

Holbeach WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Friday 26th September 2025

Another busy week of learning at Holbeach...

It has been another exciting and productive week for the children at Holbeach. It has been really nice for Mr Morriss to be able to celebrate the children's achievements again in his weekly assembly

In the Nursery, the children have been thinking about the season of Autumn (which officially started this week). In Year 1 the children have been developing their role play areas around the theme of "Paws, Claws and Roars" while Year 2 have been thinking about their favourite toys. In Year 5, they have been investigating the Water Cycle and in Year 6 they have been researching their Author Focus (Onjali Q Rauf).

You can find out about what each class gets up to and check on your child's home learning on the [class blogs](#).



IMPORTANT DATES

Saturday 27th September

- Salifest Community Festival (see page 2 for details)

Thursday 2nd October

- 2W Educational Visit to the Horniman Museum
- Special Lunch Menu for Mr Nourish's Birthday (see page 2)
- Friends of Holbeach AGM in the school house (8pm) see page 3

Friday 3rd October

- 2A Educational Visit to the Horniman Museum

Tuesday 7th October

- 4A Educational Visit to Fulham Palace

Wednesday 8th October

- Prospective Parents Open Morning (9:30am)
- Year 1 Educational Visit to London Zoo
- 5G, 4F, 6L are visiting the Caribbean living room at Catford Broadway

Friday 10th October

- 5F, 4A, 6W are visiting the Caribbean living room at Catford Broadway

Thursday 16th October

- EYFS Parent/Carer Workshop (and stay and play) 9:00am (see page 2)



When it comes to times tables, speed AND accuracy are important – the more facts your child remembers,

the easier it is for them to do harder calculations.

Times Table Rock Stars is a fun and challenging online programme designed to help students master times tables!

Little and Often: In order to get the best out of Times Tables Rock Stars children should play regularly for short bursts of time so we would ask you to allow your child to play for 5-10 minutes at a time. If your child cannot remember their login details please ask their class teacher.

Friends of Holbeach

Once again, this year, the Friends of Holbeach (FoH) have reserved 200 tickets for a special performance of the Pantomime "Dick Whittington and his Catford cat" on Monday 22nd December at 2pm.

Tickets are available at the reduced price of £11 with the option to pay more if you are able to do so. This extra donation will be put towards the FoH fundraising for the school.

For more information please contact j.commonson@ntlworld.com.



4F Visit to Fulham Palace

On Tuesday, 4F visited Fulham Palace to learn about the Vikings.

They got the opportunity

to dress up as Vikings and also to closely observe lots of different Viking artifacts.

After the workshop, they also got to visit the Palace's playground.

"The most interesting bit was when we learned about Viking clothing. It didn't look how I expected it to look"

Ayomidipupo

"I liked trying on the headband. It was made out of special fabric. It made me look like a Viking!" **Mayah**

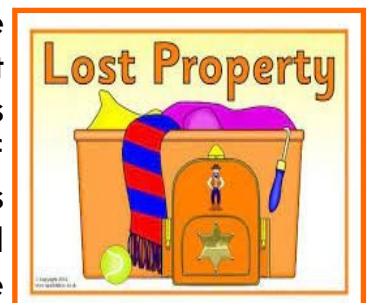


Lost Property

Please remember to put your child's name on all of their jumpers and coats (and everything else too!) as there

are still a vast number of items ending up on our Lost Property Trolley and only those with names can be easily returned to their owners.

The Lost Property Trolley is available for checking at every Drop-off and Collection time (weather permitting). It is placed near to the Y3 packed lunch trolley.



Signposting to Events



SALIFEST 2025
Community Music Festival

Saturday 27 Sept.
11am - 3pm

St Laurence Church
37 Bromley Road,
London, SE6 2TS

FREE

Afro-Caribbean Food
African Drumming
Tombola
Singing
Stalls
Children's Craft
Latin & Caribbean Dancing

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SALIFEST 2025

PROGRAMME

11am - 12noon
Poetry by John Macy & Doreen Mc Kenzie
Young talent
11:30 Singing for All (everyone sings along)

12:30pm - 3pm
12:30 Drumzkool
12:45 Ripton Lindsay Caribbean Dance workshop
13:15 Latin Communities Dance workshop
13:45 Wuntanara
14:00 Ansoumana Bakayoko African Drum workshop*
14:30 Drum Jam & dancing

All Day
Local traders
Our info
Tombola
Kids Craft making

Food from 12noon

*Due to limited numbers of drums, please book the free Drum Workshop through eventbrite
(<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/salifest-2025-african-drum-workshop-tickets-1657124105809?aff=oddtcreator>)


Programme subject to changes

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Holbeach Primary School

Parent & Carer Workshop

Thursday 16th October 2025
9:00am - 10:00am



Theme: Supporting Early Reading Skills!

Dear Parents and Carers of children in Nursery and Reception,

We are pleased to announce that **each half term**, we will be holding a parent and carer workshop for you to be able to attend.

The first one of these workshops is taking place on **Thursday 16th October between 9am and 10am** at Holbeach Primary School.

This workshop will be run by our English Subject Leader (Chloe Spicer) and our Speech and Language Therapist (Bryony Langmaid).

Following the workshop, you will all be invited into your child's class for a quick '**stay-and-play**' to try out some of the ideas discussed in the workshop.

