

## The Holme C of E Primary School

## Weekly Newsletter Issue 4 27th September 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

### Another week gone by!

Well—that was September! It's definitely getting colder. Please can I start by reminding you that children really do need to bring coats to school at this time of year and I'd also like to put out a plea for donations of tissue boxes. The children seem to be getting through tissues at a rate of knots!

FROTH have asked me to remind you about a couple of events coming up. We have the Quiz night next Friday and the AGM on Sunday 6th September. I have included information fliers on both of these events later on in this newsletter.

It's been a bit of a quieter week in school. Our Play leaders have been putting their training to good use supporting our younger children at lunchtime. We announced our Year 6 house captains and sports captains this morning. It was a very difficult decision to make as all the children's applications were superb! Talking of our Year 6 children, they have been proactive in pulling together our Harvest Charity fundraiser initiative and some of our children have been auditioning this afternoon for 'The Holme's Got Talent.' More details will be coming your way!

Learning wise our Year R children had a lovely PE lesson today! They were ball rolling, running and stopping! They even managed to include some counting into their activities. They have been enjoying the story of 'Goldilocks and The Three Bears' this week. The children have been re-telling the story to each other using toys and making pictures of the three bears out of the Autumn leaves they found in the forest.

Mrs Hotchkiss has been particularly impressed by the Year 1 writing today. The children became 'authors' for the morning, wrote a whole story and enjoyed reading their stories to other children across our school! As well as fantastic writing, in Maths the children have been learning about number lines and drawing their own number lines outside in the garden area with chalk, and experimenting with rubbings using pencils, crayons and chalk in Art.

Following on from their enjoyment of their class text Billy and the Beast, our Year 2 children have been designing their own beasts and will be writing character descriptions of their own beast in order to modify the story. In Maths they have been estimating on a number line and in Science they have been sorting man made and natural materials. They have also been busily designing a fire engine as part of their DT topic.

Year 3 have been writing stone age diary entries this week in English. They have been ordering numbers and counting in 50s in Maths. In Science they have been investigating shadows and looking at the invention of farming as part of their Stone Age History topic! They have also produced some fantastic Stone Age hand prints in Art.

In Year 4 the children have enjoyed learning about Roman Soldiers in History and have used the information they have found out about the fort at Vindolanda to write letters from a Roman Soldier. In Maths they have been rounding numbers to 100 and 1000 and been working hard on their times tables. In Science they have been writing up and evaluating their Ketchup experiment from last week and in Art this afternoon the children have made some super 'pop-up colosseum cards'.

Year 5 have also been ordering and rounding number. They have been working with numbers up to a million! They have been writing, editing and improving their Perseus and Medusa character descriptions in English and learning about why Athens was such a strong city and the Battle of Marathon in History. I also saw a fantastic music lesson yesterday—the children were thoroughly enjoying using the glockenspiels!

Our Year 6 have been working with number as well in Maths. The children have been working on Arithmetic, rounding and ordering larger numbers and looking at longer word problems. In English the children have been editing, improving and publishing their missing person reports based on 'Letters from the Lighthouse' from last week and have begun to plan their diary entries ready to write next week. They have also started their WWII propaganda posters in Art!

Our attendance award went to Year 3 with 98.8% this week. Well done Woodpeckers! 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!

Another reminder form 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 a quieter week! Have a lovely weekend, thank you again for all your support and see you all on Monday.

Sarah Stevenson,

Headteacher

### KEY DATES

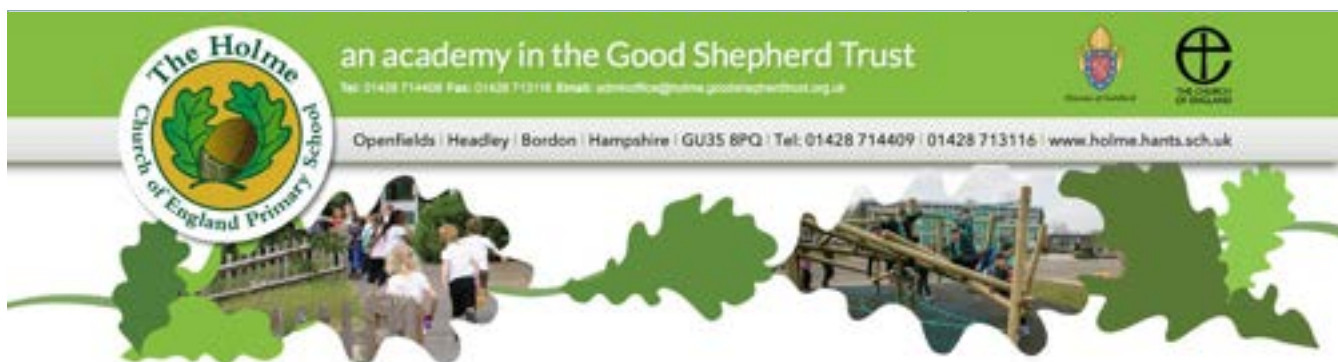
- Thursday 3rd October - Oakmoor Handball tournament.
- 10th October—School Photographer in school
- Friday 25th October INSET day
- Monday 28th—Friday 2nd November Half term break
- Monday 4th November INSET Day
- 6th and 7th November –Parent/Teacher consultations
- 18th November SCARF PSHE workshops 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

- 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.

