Year R Gingerbread men and boats to help him escape. Year 2 outside learning and maths. Year 3 Science and computing and Year 5 and 6 Police talk.



Strictly SHOWTIME

Musical theatre
for young people

**Weekly musical theatre
training in Whitehill
and Alton**

**Tuition in singing,
dancing and acting**








This term's shows and weekly classes

ages 4-8



ages 7-12



Day	Time	Venue	Ages	Show
Tuesday	4.30-5.30pm	Whitehill Village Hall	4-7	
Tuesday	5.30-7.30pm	Whitehill Village Hall	7-12	
Wednesday	4.30-6.30pm	Chawton Village Hall	7-12	
Thursday	4.30-6.30pm	Alton Maltings	7-12	
Thursday	6.30-8.30pm	Alton Maltings	11-18	
Friday	4pm-5pm	Chawton Village Hall	4-7	
Friday	5pm-6pm	Chawton Village Hall	4-7	



**We accept childcare
vouchers if you have them**

www.strictlyshowtime.co.uk

Tel 07875 764788

bookings@strictlyshowtime.co.uk




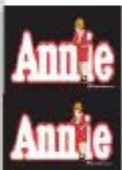


**Weekly sessions for £135 per term for
ages 7+ and £80 for ages 4-8**



ALTON
FARNHAM
BORDON

**Musical theatre holiday
workshops in 2025
in Farnham and Alton**

**Two days of singing, dancing and acting and
demonstration of skills at the end of day 2.
Only £56 for two days with big sibling
discounts. We take childcare vouchers**

Dates	Venue	Ages	Theme
Mon-Tue 17-18 February	Alton Maltings	7-12+	
Mon-Tue 17-18 February	Alton Maltings	4-8	
Thu-Fri 20-21 February	St Thomas On The Bourne Farnham	7-12+	
Thu-Fri 20-21 February	St Thomas On The Bourne Farnham	4-8	
Mon-Tue 7-8 April	Alton Maltings	7-12+	
Mon-Tue 7-8 April	Alton Maltings	4-8	
Thu-Fri 10-11 April	St Thomas On The Bourne Farnham	7-12+	
Thu-Fri 10-11 April	St Thomas On The Bourne Farnham	4-8	
Mon-Tue 14-15 April	Alton Maltings	7-12+	
Mon-Tue 14-15 April	Alton Maltings	4-8	
Tue-Wed 27-28 May	Alton Maltings	7-12+	
Tue-Wed 27-28 May	Alton Maltings	4-8	
Thu-Fri 29-30 May	St Thomas On The Bourne Farnham	7-12+	
Thu-Fri 29-30 May	St Thomas On The Bourne Farnham	4-8	

**More details including summer 2025
workshops on our website here**

[Sign up here](#)

www.strictlyshowtime.co.uk or call 07875 76488

Free support for families with 2 to 12-year-olds through the Healthy Steps Family Programme

Sleep Well

Eat Well

Healthy
Teeth

Get Active

Healthy
Steps

Find out more at www.hampshirehealthysteps.org.uk

BARNARDOS

Funded by
 Hampshire
County Council

Starting school in September 2025

If your child is 4 or will turn 4 before **1 September 2025**, they can start school in **September 2025**.

For more information go to www.hants.gov.uk/admissions
Applications open for Hampshire residents on **1 November 2024**

THE NATIONAL CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS
IS WEDNESDAY 15 JANUARY 2025

DON'T MISS IT!



Hampshire
County Council

hants.gov.uk



Dance Classes for children from 2 years +

Lindford Village Hall,
Lindford &
Woodlands Hall, Headley
Down

Fully qualified,
experienced teacher

Enquiries:

dkkdanceacademy@gmail.com

Exercise
Gain confidence
Make friends
Have fun!





ADOPT A PANE

Support the Museum

Haslemere Museum is raising vital funds for maintenance of its listed Georgian building on Haslemere High Street.

