

The Holme C of E Primary School

Weekly Newsletter Issue 3 20th September 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Another week gone by!

Wow! What a busy week! I'd like to start this week by saying a big thank you to 'Auntie Kirsty' and Mrs Hoe for arranging for the author Louie Stowell to come to our school. The children thoroughly enjoyed hearing about her books and learning about life as an author.

I would also like to say another big thank you to our FROTH team for organising our social event this evening. I think a good time was had by all and I certainly enjoyed it.

Our year 5 children have had their play leader training today. Again the children seemed to enjoy the session and I look forward to seeing them in action next week!

Elsewhere around school the Year R children have had their first full week in school. They are really starting to find their feet and settling in well. They enjoyed the story of The Three Little Pigs and making houses for the pigs. It is really lovely to see them enjoying their learning environment.

In Year 1 the children have been investigating one more and one less in Maths. In English they used instruments to make the sounds that the wind and sun made as Miss Maidens read the fable The North Wind and Sun to them. They have learnt about weather forecasting and pretended to be weather reporters. They have been Mark making in Art, exploring lots of different ways to create different lines and they have also explored more ways to jump and learnt special skills to do this in PE. What a busy week!

Year 2 have been investigating The Great Fire of London this week, thinking about why the fire spread so quickly and how they tried to put it out. They have been retelling the story of Billy and the Beast in English and learning about place value and bar modelling in Maths.

Year 3 have been using direct speech and speech punctuation in their writing this week. In Maths they have been estimating numbers on a number-line and comparing numbers. In History the children have been looking at Artefacts from Star Carr—investigating what they tell us about the Mesolithic period. They have also been using their History focus to create cave paintings in Art!

In Year 4 the children have continued to investigate states of matter in Science, this week they have been testing different makes of ketchup! They have been thinking about character description in English and have continued to explore number and place value in Maths. In History they have been investigating how Claudius invaded Britain and used the Roman theme in their writing and guided reading! This afternoon some of the children have begun to make a Roman Bulla.

As well as their play leader training this morning our Year 5 children have been improving their handball skills in PE. They have become 'History Detectives' looking for clues from artefacts. They have learnt about Medusa and written character descriptions in English as well as adding colour using chalk pastels to their Greek pots from last week.

Our Year 6 children have enjoyed 'Goodnight Mr Tom' comparing the book and the film. They have been writing missing person reports for Suki, a character from 'Letters from the Lighthouse.' They have been working with numbers up to a million, looking at place value and comparing number.

Our attendance award went to Year 4 with 97.8% this week. Well done Falcons! 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! 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 reminder about the dates for applications to secondary and reception places for September '25. I have included a poster with information on applying for reception places. The deadlines for applications are as follows: Secondary school places:- the application process opened on Monday 9th September and closes at midday 31st October. (The application forms are on Hampshire County Council website, 'apply for a school place.' For Reception places, applications open on Friday 1 November 2024 and close on Wednesday 15 January 2025.

I think that is about all for this week. Next week I think we have a bit of quieter week! Have a lovely weekend, thank you again for all your support and see you all on Monday.

