



# Holmleigh Primary School

## Newsletter

### Our Values

Respect, kindness, Resilience,  
Integrity, Honesty and Trust

July 2025

### Our Pledge

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

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's hard to believe how quickly the time has flown by. On behalf of all the staff, I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks for your continued support, your kind words of encouragement, and your partnership in helping your children through this period of transition.

It has certainly been a year like no other, with much to learn and adapt to. As we prepare to begin our next chapter together at our new site, I am confident that our strong sense of community will continue to ensure every child flourishes and thrives in a safe, caring, and happy environment.

A huge thank you to our wonderful children, who continue to embody *The Holmleigh Way* and make this such a special school.

We are extremely proud of our Reception, Year 1, Year 2, Year 4, and Year 6 pupils, who performed exceptionally well in the statutory summative assessments this May and June. These achievements reflect the dedication and hard work of our staff and children, and the invaluable support of you, our parents and carers, who work in partnership with us to champion your children's education.

We say a fond farewell to our Year 6 pupils as they complete their primary years. We wish them every success as they move on to the next exciting stage of their education and look forward to welcoming them back to visit us at our new site.

We also say goodbye and send our best wishes to families who will be moving on over the summer. Thank you for being part of the Holmleigh community.

A very special thank you goes to Ms Nilgun Ercan, who is retiring after almost 30 years of dedicated service to Holmleigh. She has made an extraordinary impact on the lives of so many children and families and will be greatly missed. We wish her a joyful and fulfilling retirement and all the best for the adventures ahead.



Looking ahead to September, Ms Farzana Gajia will be returning from maternity leave on a part-time basis and will be sharing her class with Ms Duygu Bingul, who has done a fantastic job teaching in Reception during Ms Gajia's absence.

We are also delighted to welcome Ronel Malloy, who will be joining us as our new Deputy Headteacher. She brings a wealth of experience and great energy to our growing Senior Leadership Team.

We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to Friends of Holmleigh, who have been absolutely phenomenal in their support of our school community. Thanks to their generosity, they have funded numerous whole-school events and kindly provided funding for the Year 6 leavers' hoodies. We are extremely grateful for their continued support.

We'd like to say a huge thank you to Leon (Lumi's dad) and Nergis (Mayis' mum) for capturing so many special moments on camera, including a fantastic whole-school photo!

For important dates and class newsletters, please visit our website:

<https://holmleigh.hackney.sch.uk/>

I wish you all a wonderful summer break filled with rest and time well spent with family and friends, wherever your plans may take you. We look forward to welcoming you back on Thursday 4th September at our new site: Fairholt Road, N16 5ED, to begin the new academic year together.

With warmest wishes,  
Miss Boateng





## GOODBYE AND GOOD LUCK YEAR 6

Our Year 6 class have made themselves, their parents, and all of us at Holmleigh incredibly proud with their outstanding end-of-year results.

We know they leave us as confident, respectful, responsible, and capable young people, fully prepared to embrace the challenges and opportunities of their secondary school journey.

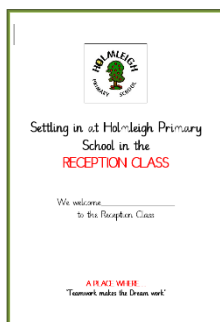
Their Leavers' Show was truly phenomenal. It was clear to see how hard they had worked, and they took great pride in sharing their talents with the school, parents, carers, and special guests.

The Leavers' Party was a joyful celebration; full of delicious food, fantastic and wonderful memories made.

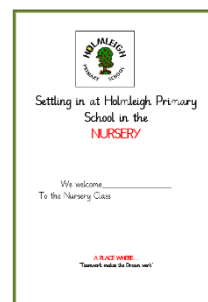
We will miss them all dearly but are excited to see what they achieve next.



