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Our Core Values

Respect - Responsibility - Courage - Wisdom

Friday, 07 February 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

Here is this week's Headteacher Newsletter,

Number Day!



Thank you to everyone who came in dressed up and to Mrs Robinson for organising Number Day. Didn't the children look great and of course Miss Rootes and Mr Laker joined in!

The children have completed maths activities throughout the day and had fun taking part in competitions!



If you would like to donate towards the NSPCC, you can do this by donating via the website: <https://secure.nspcc.org.uk/?dotype=regular>

We really appreciate your support. Any donations made will make an enormous difference to children today.

NSPCC

EVERY CHILDHOOD IS WORTH FIGHTING FOR

Attendance: Our Target is 95%

This week's attendance figure is...

92.81%

The bugs are rife but let's keep going 'til the end of term! One week to go! 😊

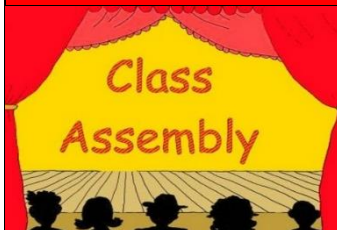
Whatsapp Groups

Many of you are connected through parent WhatsApp groups, which can be a great way to stay in touch. We just want to gently remind everyone to be mindful of the information shared.

It's important to make sure everything is accurate and not based on speculation, as this can sometimes cause unnecessary worry. Children's accounts, while well-intentioned, aren't always the most reliable source of information. Thanks for your understanding.



WOW! What a fabulous Class assembly!



We would like to thank all the parents/carers for coming along and even taking part in the quiz at the end. What an amazing turn out and didn't the children do well. We are all very proud of the children and the staff for putting this together to really showcase their learning!

Roman Day



Thank you to **Lullingstone Villa** who shared artefacts with Year 3 children on Wednesday for their Roman theme day. The whole day event was great fun with lots of different Roman activities.

The visit was free, but we would like to thank all of those who made a donation to Lullingstone Villa. It was very much appreciated!

Your support plays a vital role in keeping England's history alive. Our historic places may have stood for hundreds, even thousands of years, but without on-going care, we will lose them to time and the elements. As a charity they rely on your generosity to ensure that as many people as possible enjoy the buildings, landscapes and objects that tell the story of England over the past 6,000 years.

<https://www.english-heritage.org.uk/support-us/donate-now/>



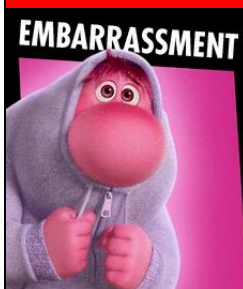
Sports News

A big well done to our Year 5 and 6 boys football team, who this week beat Brunswick 7-0 in the league and followed that up with a 6-1 win in the cup against North Borough. They have their next fixture tonight against East Farleigh, so fingers crossed it's 3 wins in 3!

Our Year 3 and 4 boys put in a great performance against Allington. In a tough game, we unfortunately lost 3-1, but the team played some great football, and the match could have gone either way. Well done everyone!



Nurture



Week 5: Term 3 Nurture Principle: **We All Learn in Our Own Way**

Our pupils are encouraged to be proud of their achievements, no matter how big or small. They are recognised and celebrated in so many ways within our school. We have a celebration assembly every Friday, with many certificates distributed for Numbots and TT Rockstars as well as recognising our weekly School Core Values Champion for demonstrating great Respect, Responsibility, Courage & Wisdom. It is so important to us, to ensure your children achievements are highlighted!

Term 3's nurture competition reached its deadline yesterday & I will announce the winners during Monday's assembly. I have received so many pieces of work that the children were proud to show off, it was wonderful to see all the entries.

Non School Uniform Day Reminder



Non-School Uniform Day: FRIDAY 14th February (the last day of term) ❤️

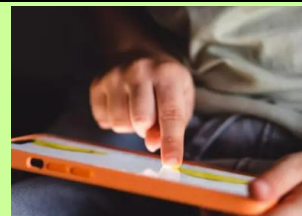
In return for the children wearing their own **PINK or RED clothes*** for the day, the PTA would be grateful for a £1 donation which can be given to their class teachers on the day.

