



Holmleigh Primary School Newsletter



Our Values

Respect, kindness, Resilience,
Integrity, Honesty and Trust

December 2024

Our Pledge

- Listen and Learn
- Do our best
- Look after each other
- Look after our school

Where did the autumn term go? The children have enjoyed a variety of trips, workshops, and activities this term, all designed to enhance their learning experiences and inspire curiosity.

A huge thank you for your ongoing support and engagement throughout the term - it truly makes a difference!

The class pages will be emailed to you shortly, and you can also find them on the school website: <https://holmleigh.hackney.sch.uk/>. We have been working hard to keep the website updated with important dates, upcoming events, and other information related to your child's class, so please keep checking for any updates.

Wishing you all a restful and joyous holiday season filled with laughter, warmth, and special moments with loved ones. Here's to a healthy, happy, and fulfilling 2025!

We look forward to welcoming you back on **Tuesday 7th January 2025**.

With best wishes,
Miss Boateng



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

You will find these dates on our school website: <https://holmleigh.hackney.sch.uk>

SCHOOL CLOSED ON MONDAY 6TH JANUARY- INSET DAY SCHOOL RE-OPENS ON TUESDAY 7TH JANUARY 2025	
DATE	EVENT
FRIDAY 7TH FEBRUARY 2025	NUMBER DAY WE'LL DRESS UP IN DIGITS, CONTRIBUTE £1 AND TAKE PART IN MATHS ACTIVITIES TO RAISE MONEY FOR THE NSPCC. PARENTS/CARERS ARE INVITED TO JOIN US FOR AN AFTERNOON OF FUN MATHS! A LETTER WILL BE SENT HOME.
WEDNESDAY 5TH FEBRUARY- TUESDAY 11TH FEBRUARY 2025	CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH WEEK
MONDAY 10TH FEBRUARY-THURSDAY 13TH FEBRUARY 2025	CLASS SHARE SESSIONS MONDAY:NURSERY&RECEPTION-9.15-10.00 TUESDAY:YEAR1&YEAR 2- 2.45-3.15 WEDNESDAY:YEAR3&YEAR- 4-2.45-3.15 THURSDAY:YEAR5&6-2.45-3.15
TUESDAY 11TH FEBRUARY 2025	SAFER INTERNET DAY
FRIDAY 14TH FEBRUARY 2025-BREAK UP FOR HALF TERM MONDAY 17TH FEBRUARY- FRIDAY 21ST FEBRUARY	
THURSDAY 6TH MARCH 2025	WORLD BOOK DAY WE'LL DRESS UP AS OUR FAVOURITE BOOK CHARACTERS AND DIVE INTO OUR MOST LOVED STORIES. PARENTS/CARERS ARE WARMLY INVITED TO VISIT OUR SCHOOL LIBRARY TO SHARE A BOOK AND ENJOY THE FUN.
FRIDAY 7TH MARCH- FRIDAY 14TH MARCH 2025	SCIENCE WEEK: CHANGE & ADAPT A LETTER WITH DETAILS WILL BE SENT HOME.
FRIDAY 14TH MARCH 2025	COMIC RELIEF WEAR SOMETHING RED AND BRING ALONG £1 TO HELP US RAISE MONEY FOR THIS GREAT CAUSE.
MONDAY 18TH MARCH-MONDAY 24TH MARCH 2025	NEURODIVERSITY WEEK
THURSDAY 27TH MARCH 2025	PARENTS' EVENING (NURSERY-YEAR 6) REVIEW TARGETS SET IN OCTOBER.
WEDNESDAY 2ND APRIL 2025	ART DAY-A WHOLE DAY OF ART AND CREATIVITY
FRIDAY 4TH APRIL 2025-BREAK UP FOR EASTER AT 1.35PM	

CLASS ASSEMBLIES

In each school year, every class prepares an assembly to present to the rest of the school and to their parents, carer and loved ones. This may be on a topic they have been studying, or on something in the news. Parents are invited to watch at 10.00am.

DATE	CLASS
THURSDAY 23 RD JANUARY 2025	YEAR 6
THURSDAY 13 TH FEBRUARY 2024	YEAR 5
THURSDAY 13 TH MARCH 2024	YEAR 3

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING THIS HALF TERM?

ANTI-BULLYING WEEK 2024: CHOOSE RESPECT

This year's theme, *Choose Respect*, inspired meaningful activities and discussions throughout Anti-Bullying Week.

One highlight was *Odd Socks Day*, where both adults and children wore odd socks to celebrate what makes us unique. Through assemblies, workshops led by Young Hackney, and class PSHE lessons, children deepened their understanding of bullying, how it differs from unkindness, and the crucial role of bystanders in addressing bullying.

At our school, we take all allegations of bullying very seriously. We maintain a zero-tolerance approach and ensure that any concerns are addressed promptly and effectively by staff.



PYJAMAS DAY

A big thank you to everyone who came to school in their pyjamas and contributed to this fantastic cause. Wearing our favourite comfy clothes made the day extra special, and together we raised an impressive **£90** for **Children in Need**.

CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

We lit up the school with our most colourful and festive Christmas jumpers, complete with twinkling lights. Together, we raised **£100** to support the incredible work of **Save the Children UK**.

ABCD (Alone Behind Closed Doors) CHARITY

Every year, Holmleigh Primary School raises funds to support **ABCD**, a remarkable charity dedicated to helping struggling families and individuals facing mental health and emotional well-being challenges. At Christmas, they go the extra mile by delivering personalised hampers to those in need.