## NURSERY AND RECEPTION



Nursery and Reception classes will have a staggered return in September 2025. Please refer to the **Settling In Booklet** for more information. Throughout the year, Nursery will open and close at different times to the rest of the school. Please check with the Nursery team for confirmation of the dates and time





## **DATES FOR DIARIES AUTUMN TERM ONE**

<b>MONDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> SEPTEMBER- WEDNESDAY-3<sup>RD</sup> SEPTEMBER 2025</b>	<b>INSET DAYS</b>
<b>THURSDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2025</b>	<b>SCHOOL OPENS FOR CHILDREN ( YEAR 1 - YEAR 6) NURSERY AND RECEPTION WILL HAVE A STAGGERED START. PLEASE REFER TO THE SETTLING IN BOOK FOR MORE INFORMATION.</b>
<b>FRIDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2025</b>	<b>MEET &amp; GREET EVENT FOR PARENTS/CARERS @4PM</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2025</b>	<b>MEET THE TEAM SESSION FOR PARENTS/CARERS 3.45PM-4.30PM</b>
<b>TUESDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2025 WEDNESDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2025</b>	<b>PARENTS' EVENINGS TARGET SETTING</b>
<b>FRIDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2025</b>	<b>BLACK HISTORY MONTH ASSEMBLY THEME: ACTIVISM</b>
<b>FRIDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2025</b>	<b>END OF HALF TERM SCHOOL CLOSURES @ 3.30PM</b>
<b>MONDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> NOVEMBER 2025</b>	<b>SCHOOL OPENS FOR CHILDREN</b>
<b>MONDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2025</b>	<b>WORLD SCIENCE DAY</b>
<b>MONDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2025- FRIDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2025</b>	<b>ANTI-BULLYING WEEK- POWER FOR GOOD MONDAY 10TH NOVEMBER- ODD SOCKS DAY</b>
<b>FRIDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2025</b>	<b>CHILDREN IN NEED PYJAMAS DAY</b>
<b>FRIDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> NOVEMBER 2025</b>	<b>WINTER FAIR</b>
<b>FRIDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2025</b>	<b>ABCD CHARITY EVENT</b>
<b>THURSDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2025</b>	<b>CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY CHRISTMAS PARTY&amp; DISCO</b>
<b>FRIDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2025</b>	<b>CHRISTMAS NATIVITY &amp; CAROLS</b>
<b>THURSDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2025</b>	<b>CHRISTMAS DINNER</b>
<b>FRIDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2025</b>	<b>END OF TERM SCHOOL CLOSURES @ 1.35PM</b>





## STAFFING FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2025-2026

Class	Teacher	Support Staff
Nursery Ash	Angela Manderson	Prudence Gomez-Morille Lila Zeggaoui
Reception Oak	Farzana Gajia/ Duygu Bingul	Fatima Balic
Reception Beech	Rani Younas	Debbie Maynes Rehana Hakim
Year 1 Nutmeg	Esma Dere	Iwona Heinrich
Year 1 Walnut	Zeenat Solkar	Hava Lunat
Year 2 Chestnut	Amy Yiangou	Farah Hakim
Year 2 Palm	Mariam Oriola	Srur Omar
Year 3 Willow	Antonia Russell	Susan Louis Lisa Southwell
Year 3 Elder	Cheryl Barrett Simmons	Lisa Southwell Karima Singh
Year 4 Hazel	Alexandra Marsh	Kashka Murphy
Year 4 Holly	Hayley Masi	Ginny Fiol
Year 5 Acacia	Richard Mathewson	Karen St Clair
Year 5 Olive	Sara Uribe Posada	Clarissa Michael
Year 6 Ebony	Candace Francis	Amena Rawat Sally Bazell
Year 6 Sycamore	Nikita Brown	Andre Deleon Sally Bazell
SENDCo/Safeguarding	Gillian Getto ( Monday-Friday) Tuesdays- afternoons only	
Music	Kate Shortt (Wednesday-Thursday)	
D.T/ Art	Lorena Prado ( 1 day weekly)	
Spanish	Farah Hakim	



## WRAPAROUND CARE

Our wraparound care options: Breakfast Club, Afterschool Clubs, and Afterschool Care Club will continue as we move to our new site. We will also be reviewing our provision with the hope of extending and enhancing it further in the future.

Our current provision includes:

- Breakfast Club: 8:00am - 8:50am
- Afterschool Clubs: 3:30pm - 4:30pm
- Afterschool Care Club: 3:30pm - 6:00pm (available for children in Reception to Year 6)

Start Dates for Autumn Term:

- Breakfast Club will begin the week commencing Monday 8th September.
- Afterschool Clubs and Afterschool Care Club will start the following week, from Monday 15th September.

Sign-up information will be shared on Friday 5th September.

## READING FOR PLEASURE

Our aim is for every child to experience the joy of reading and to develop a lifelong habit of reading for pleasure.