We encourage you all to attend and look forward to welcoming you on the day!



MR NOURISH'S 7th BIRTHDAY

THURSDAY 02 OCT

Design a birthday card for Mr Nourish.
Hand it to the Catering Team
Prizes will be awarded.

Burger in a Bun 1,5,6
Vegetable Burger in a Bun 1,5 VG
Jacket Potatoes with a choice of Fillings 7,8,9

Herby Diced Potato
Sweetcorn
Coleslaw 9

Birthday Cake 1 VG
Mr Nourish Party Rings 1 VG
Fruit Pot VG

NOURISH

Dishes marked with any of the following numbers contain the matching allergen:
1 Wheat Gluten 2 Crustaceans 3 Soybean 4 Mustard 5 Sesame 6 Sulphites/Sulphur Dioxide 7 Milk 8 Fish 9 Egg
10 Peanuts 11 Molluscs 12 Celery/Celery 13 Nuts 14 Lupins 15 Oat Gluten 16 Barley Gluten V Vegetarian VG Vegan

Friends of Holbeach

Friends of Holbeach (Charity number: 1073532)
Holbeach Primary School, Nelgarde Road
London, SE6 4TP

17th September 2025



Dear Parents and carers,

With the start of the new academic year, the Friends of Holbeach **annual general meeting** will be taking place, where a new committee will be elected.

This will be on **Thursday October 2nd 8pm-9pm** in the school house on the corner of Holbeach and Doggett roads.

A number of current committee members are stepping down and the role of chairperson/s will need to be filled.

We would love as many attendees as possible and would warmly welcome new members to join and put themselves forward.

You are also welcome to come along to contribute to discussions about future plans without taking on a formal role.

The current committee will stay in place until after the Autumn Disco and following that the new committee will take over.

The Friends of Holbeach is a wonderful group to be part of, and an integral part of the school community, raising essential funds to subsidise trips and support other school initiatives.

We organise the school discos and festive events, as well as bake sales, coffee mornings, running the hub shop and the summer fair. We are always keen on new ideas too.

Each member contributes whatever time they can and there is no pressure to attend all events, as we all have busy family and working lives.

There is also a wonderful group of FOH volunteers who support us in helping out at events without being on the committee. Do ask about joining WhatsApp for this.

We would really love the committee to represent the school community and would encourage people from all backgrounds to join and fathers too!

We hope to see lots of you on October 2nd!

Warmest regards

The Friends of Holbeach Committee
friendsofholbeach@gmail.com

Signposting to Events



St Laurence Church Bromley Road, Catford SE6 2TS
Welcomes children and families

TUNES and CHIPS

After School
Singing Club

FOR CHILDREN OF
PRIMARY SCHOOL AGE

4pm Welcome
Squash & biscuits
on arrival

4.15pm Singing
Fun songs, action songs,
music & movement

5pm Chips!
Oven chips and fresh fruit juice
(tea & coffee also available)
followed by games

School
transfer
provided!

Parents/carers are welcome to stay, watch, or join in!
Cost: children free (adults £2 for chips)
The Tunes and Chips Choir takes part in Family Service on
Nov 9th AM and the Christmas Civic Carol Service on Dec 7th PM



...or click here

Autumn Term 2025

Tuesdays 4.00-5.15pm

Sept 30 | Oct 7, 14, 21

Nov 4, 11, 18, 25 | Dec 2

New members welcome

To book please scan the QR to the
left or contact the church office
manager@stlaurencecatford.org.uk



South London Children and
Young People's Community
Immunisation Service

Protect your child from flu this winter!



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on the Children's Flu
vaccine, search
"NHS Children's Flu"

Scan the QR code to
complete the Flu
consent form

Contact the Lewisham
Immunisation team on
020 3903 3635



September 2025

Everyone is welcome at

Friends Of Holbeach



WHO AND WHAT IS FOH?

You are! All staff, parents and carers are
automatically part of the Friends of Holbeach, and we
need your help!

Friends of Holbeach (FoH) is a charitable organisation
that raises funds to support Holbeach Primary School
and is run exclusively by volunteers like you – parents,
carers and other members of the local community.

We are always looking for people to join us – A more
varied and diverse group of parents and carers will
better reflect the school's community.

Right now we really would like more dads and parents
from different cultural backgrounds.

WHAT WE DO

The money we raise directly supports our children's
learning by subsidising all educational visits and
helping to purchase equipment for the school. We
also provide book bags to all pupils starting at
Holbeach and purchase leavers gifts for the Year
6's departing Holbeach.

We organise events throughout the school year,
including the school discos and the Summer Fair.
We rely on generous donations of time, energy and
resources from all corners of the school community
to make these events successful.

FoH also exists to help parents and carers meet,
share ideas and concerns, socialise and have fun
and, above all, become a visible and positive
presence in our children's experience of school.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

Any and all support makes a
difference and there are many
ways you can help;

- Volunteering to help at school events
- Making donations of school uniform, cakes for bake sales or items for the school fair
- Joining us at coffee mornings at the school house to meet other parents and members of FOH
- Join our committee and actively be involved in planning events. This can be just as a member or in more involved ways such as being a chair or treasurer.
- Make a donation to the Friends of Holbeach Charity Registered charity number: 1073532



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Facebook: [Friends of Holbeach School](https://www.facebook.com/Friends-of-Holbeach-School)



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