



HOLMLEIGH PRIMARY SCHOOL INSIGHTS

Opening Doors to New Experiences

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At Holmleigh, we believe children learn best when they can see, hear and experience things first-hand. Multi-sensory learning is therefore an integral part of school life and underpins our approach to teaching and learning.

We are committed to providing a rich and varied curriculum that supports pupils' wider development and helps them build cultural capital.





Our curriculum reflects and celebrates the diversity of our school community through educational visits, visitors to school, and a wide range of extra-curricular clubs led by support staff and external providers.

Pupils also take part in a variety of competitions and events celebrating literature, art, music and science. Each year, the school proudly hosts Holmleigh's Got Talent, giving children the opportunity to showcase their creativity and confidence. Through music lessons and clubs, every child also has the chance to perform both in school and at local venues, including the Hackney Music Festival.





In February, six of our Reading Champions took part in the Turin Scheme visit to Tenerife alongside pupils from three other primary schools and one secondary school.

The visit enabled them to develop their leadership skills while promoting reading across the school. They also explored the culture and traditions of the Canary Islands while building independence, resilience, teamwork, problem-solving and creativity.





In November, a group of Year 5 pupils took part in a two-day residential visit with the YHA, where they connected with nature through activities including:

- Discovery Treasure Hunt
- Nature's Orchestra

These experiences encouraged curiosity, collaboration and a deeper appreciation of the natural world.





Each year, our Year 6 pupils spend a week at Kench Hill Centre in Kent, exploring the outdoors and developing confidence, independence and teamwork through a range of exciting activities.

Over the years, Holmleigh has participated in a number of international projects that have broadened pupils' experiences and strengthened their global understanding.

Holmleigh participated in a Comenius European exchange project with schools in Italy, Poland, Germany and Turkey.





Between 2011 and 2014, the project included 22 pupil exchanges and 11 teacher visits, providing valuable cross-cultural experiences for pupils and high-quality professional development for staff.

Through the Erasmus and Erasmus+ Robotics projects, more than 126 pupils have visited 10 different countries. Pupils in Years 5 and 6 stay with host families, attend partner schools and learn alongside children from across Europe. These experiences help them build confidence, develop lasting friendships and gain a broader understanding of the world around them.





For many years, Holmleigh pupils have proudly represented the United Kingdom at the Children's Day International Dance Festival in Turkey.

During the visit, pupils stay with Turkish families, attend a local school and perform a dance televised to millions of viewers. It is a unique opportunity to immerse themselves in another culture while developing confidence, teamwork and pride in representing their school and country.





At Holmleigh, first-hand experiences are an essential part of learning. Educational visits, residentials, extra-curricular clubs and international projects all help pupils develop knowledge, confidence and independence beyond the classroom.

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