We believe that fostering a love of books not only supports academic success but also inspires curiosity, imagination, and confidence in our children as learners.

### THE GREAT HACKNEY LIBRARIES QUEST

19TH JULY-13<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2025

The theme for this year's Great Hackney Libraries Quest is: Let's Play! Children of all ages are welcome to join the quest and collect stamps for:

Reading books

Taking part in fun library activities

Writing a poem or story

Designing a book cover

Visiting Hackney Museum and Archives

Researching on a library computer



Children will collect stamps to earn bronze, silver or gold certificates.

You can sign up at any Hackney Library.



### SCHOOL UNIFORM

A reminder that all our uniform guidance can be found easily on our school website.

There has been a huge improvement in the number of children wearing school uniform. Thank you everyone for your support with this.

Uniform with our logo is not compulsory. You may buy uniform at supermarkets as long as it is part of the uniform colour scheme or at the school office.



### PRE-LOVED UNIFORM

We have a supply of pre-loved uniform at school. Please speak with a member of staff at the school office.



### LOST PROPERTY

We were pleased to be able to return all the items from the lost property box that were clearly labelled.

As our school expands in September, we anticipate an increase in the number of lost property items. To help us return belongings quickly, we kindly ask all parents to ensure all items, including hats, coats, and gloves, are clearly labelled with your child's name.



## ATTENDANCE

Thank you all for your continued support in helping us meet our school attendance target and for ensuring that children arrive on time each day.

Our whole school attendance for this academic year is 95.4%, which is slightly lower than last year's figure.

We want to remind everyone that attending school every day makes a real difference to your child's learning, progress, and well-being. Please remember that we do not authorise holidays during 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 that you contact the school on the first day 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.

### ATTENDANCE BY CLASS FOR THE YEAR

RECEPTION	95.3%
YEAR 1	94.7%
YEAR 2	95.1%
YEAR 3	96.2%
YEAR 4	96.4%
YEAR 5	94.6%
YEAR 6	94.7%

### 100% ATTENDANCE SUPERSTARS

Reception: Kyrie, Sylvie and Eliana

Year 1: Maya- Rae

Year 3: Solin and Rediet

Year 4: Tise and Catlin

Year 6: Mason and Eleanor





## PUNCTUALITY

### **Every Day Counts and being on time means not missing out**

The school gates will open at 8:50am and the school bell will ring at 9:00am.

We plan to resume our morning exercise sessions once we are settled into our new routines. Please make every effort to ensure your child arrives on time each day, as punctuality supports a calm and settled start to learning.

If your child arrives after 9:00am, please report to the Main Reception Office where you will be asked to sign in and provide a reason for the late arrival.

Thank you for your cooperation and support.

### **100% ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY SUPERSTARS**

Solin (Year 3) and Mason (Year 6)

### **CONTACT DETAILS**

It is important that we have the most up to date details for parents/carers. Please inform the school office of any changes to the information we have on record for you.

### **WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING THIS HALF TERM?**

#### **SPORTS DAY**

This year, Badu Sports led some of our activities at Sports Day, bringing great energy and expertise to the event! A huge well done to all our children across EYFS, KS1, and KS2 who took part.



It was fantastic to see so many future sporting stars in action and to witness the wonderful spirit of good sportsmanship throughout the day.

A special thank you to the Friends of Holmleigh for generously part-funding this event.



## HACKNEY MUSIC FESTIVAL

We were incredibly proud of our junior choir who sung their hearts out and made themselves and everyone else incredibly proud. The weeks of practise definitely paid off. A huge thank you to Miss Kate for all of her hard work.

## EYFS AND KS1 MUSIC ASSEMBLY

Children in Reception, Year 1, and Year 2 sang their hearts out during a special singing assembly for parents and loved ones. *Big Red Combine Harvester* was definitely a crowd favourite—full of energy and smiles all around!

A big thank you to Miss Kate for leading such a joyful and memorable performance!

## HOLMLEIGH'S GOT TALENT

Although we opted for a more toned-down Talent Show this year, the children were no less impressive! We enjoyed a fantastic variety of performances, including singing, dancing, breakdancing, gymnastics, yoyo tricks, guitar and piano performances, and even a hula hoop display.

We are incredibly proud of all the children who showed such confidence and courage by stepping onto the stage to share their talents with us.

Well done to everyone who took part!