Please ensure their clothes are comfortable to move about in... **NO Short tops, jewellery, make up, heels and NO fancy dress.** Thank You.

Safer Internet Day

Safer Internet Day is marked every year in the UK, and it's all about staying safe online.

The day is themed around a different topic each year, and for 2025 the theme is ***Too good to be true? Protecting yourself and others from scams online.***



It's taking place on **Tuesday 11th February 2025** and is run by the UK Safer Internet Centre, who work with young people to provide tips about how to stay safe online.

How can you spot a scam?

The UK Safer Internet Centre has lots of advice for children on Safer Internet Day in order to stay scam-safe in 2025.

Make sure that you look out for signs that something can't be trusted:



- If something sounds too good to be true (like an in-game trade or social media giveaway) then it might be.
- Don't share personal information online and remember that not everyone can be trusted in games or online.
- Watch out for phishing and don't click on a links from unexpected messages, even if it looks like someone you know or a company you've heard of.

What's happening for Safer Internet Day 2025?

BBC Teach will be showing a special Safer Internet Day Live Lesson from 11am on Tuesday 11th February, online and on the CBBC channel.

They'll be playing a Scam Smashers game, which your children can take part in, to try and use detective skills to beat the scammers.

The UK Safer Internet Centre also want to use the day to think about questions for the future of online safety, like what effect **artificial intelligence (AI)** might have on scams, and what the government can do to tackle this. <https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/articles/c78xzmeyyzlo>

Half Term Ideas

February Half Term Make It! Crafts 2025:

Maidstone Museum are running three days of Japanese themed Make It! craft sessions for children in half term. Tue 18th Feb 2025 to Thu 20th Feb 2025 - All Day activity/craft - 3 sessions per day:



Session 1: 10.30am – 11.30am

Session 2: 12pm – 1pm

Session 3: 1.30pm – 2.30pm

Ideal for ages 4 – 11 years £3.50 per child per session. An adult must stay with child/ren. Activities take 30-50 mins to complete.

Tuesday 18 February: Japanese Samurai helmet



Wednesday 19 February: Japanese hand fan

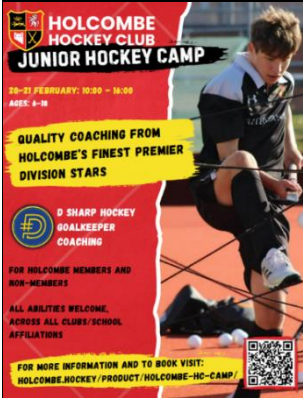


Thursday 20 February: Japanese cherry blossom printed hanging



Ticket sales are currently through the Hazlitt Box office, but events are held at the museum

Hockey Camp



HOLCOMBE HC CAMP

HOLCOMBE HOCKEY CLUB 2 DAY CAMP - FOR SIX TO 18-YEAR-OLDS AND PERFORMANCE CAMP FOR COUNTY & TA PLAYERS

CLUB CAMP - FEBRUARY 20TH & 21ST - 10:00 TO 16:00

PERFORMANCE CAMP - FEBRUARY 21ST - 10:00 TO 16:00

High-quality hockey sessions with international coaches.

Visit: <https://holcombe.hockey/>
<https://holcombe.hockey/product/holcombe-hc-camp/>

Golden Duster Award



The children and staff have been in competition to see who can have the cleanest classroom!

At the end of each week **Mr Roberts** (Caretaker) will award the tidiest and most sparkling classroom with the Golden Duster Award!



This week's winners are... **Husky Class!** Well done!



Barming Primary School PTA

♥ VALENTINES DAY EVENTS

THURSDAY 13th Feb: Gift Stall

We will be holding a stall outside after school on Thursday 13th Feb, where you can play our "Guess the GIANT Teddy's Name" for £1.

We will also be selling Valentines Gifts

A Perfect little something to give to your Valentine the following day:

- £3 Gift Bag: Heart Balloon, a faux Rose & a wrapped cookie
- £1 Mini Foil Heart Balloon on a stick

FRIDAY 14th Feb: Non-School Uniform Day

After school on Friday, we will also have a **Hot Chocolate & Cookie stall** - please pop along and support our fundraising efforts this valentines! All proceeds go towards our yearly target for the school.

