



Holbrook C of E Primary School

Together we Learn

Upcoming dates

01.05.23 – Bank holiday

02.05.23 – Partial Closure due to strike action

05.05.23 – Coronation lunch

08.05.23 – Bank holiday

09-12.05.23 – KS2 SATs

25.05.23 – Year 4 residential to Castleton

26.05.23 – Last day of Summer 1 term

05.06.23 – First day of Summer 2 term

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

Repairs update: Repairs to Class 1 and the staffroom are finally fully underway, after a very long and intensive 'drying out' process. I will keep you updated of the progress – there is still lots to do, with extensive damage to ceilings, floors and walls. We are looking forward to getting back to normal!

PE uniform: It is great that children are able to come to school ready for PE – it means that we don't have to waste any of their session getting changed. Please ensure children come wearing the PE uniform as set out in the uniform policy. The PE uniform is really straightforward – white T shirt, black shorts or joggers, a black long sleeved top and black trainers.

Strike action: Next Tuesday, school will be partially closed due to strike action. Only children in classes 2 and 5 will be attending. Additional places have now been allocated for key worker and vulnerable children. Thank you for your support and understanding.

Retirement news: We had to say goodbye to Mrs Mason this week who has been part of Holbrook Primary School for twenty years. We wish her all the best, and we were very sad to see her go! Mrs Mason has asked me to say a huge thank you for the cards, gifts, kind words and best wishes she received from children, staff and families. She was overwhelmed by everyone's kindness. A huge thank you to Mrs Mason for her dedication over the years, we will all miss you!



Safeguarding updates: Does your child use snapchat? We have a simple guide for parents here: [Useful guides for parent/carers | Holbrook C of E Primary School \(holbrookceprimary.co.uk\)](https://www.holbrookceprimary.co.uk/parent-carers-useful-guides) Snapchat have updated their family Centre and added controls to that block 'sensitive' content although this is limited in scope. More on this feature can be found here: <https://values.snap.com/en-GB/news/introducing-content-controls-on-family-center> . The 'stories' and 'spotlight' areas on Snapchat throw up popular content which are not filtered and will not necessarily be appropriate for children.

Learning leaflets: You should have received a learning leaflet outlining what your child will be finding out about this term in all their subjects. These are also available on the school website here: [Class Pages | Holbrook C of E Primary School \(holbrookceprimary.co.uk\)](http://Class Pages | Holbrook C of E Primary School (holbrookceprimary.co.uk)) There is lots of exciting learning going on this term. I noticed that this is the term Class 3 learn the glockenspiel so look forward to the wonderful music emanating from their classroom – only surpassed by the sound of Class 5 learning the recorder next term ...

Coronation: Don't forget that Monday May 8th is a bank holiday for the King's coronation. Next Friday, 5th May, the children will all be having a celebration lunch together.



History project: Classes 3 and 4 enjoyed their trip to the Framework Knitters' Museum in Ruddington last week. A huge thank you to our friends at MSDS Marine for facilitating this trip, even sending a volunteer to accompany the children and applying for a grant. Thank you too to The Framework Knitter's Company who provided a grant to school, allowing us to take the children at no cost to families or the school.



Outdoor learning: Children have started to work with Mr and Mrs Parker to do some gardening, and gardening club continues at lunchtime with Mrs Shaw as well. There has been lots of planting going on and more to come – our school council representatives will soon be planting the fruit trees which we applied for and were granted by 'The Conservation Volunteers' group. All part of our long term plan to build sustainability at Holbrook! Don't forget to send wellies in with children when it's their class' turn – next week it is Class 3. Teachers will remind you via Class Dojo.