## GYMNASTICS DISPLAY

Our KS2 gymnasts treated their parents to a fantastic display of their skills. It was truly impressive to see how confidently and skillfully the children moved around the apparatus, demonstrating both strength and control. A huge thank you to their dedicated coach, Tamesha Joyce, for her hard work and support.

We look forward to seeing even more amazing displays next year!

## CLASS SHARE SESSIONS

Thank you to those who were able to attend and for the feedback. We will continue with these sessions in the spring term. Look out for letters.

## MAKING MEMORIES AND PREPARING TO SAY GOODBYE TO DUNSMURE ROAD

In addition to our transition workshops and activities, we enjoyed a fantastic day of sporty fun led by Badu Sports.

The children also had a brilliant time at our Friday Fun day event. Our playground was transformed into an adventure playground complete with a huge Aladdin slide, bouncy castle, jungle assault course, and bungee run. After all their hard work and energy, the children were rewarded with a well-deserved ice lolly to finish the day!



A huge thank you to the Friends of Holmleigh for generously funding this special day, it brought so much joy to the children.

As part of marking this important time of transition, the children also wrote down their memories, dreams, and aspirations for the future, which we carefully placed into a time capsule and buried in the garden of the school house, a special keepsake for generations to come.

We also took time to write our names and messages on the wall, leaving our mark and our memories behind.

It was truly heartwarming to see so many of our current families, as well as parents from years gone by, join us for our goodbye celebration. Thank you for being part of this memorable moment in Holmleigh's history.



## MURAL PROJECT

We're excited to share that Hackney Education has agreed to fund another mural at our new site! This project will take place during the autumn term and will play an important role in supporting our transition and strengthening our sense of community cohesion. We look forward to working together to create a vibrant and meaningful addition to our new school environment.

## YOUNG HACKNEY

Young Hackney provides a service for all young people aged 6-19.

We are fortunate to have Young Hackney at Holmleigh providing workshops and support for parents and children.

Please visit: <https://www.younghackney.org> for more information about their youth hubs and clubs.

## HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES AND FOOD PROGRAMME

Children and young people who are eligible for free school meals can attend these clubs free of charge. Each session includes a meal and a range of activities including physical activities with the aim of helping children to be active, socialise and have a meal together. There are also opportunities for food and nutrition education.

Please visit <https://education.hackney.gov.uk/content/holiday-activities-and-food-programme> for more information.



## WAMHS

### News:

- Reminder that City and Hackney's 0800 crisis line has been replaced with NHS 111 - Select option '2'
- The NHS 111, Option 2 team has a wide range of skills, including on-the-phone brief psychological support and has access to key services and organisations that can offer mental health support to people in their time of need.
- It's also important to note that individuals contacting NHS 111, Option 2 who do not feel confident/are not able to speak English, and require an interpreter, are able to do so. The caller - or somebody on their behalf - can request this by asking the call handler who takes the call.
- Mental Health Crisis Support via NHS 111 - Select Option '2'
- NHS 111, Option 2 is available 24 hours a day to support all people of any age living in City and Hackney who experience a mental health crisis. The Helpline is free to call and available 24 hours a day including at weekends and Bank Holidays.
- [Health Spot City & Hackney](#) GP Clinic now available to all young people aged 11-25 registered with any GP practice in the City and Hackney

### Offers/ Resources for Young People, Parents and Carers:

- [Parent/Carer Questionnaire: Supporting your child's mental health and wellbeing](#)
- [Words Matter: What is verbal abuse?](#)
- [Hackney Education: 10 x 10 programme](#)
- [Cost of living support for energy and heating](#)
- [Mind the Gap drop-in group](#)
- [Supporting teenage boys in navigating online influences](#)





## **Offers/ Resources for Young People, Parents and Carers:**

### **Foundations of Positive Parenting six week course**

Join our group to share your experiences in parenting and what is going well. For parents of children age 5-7pm. Thursdays 12<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> July, 9:00-1:00, Community Room at St Mathias School, N16 8DD.

- Practical parenting techniques
- Improve wellbeing
- Strengthening relationships
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### **Supporting teenage boys in navigating online influences**

Movember and Beyond Equality have collaborated to create a practical guide for parents and carers focused on helping teenage boys critically engage with online influencers. The guide is [available here](#).

The Beyond Equality full schools brochure is [here](#)