EASY FUNDRAISING APP

The easiest way to support our PTA for #FREE is to sign up to easyfundraising! It's simple, shop with 8,000+ online retailers and we'll receive a free donation.

https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/easyfundraising-app?utm_campaign=pmc&utm_source=facebook&utm_medium=social&utm_content=pta-bonus-feb-fb1



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Pupils of the Week

Year Group	Class	
1	Hedgehog: Mrs Murray	Kent H
	Squirrel: Mrs Catmull & Mrs Hooker	Theo S
2	Penguin: Mrs Coleman	Harper D
	Flamingo: Miss Histed & Mrs Visscher	Harriet L-W
3	Husky: Mrs Dyer & Mrs Paton	Charlie W
	Wolf: Mr Edwards	Cody B
4	Jaguar: Mr Baker	Ipek Z
	Cheetah: Mrs Robinson & Mrs Davis	Thomas K
5	Panda: Mrs Deysel	Maxwell W
	Hippopotamus: Mrs Wade & Mrs Stere	Emily L
6	Giraffe: Miss Russell	Milan P
	Elephant: Mr Morgan	Nina Z-L
	Lion: Miss Ager & Miss Matthews	Priscilla R



Key Stage 1 Numbots Champions of the week

Year Group	Class	
1	Hedgehog: Mrs Murray	Evie B
	Squirrel: Mrs Catmull & Mrs Hooker	Nellie D
2	Penguin: Mrs Coleman	Phoebe P
	Flamingo: Miss Histed & Mrs Visscher	Sofia H



Key Stage 2 Times Tables Rockstars Champions of the week

Year Group	Class	
3	Husky: Mrs Dyer & Mrs Paton	Xanthe S
	Wolf: Mr Edwards	Kenuli A
4	Jaguar: Mr Baker	Molly P
	Cheetah: Mrs Robinson & Mrs Davis	Ava-Jade L
5	Panda: Mrs Deysel	Sebastian N
	Hippopotamus: Mrs Wade & Mrs Stere	Emily H
6	Giraffe: Miss Russell	Harriet C
	Elephant: Mr Morgan	Archie R



Attendance Ted Award

Jaguar Class



Punctuality Pup Award

Panda Class



Active Award

Hedgehog Class



Active Award

Giraffe Class



Coming Up...

Dates to remember:

Term Three:

Monday 6th January 2025 to Friday 14th February 2025

- **Friday 10th January:** Fred the Frog Day for Phonics
- **Thursday 23rd January:** Open Classrooms (No appointment needed just come after school until 4pm) Please come through the office only due to Safeguarding. Thank you.
- **Thursday 6th February:** Year 4 Class Assembly 9am. (15 mins approximately)
- **Friday 7th February:** Maths Number Day
- **Tuesday 11th February:** Safer Internet Day
- **Thursday 13th Feb** - PTA Valentines Stall after school (Teddy Raffle & Valentines Gifts)
- **Friday 14th Feb** - PTA Valentines Dress Down (£1 donation)
- **Friday 14th Feb** - PTA Valentines Stall after school (Cookies & Hot Chocolates)

Term Four:

Monday 24th February 2025 to Friday 4th April 2025

- **INSET Three: Friday 28th February 2025**
- **Monday 3rd March:** Book Week
- **Thursday 6th March:** World Book Day Dress Up day
- **Thursday 13th March:** Year 6 National Tests video goes on the website
- **Thursday 13th March:** Year 4 Multiplication Check video goes on the website
- **Thursday 13th March:** Year 1 Phonics Talk video goes on the website
- **Friday 28th March:** Reports Out
- **Thursday 20th March:** Year 3 Class Assembly 9am (15 mins approximately)
- **Wednesday 2nd April:** EYFS/Year 1/Year 2 Easter Activity Morning

INSET Days 2024 to 2025:

- **INSET 1:** Monday 2nd September 2024: Trust Inset
- **INSET 2:** Friday 29th November 2024: Closed
- **INSET 3:** Friday 28th February 2025: Trust Inset
- **INSET 4:** Monday 21st July 2025: Trust Inset
- **INSET 5:** Tuesday 22nd July 2025: Closed

Have a great weekend,

Yours sincerely

Mr Laker
Headteacher