This year, thanks to your incredible generosity, we raised **£106!** As a result, **five families** from our school community will receive specially tailored hampers to enjoy during the Christmas break.



Miss Pru and Miss Angie helping to organise the hampers.

WINTER FAIR

A big thank you to **Friends of Holmleigh**, our staff, and the entire school community for making this year's Winter Fair a joyful and successful event. From the amazing food and activities to the generous donations, every aspect was truly incredible.

We were deeply touched by everyone's commitment and support. Thank you to all who volunteered, cooked, baked, donated, ran stalls, or simply came to join the festivities. Together, we raised an impressive **£1,753.30**, including **£408** generously contributed by Winkworths. This was a shining example of teamwork at its best—proof that teamwork truly makes the dream work!



CHRISTMAS SHOW

We are incredibly proud of the children for their amazing performance at this year's Christmas show. Their hard work and talent truly shone through!

A huge thank you to our dedicated staff, who spent countless hours rehearsing songs, teaching routines, and creating props and scenery. We're also so grateful to our parents, carers and loved ones for helping the children learn their song lyrics, providing costumes, and being such a fantastic audience!

Thanks to **Friends of Holmleigh**, we also raised £155 through the sales of mince pies, mulled wine, and the ever-popular photo booth, which brought plenty of fun and laughter!



CHRISTMAS PARTY AND DISCO

What's December without a Christmas party and disco? This year's annual event was a fantastic success! Children and adults alike danced, celebrated, and enjoyed the festive spirit—and we even had a special visit from Santa himself!

A big thank you to all the parents, carers and loved ones for your generous contributions, which helped make this celebration truly memorable.

'I loved seeing Santa Claus and I loved him giving my class two presents.' (A child from Year 1)

'I liked dancing and eating the snacks.'
(A child from Reception class)

'I really liked dancing and having fun with my friends.' (A child from Year 3 class)



RUGBY

Children from **Reception to Year 6** have been thoroughly enjoying their weekly rugby sessions with **Hackney RFC**. It's wonderful to see their enthusiasm and the great progress they're making each week.

We're excited to build on this success by launching an **after-school rugby club** next term.



WELLBEING AND MENTAL HEALTH

Hello, my name is George Bunting. I am a Systemic and Family psychotherapist and will be starting at Holmleigh Primary as your new Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS) worker in school. I work as part of the Wellbeing and Mental Health in Schools (WAMHS) team under City and Hackney CAMHS, and also work in Specialist CAMHS.

I will be providing support on Friday mornings. In my role I will be supporting the staff team with how the mental health needs of children in the school are being met.

I am very much looking forward to how I can support the school and looking forward to meeting parents in some of the upcoming coffee mornings.



IMPORTANT REMINDERS

PUNCTUALITY

Every Day Counts

and being on time means not missing out

A reminder that the school gates open at 8.50am and all children should be in the playground ready for the morning exercise at 8.55. We will close the gates on Holmleigh Road at 9.00am.

Please make every effort to arrive at school on time. If your child arrives later than 9:00 am, please report to the Main Reception Office, where you will be asked to sign in and provide a reason for their late arrival.

Arriving at school on time every day helps your child be ready for learning and ensures they don't miss valuable learning opportunities. Thank you for your cooperation!

ATTENDANCE

The government has set a **target of 95% attendance** for all pupils.

The whole **school attendance for this half term was 97.5%**. School attendance is central to raising standards in education and ensuring all pupils can fulfil their potential. Please remember that **we do not authorise holidays in term time** and unauthorised absences may result in a fixed penalty notice being issued.

If your child is going to be absent from school, it is important to contact the school on the first date of the absence to inform us of the reasons. If this continues for more than one day, you should make contact with the school on a daily basis to keep us updated.

Some key attendance facts:

Attending 90% of the time or less will have a serious effect on learning.

One day's absence every two weeks will give 90% attendance.

Up to the age of 16, 90% attendance will mean losing over a year of school - more than half.

For more details, please refer to our attendance policy, which is available on our school website.



Teddy

Attendance Matters



Harry

ATTENDANCE BY CLASS FOR THIS TERM

The virus going around has certainly had an impact on many of our children. We're hopeful that a good rest over the Christmas break will help everyone recover and return refreshed and ready for a strong start to the next term.

	AUTUMN ONE	AUTUMN TWO
RECEPTION	97%	87.9%
YEAR 1	98%	86.9%
YEAR 2	98%	87.6%
YEAR 3	98%	97.1%
YEAR 4	97.3%	97.3%
YEAR 5	96.7%	93.3%
YEAR 6	97.5%	94.1%

CONTACT DETAILS

It is essential that we have the most up-to-date contact details for all parents and carers. If there have been any changes to the information we have on record, please email our admin team with the updates: admin@holmleigh.hackney.sch.uk

SCHOOL UNIFORM

It's wonderful to see so many children proudly wearing their school uniform—thank you for your continued support! Please note that uniform with our logo is not compulsory; you are welcome to purchase items from supermarkets, as long as they align with the school's colour scheme.

Pre-Loved Uniform

We have a selection of pre-loved uniforms available at school. If you're interested, please speak with Miss Elena or Miss Jane at the office. We also gladly accept donations of pre-loved uniforms at the school office.

Lost Property

We were able to return all clearly labelled items from the lost property box. Please ensure that all uniform items, including hats, coats, and gloves, are clearly labelled to help us return any misplaced belongings quickly.