



# Holmleigh Primary School Newsletter



## Our Values

Respect, kindness, Resilience,  
Integrity, Honesty and Trust

February 2025

## Our Pledge

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

Dear Parents and Carers,

Where has the first half of the spring term gone?

It's been a short but incredibly busy half term, filled with fantastic activities, exciting trips and successful fundraising events. We were also visited by Ofsted, and we couldn't be prouder of our dedicated staff for their hard work, our incredible children for being simply amazing, and you - our wonderful parents and carers - for your continued support and engagement. It truly makes all the difference!

We'll be sharing the Ofsted report with the entire community as soon as it becomes available.

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 enjoyable half-term break.

We look forward to welcoming everyone back on Monday 24th February 2025.

Warm regards,

Miss Boateng



# DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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

DATE	EVENT
<b>HALF TERM - MONDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY- FRIDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> FEBRUARY</b>	
<b>MONDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY-SCHOOL OPENS FOR CHILDREN</b>	
THURSDAY 6 <sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2025	<b>WORLD BOOK DAY</b> 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 7 <sup>TH</sup> MARCH- 14 <sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2025	<b>SCIENCE WEEK: CHANGE &amp; ADAPT</b> A LETTER WITH DETAILS WILL BE SENT HOME.
FRIDAY 14 <sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2025	<b>COMIC RELIEF</b> WEAR SOMETHING RED AND BRING ALONG £1 TO HELP US RAISE MONEY FOR THIS GREAT CAUSE.
MONDAY 18 <sup>TH</sup> MARCH-24 <sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2025	<b>NEURODIVERSITY WEEK</b>
THURSDAY 27 <sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2025	<b>PARENTS' EVENING (NURSERY-YEAR 6) REVIEW</b> TARGETS SET IN OCTOBER
WEDNESDAY 2 <sup>ND</sup> APRIL 2025	<b>ART DAY-A WHOLE DAY OF ART AND CREATIVITY</b>
THURSDAY 3 <sup>RD</sup> APRIL 2025	<b>EID CELEBRATION-</b> CELEBRATIONS DURING THE DAY FOR THE CHILDREN AND AFTER SCHOOL FOR PARENTS AND FAMILIES. A LETTER WITH MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW
<b>FRIDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2025-BREAK UP FOR EASTER AT 1.35PM</b>	

## CLASS ASSEMBLIES

Year 5 ended the half term with an outstanding performance of *Beowulf*. They should be incredibly proud of themselves for delivering such a captivating show that thoroughly impressed the audience. Well done, Year 5!

Below are the dates for the upcoming class assemblies. Parents, carers, and family members are warmly invited to join us at 10 a.m. Each assembly typically lasts around 30 minutes.

DATE	CLASS
THURSDAY 13 <sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2025	YEAR 5
THURSDAY 13 <sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2025	YEAR 3
THURSDAY 20 <sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2025	YEAR 6

## WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING THIS HALF TERM?

### CHILDREN'S WELLBEING WEEK

Children's Mental Health Week provides a valuable opportunity to focus on the emotional well-being of children and young people. This year, the theme was "Know Yourself, Grow Yourself."

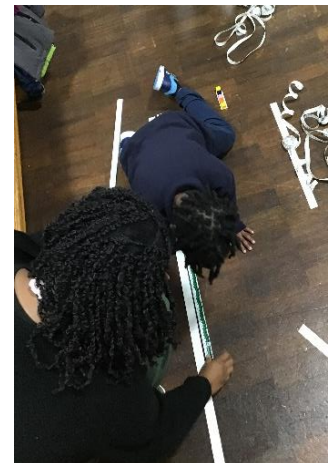
Throughout the week, we engaged in a variety of activities, including an exciting day of drama and dance led by Razzmatazz, as well as meaningful discussions designed to help children express their feelings, build resilience, and develop strategies to support their mental health both now and in the future.



### NUMBER DAY

On Friday 7th February, we dressed up in digits and raised money for the NSPCC's vital services, including Childline and *Speak Out. Stay Safe*. The day was filled with fun maths activities in the hall and classrooms, and in the afternoon, parents, carers, and loved ones joined us to take part in the excitement. Together, we raised £66. Thank you for your generosity!

A special thanks to Ms. Angie for organising such a fantastic day of maths, and to everyone who contributed to its success, including the amazing Year 5 children who helped out.



## SAFER INTERNET DAY

This year, Safer Internet Day was held on Tuesday 11th February. Safer Internet Day highlights a new theme each year that addresses the challenges and experiences children and young people face online. This year's theme was: *'Too Good to Be True? Protecting Yourself and Others from Scams Online.'*

The focus was on understanding online scams, learning how young people can protect themselves and others, and raising awareness of the support available to them.

There was also a session for parents and carers focused on staying safe online, which was led by Young Hackney.