Find out how you can help at
haslemere-museum.co.uk/adoptapane



Family event

BIG GARDEN BIRDWATCH



Saturday 25 January 2025
10.30am-1pm

A chance for children and adults to have fun together making bird cakes, doing craft activities and discovering the birds in the Museum grounds and galleries.
Free event | No need to book in advance

Haslemere Museum, 78 High Street, Haslemere GU27 2LA





Health & Wellbeing
at the Heart of
Our Community

HEALTH ON THE HIGH STREET



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AT ALTON ASSEMBLY ROOMS

OUR SERVICES



WARM HUB

ENJOY FREE HOT DRINKS IN A
RELAXED, WELCOMING SPACE.



SUPPORTIVE ENVIROMENT

TALK TO ADVISORS ABOUT YOUR
WORRIES, HOUSING, FINANCES,
MEANTAL HEALTH, ETC.



NO APPOINTMENTS NEEDED

THE HUB OFFERS FREE, WALK-IN
ACCESS TO A RANGE OF SUPPORT
SERVICES IN OUR COMMUNITY.
WHETHER YOU NEED GUIDANCE,
SIGNPOSTING TO LOCAL
RESOURCES, OR JUST A FRIENDLY
FACE TO TALK TO, WE'RE HERE
FOR YOU.

YOUR LOCAL HUB FOR
SUPPORT AND WELLBEING

FREE WALK-IN ACCESS TO
A RANGE OF SERVICES IN
OUR COMMUNITY.
EVERYONE WELCOME!

LOCATION

📍 The Hub is open every
Wednesday from 10 AM to 2 PM
at Alton Assembly Rooms,
High Street, Alton
GU34 1BA

Our Partners



ALTON
TOWN COUNCIL



If attending with small children, please make sure they
are supervised by an adult at all times.



WEY VALLEY FC

2024-2025

WE ARE

RECRUITING!!

WE ARE LOOKING FOR NEW PLAYERS TO JOIN OUR
CLUB AGES 7-14 ALSO PLAYERS FOR ADULTS TEAM
TOO!

SO WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR? COME AND TAKE
PART IN OUR FREE TRIALS! ALL ABILITIES WELCOME!

ALL OUR COACHES ARE FA CERTIFIED AND DBS
CHECKED

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE DONT HESITATE TO CONTACT
SECRETARY@WVYFC.ORG



**FOR
ALL**

P.A.C.E.

2025
PARENT & CARER EVENTS



Hampshire Child and Adolescent
Mental Health Services

A **free** mental health & wellbeing event
for all parents and carers who support
or work with young people

WHAT CAN I EXPECT?

PACE events consist of two main components:

1. A number of introductory sessions on young people's emotional health and wellbeing.
2. Information stands from local organisations.

Attendees can choose which sessions they would like to attend; select as many or as few as you would like to attend.

THURSDAY, 23RD JANUARY 2025

ALTON MALTINGS, MALTINGS CLOSE,
ALTON, HAMPSHIRE, GU34 1DT

SESSIONS:

NEW Connecting with your child, AI & Safeguarding, Understanding ADHD - an extended session

To find out more
and booking
scan this QR code



BOOK YOUR SESSION SPACE AT:

hampshirecamhs.nhs.uk/events

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SMART**
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Education & Skills
Funding Agency

Fully Funded School Support Course

**Available
in Levels
1, 2 & 3**

***Please go to our website
for more detailed
information.**



**6 Week
Course**

Mon - Fri

Daily sessions

1st session 9:30 - 11:30am

2nd session 12:30 - 2pm

www.studysmartuk.online

Available In the following levels:

Level 1:	CACHE Level 1 Award in Preparing to Work in Schools
	CACHE Level 1 Award in Safeguarding in a Learning Environment
	CACHE Level 1 Certificate in Wellbeing
	Level 1 Occupational Studies for the Workplace
Level 2:	CACHE Level 2 Certificate in Understanding Safeguarding & Prevent
	CACHE Level 2 Certificate in Understanding Challenging Behaviours
Level 3:	Level 3 Certificate in the Principles of Special Educational Needs

Please go to our website address above, for more information.

*Please take note of the online live webinar sessions that **MUST** be attended to complete this full time 6 week course, and the ESFA's (Education Skills Funding Agency) eligibility criteria.