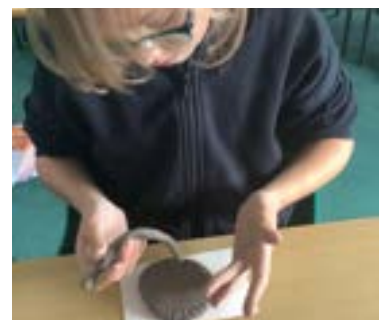
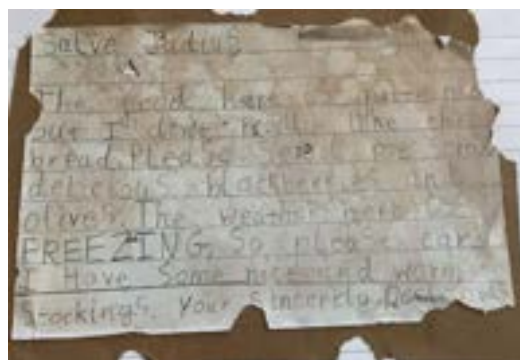
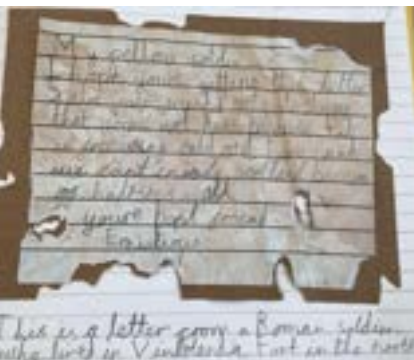
### Forest Learning, Forest Fun and Welly Wednesday!

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 1 Art bark and leaf rubbings and Maths number lines in the outside area. Year 3 Stone Age hand prints. Year 4 Vindolanda letters and Year 5 clay Ancient Greek pots!*





# 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](http://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](http://hants.gov.uk)

Bring your  
own booze

THE FROTH TEAM PRESENTS...

Bring nibbles or  
order a takeaway for 8pm



Friday 4th October 2024

7pm - 10pm

£5 per person

Max 8 people per team







# FROTH AGM



**SUNDAY 6TH OCTOBER**  
**7PM – 9PM**  
**AT THE SCHOOL**

Join us for the FROTH Annual General Meeting. Everybody is a member of FROTH and everyone is welcome



We really value everyone's feedback and input for the forthcoming year!





# JC SPORTS OCTOBER HOLIDAY CAMPS

FROM £23.99

BOOK BY 13/10/24  
AND RECEIVE 20% DISCOUNT  
USING CODE EARLYBIRD20

OPEN FOR ALL ABILITIES!



SCAN ME

This October Half-Term we are back with our Holiday Camps! We are offering a more action-packed camp than ever before, offering sports like ARCHERY, FENCING, FOOTBALL, BASKETBALL, INFLATABLE DARTS and MORE!

Please see reverse for dates, schools, booking links, and contact information.

For more information, email Zachary Dray, our HOLIDAY ACTIVITY MANAGER at [zdray@jc-sportsonline.com](mailto:zdray@jc-sportsonline.com), or call 0800 994 9164

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TURN ME  
OVER!







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## OCTOBER HALF-TERM HOLIDAY CAMPS 28/10- 01/11

	28/10	29/10	30/10	31/10	01/11
Marchmont Primary School, Chichester	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Chase Green Junior School, Chichester	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Chase Green Junior School, Bognor Regis	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗
Chichester Primary School, Chichester	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗
Whiteley Primary School, Emsayn	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
St. Andrew's Primary School, Bognor Regis	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗
Steep Lot's Primary School, Steep	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓

Camps run from 8.30am-4.30pm daily,  
Lunch will NOT be provided, please  
bring a packed lunch and snack.

Daily price is £29.99, receive a 20%  
**EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT** when you book  
at least two weeks in advance, using  
code **EARLYBIRD20**. Final booked date  
for early bird is 13/10/24

To book please scan the  
QR code or use the link:  
[ishortn.lnk/tJy40VC5E](https://ishortn.lnk/tJy40VC5E)



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# Dance Classes for children from 2 years +

Lindford Village Hall,  
Lindford &  
Woodlands Hall, Headley  
Down

Fully qualified,  
experienced teacher

Enquiries:

[dkkdanceacademy@gmail.com](mailto:dkkdanceacademy@gmail.com)

Exercise  
Gain confidence  
Make friends  
Have fun!

