



Holbrook C of E Primary School

Together we Learn

Upcoming dates

15- 26th May – KS1 SATs

25.5.23 – Year 6 visiting church

25-26.05.23 – Year 4 residential to Castleton

26.05.23 – Last day of Summer 1 term

05.06.23 – First day of Summer 2 term

w/b 05.06.23 – Year 4 Multiplication Check

w/b 12/06/23 – Year 1 Phonics check

16.06.23 – Sports Day

A full lists of dates for the year can be found on the school website – including next year's training days

SATs tests: Well done to our Year 6 children who completed their SATs tests last week with resilience and good cheer! We are really proud of the progress all children in Class 5 have made this year. Everyone has come on in leaps and bounds academically, but we are also so proud of seeing how the children have grown in confidence and independence. They are maturing into fantastic young people which is so lovely to see.

Our Year 2 children have been completing their 'secret agent missions' this week too, in small groups. Soon, our Year 4s will be completing their multiplication checks and then our Year 1 children will be having their phonics check, so lots of children completing statutory testing over the next few weeks. Well done everyone for trying your best!

Goodbyes and hellos: At the end of this half term, Mrs Wallace will be leaving us to start her maternity leave. Mrs Weldon will be returning later in the summer term to take up her role in Class 3. I am delighted too to welcome Mrs O'Brien to the team who will be starting in September, sharing a class with Mrs Weldon.

Classes for September: We have been getting one or two queries about classes for September. Parent/carers will be informed about classes after half term, week commencing 12th June. This gives time for places for our new Reception children to be finalised, so that we know school numbers. Where classes are split, this is done by age and as far as possible we try to be consistent about keeping the same group of children together in Year 1 as in Year 4.

Summer reminders: Now that the nice weather seems to be here, please remember to send children in with a cap and water bottle. Water bottles should only have water in them – children are able to refill these during the day. We would ask that you apply sun lotion to children in the morning so that we can all safely enjoy the sunshine. Please also make sure caps, cardigans etc are all labelled as items sometimes get abandoned on the field!

Values: Our value for this half term has been courage, and in assembly we have been listening to 'Zadok the Priest' by Handel. This piece of music has been played at every coronation since 1740, and you might also recognise it at the UEFA Champions League theme tune! Have a listen with children and see if they recognise it! [Zadok the Priest — Choir of Westminster Abbey - YouTube](#)



Repair updates: The flooring is due to be replaced in Class 1 next week so we are very much hoping that we can have at least a partial return to normality after half term, with Class 1 moving back into their new and improved classroom. The staffroom is virtually finished so the team are very glad not to be eating their dinner in a cramped corridor anymore!

School improvements: Look at our lovely mural! Mr Parker has been working very hard to improve our school hall with his painting skills. It is lovely to reflect some of our beautiful outdoor space inside. All of the children will have had a gardening session with Mr and Mrs Parker by the school holiday, and after half term they will all have another chance in there to get some more growing done.