We encourage you to support your child(ren) in taking part in the Safer Internet Day quizzes linked below:

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2025/quiz-for-3-7-year-olds>

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2025/quiz-for-7-11-year-olds>

### Parent online safety resources

1. **Video to show how to turn Google safe search on and off:**  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nIS1qM4Dt4>
2. **Parental controls on your broadband connection:** Make use of the parental controls available on your home broadband and any internet-enabled device in your home. Video guides available here:  
<https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/parental-controls-offered-by-your-home-internet-provider>
3. **How to set a time limit on apps:**  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NIAGBby\\_4qM&t=38s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NIAGBby_4qM&t=38s)
4. **Snapchat's family center;** Family Center helps parents get more insight into who their kids are friends with on Snapchat, and who they have been communicating with, while still respecting their child's privacy and autonomy. It's designed to reflect the way parents engage with their kids in the real world, where parents usually know who their children are friends with and when they are hanging out, but don't eavesdrop on their private conversations. Family Center will provide parents the ability to:
  - See which Snapchat friends their teens have sent messages, photos, or videos to in the last seven days, in a way that still protects their privacy by not revealing the actual contents of their conversations (Snaps and messages)
  - See a complete list of their teens' existing friends, and allow parents to easily view new friends their teens have added, making it easy to start conversations about who their new contacts are
  - Limit their teen's ability to view certain content in the Stories and Spotlight tabs
  - Easily and confidentially report any accounts parents may be concerned about directly to our 24/7 Trust and Safety team.
5. **TikToks family pairing** allows a parent to link their TikTok account to their child's and set parental controls including: daily screen time, mute push notifications, filter video keywords (excludes words or hashtags), restricted Mode (restrict your exposure to content that may not be appropriate or suitable), direct Messages (restrict who can send messages, or turn off direct messaging completely) and control comments (decide who can comment on your teen's videos).
6. **NSPCC resources:**  
[https://www.nspcc.org.uk/globalassets/documents/online-safety/online-safety---downloadable-resources/cso\\_top\\_tips\\_jan2022.pdf](https://www.nspcc.org.uk/globalassets/documents/online-safety/online-safety---downloadable-resources/cso_top_tips_jan2022.pdf)
7. **Online safety learning games for children to play:**  
[https://beinternetlegends.withgoogle.com/en\\_ie/interland](https://beinternetlegends.withgoogle.com/en_ie/interland)
8. <https://www.internetmatters.org/>



## RAZZAMATAZ DANCE & DRAMA DAY

The dance moves and acting skills were out in full force during our exciting day of drama on 5<sup>th</sup> February! Children from Nursery to Year 6 participated in engaging dance and drama sessions led by Marc from Razzamataz. A huge thank you to the Friends of Holmleigh for generously funding this fun and enriching day.

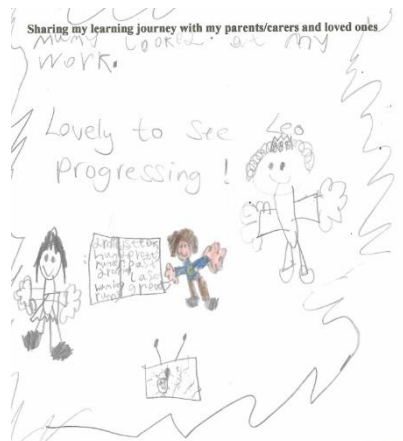


## DRAMA KIDS

Children in Year 1 to Year 6 enjoyed another fantastic round of drama sessions on Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> February, this time led by Drama Kids. Who knows? We may have some future television stars or Oscar winners in our midst!

## CLASS SHARE SESSIONS

Thank you to everyone who attended our Class Share sessions. These sessions provided a wonderful opportunity for children to showcase their learning and celebrate their personal achievements with parents, carers, and loved ones by sharing their books and work samples.



## ROBOTIC CLUB TRIP TO SPAIN

On 24th February, we will be bidding *viajes seguros* to Ms. Ercan, Ms. Oriola, Mr. Ward, and six children from Years 6 as they head to Spain to take part in the Erasmus Plus Robotics Project.

The children have been working hard to prepare for this exciting opportunity, and we're incredibly proud of their efforts. A huge thank you to Mr. Ward and Ms. Ercan for their dedication and hard work in getting the children ready for this special visit.

## 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.

## FEBRUARY HALF TERM

Access free half-term activities through the links below!

<https://www.lovehackney.uk/februaryhalfterm2025>

<https://hackney-museum.hackney.gov.uk/visit/families/>

<https://www.younghackney.org/>

## 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 95.8%**. 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.



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### Attendance Matters



Every Day Counts....



Harry

**ATTENDANCE BY CLASS FOR THIS HALF TERM**

	SPRING ONE
RECEPTION	95.8%
YEAR 1	87%
YEAR 2	97.3%
YEAR 3	97%
YEAR 4	96%
YEAR 5	88.7%
YEAR 6	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](mailto: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.