Sarah Stevenson,

Headteacher

KEY DATES

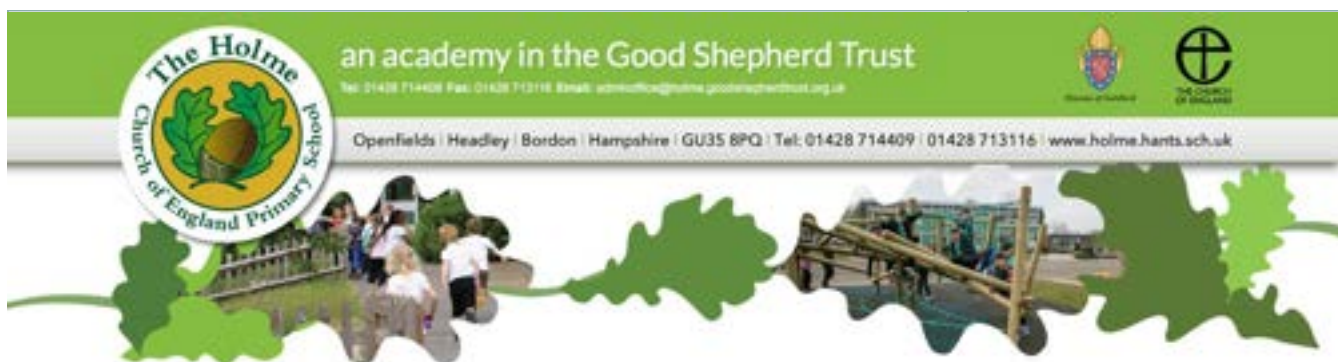
- Thursday 3rd October - Oakmoor Handball tournament.
- 10th October—School Photographer in school
- Friday 25th October INSET day
- Monday 28th—Friday 2nd November Half term break
- Monday 4th November INSET Day
- 6th and 7th November –Parent/Teacher consultations
- 18th November SCARF PSHE workshops KS2
- Friday 20th December Break up for Christmas at 1.30pm
- Monday 6th January return to school
- Further INSET Monday 20th January 2025 and Monday 24th February 2025.
- Further Oakmoor sports tournaments :-

Autumn 2 – Thursday 5th December – Hockey,

Spring 1 – Thursday 13th February - Basketball

Spring 2 – Thursday 3rd April – Tag Rugby

Summer 1 – Thursday 22nd May – Rounders



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PE INFORMATION

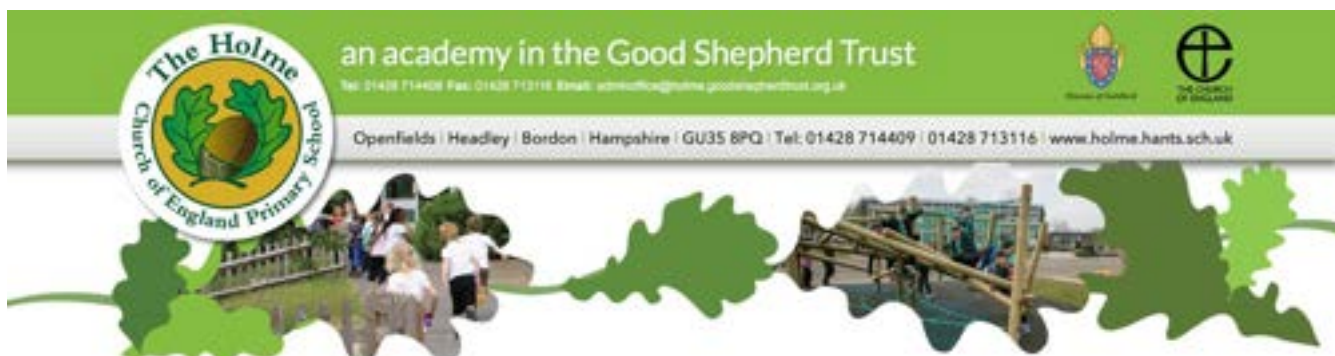
- Monday—Nightingales and Falcons
- Tuesday—Falcons and Woodpeckers
- Wednesday - Robins and Hawks
- Thursday—Nightingales, Owls and Woodpeckers.
- Friday—Hawks and Robins

FROTH DATES

- September - End of Summer Social - Friday 20th September 16:30-19:00
- October - Quiz night - Friday 4th October 19:00-21:30ish
- October -AGM - Sunday 6th October 19:00-21:00
- November - Glow Run, Friday 15th November 17:00-18:30 (this will replace the Christmas event)
- Friday 29th November FROTH Disco.

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.



Year R 'Three Little Pig' houses and Harold and the Purple Crayon mark making! Year 1 Maths and weather forecasting. Year 2 History and Maths. Year 3 Art. The Author visit and play leader training, Year 5 Art and Year 4 Science reading and our Attendance Bear!



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!



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