

Holbeach

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Friday 24th October 2025



Year 4 & 5 Battle of Britain Concert

On Tuesday, the children in Year 4 and 5 visited the beautiful church of St. Clement Danes to take part in a concert marking the 80th anniversary of the Battle of Britain.

All through this half term, Mr Pix has been teaching the children songs which they performed live with the Central Band of the RAF and the Duchess of Edinburgh

String Orchestra and more than 300 other children. It was an amazing and unique experience for them.



Cooking in Year 5

In Design & Technology this week, Year 5 made the soups that they had previously designed.

They prepared carrots, sweet potato, onion, garlic and parsley. Then they added vegetable stock, chilli and curry powder.

After the vegetables had been cooked, they were able to taste and evaluate their soups.

Overall, the children were very happy with how it turned out. They commented that "It was smooth, not too runny, nice and spicy and flavoursome!"

Thank you to Nourish for their support with this lesson.

IMPORTANT DATES

Monday 27th - Friday 31st October

- Half Term Holiday (wishing everyone a peaceful break)

Monday 3rd November

- School begins again (9am)
- Year 4 Cricket Lessons begin in PE.

Tuesday 4th November

- Year 6 Virtual Tour of The British Museum
- NHS Flu Immunisation Service (Reception to Year 6)

Wednesday 5th November

- Autumn Term Parents Evening - first session (appointments are from 3:50pm - 7pm and can be booked online)

Tuesday 11th November

- Open Afternoon (Prospective Parents) for parents/carers of children due for admission to Reception in 2026 (2pm)

Wednesday 12th November

- **4F only** Autumn Term Parents Evening - second session (appointments are from 3:50pm - 6pm and can be booked online)

Thursday 13th November

- SEND Coffee Morning - 9am (see full details on page 2)
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OPAL 'Stay & Play'

Thank you to everyone who braved the weather (just as the children do at playtimes) to enjoy the Outdoor Play and Learning 'Stay and Play' event after school on Monday.

Miss Onwuka and her merry band of play leaders demonstrated the broad range of resources and activities that are available to the children of Holbeach at lunchtime and playtimes.



Television Appearance

Congratulations to Lotus-Imani (2A) on her appearance on the ITV show *This Morning* last week.

Lotus-Imani was asked to be on the show because of the amazing work she is doing as a young journalist for *Cocoa Girl*, the UK's first magazine to celebrate Black girls.



Meet the Author

On Wednesday, all of the children in Year 5 and Year 6 visited the Southbank Centre (alongside 900 other children) to see a performance from the author **Frank Cottrell-Boyce**.



Mr Cottrell-Boyce told them some funny anecdotes about his life and career and read aloud some extracts from his new book 'The Blockbusters'.

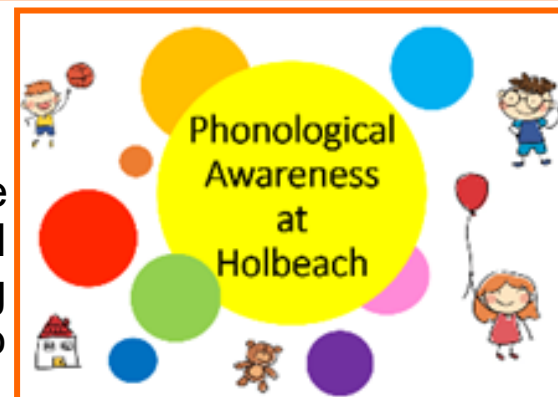
Every child was given their very own copy of the book to take home and enjoy.

Afterwards the children enjoyed a bit of site-seeing along the Southbank and then some bonding time playing in the playground near to the London Eye.

Supporting Learning

Whole School Development of 'Phonological awareness'

As you are no doubt already aware, this year at Holbeach, we are promoting and teaching the skills involved in "Phonological Awareness". The next two weeks will be devoted to "**Blending Syllables**", which means **sticking the syllables together** to make a word. Watch this [video](#) for further explanation.



Here are some ideas to help the children to blend syllables to make words:

EYFS & KS1 Children

- **Guess the word:** when looking at books / pictures with your child (or when out and about), tell them to guess what word you are saying. For example "can you find/point to the... am-bu-lance (ambulance)... te-le-vi-sion (television)..."

KS2 Children

- **Guess the word (but harder!):** Adults can Google 'multi-syllabic words' for ideas, then sit opposite the child and challenge them to guess the word you are saying. The adult should leave a small gap between syllables and allow them time to work on sticking it together. To help, give them a clue, such as "it flies".

Remember...

If your child WANTS to have a go breaking words into syllables, great! But at the moment we are working on them STICKING SYLLABLES TOGETHER.

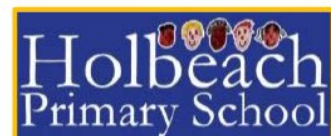


When it comes to times tables, speed AND accuracy are important – the more facts your child remembers,

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.



Parent & Carer SEND Coffee Morning

Thursday 13th November 2025

9:00am – 10:00am



Theme: Meet Mrs Wilson (SENDCo) and other services

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are pleased to announce that we will be holding a parent and carer SEND Coffee morning for you to be able to attend.

The coffee morning will take place on **Thursday 13th November** between **9am and 10am** at Holbeach Primary School.

You will have the chance to meet the school's SENDCo (Mrs Wilson), our Speech and Language Therapist (Bryony Langmaid) and our Educational Wellbeing Practitioner (Beth Girdler-Cullen).

We look forward to welcoming you on the day!

More Future Events



Drumbeat Outreach

Parent Workshop

Supporting your Child with their Learning

In this workshop we will be exploring ideas & strategies that might help young people to engage with learning. As well as exploring Autism, in this workshop we will also be looking at common co-occurring learning differences such as ADHD, dyslexia and dyscalculia and we will be focusing on strategies that might be used by specialist teachers in small groups or 1-to-1 that can be adapted when children are learning at home whilst engaging in homework tasks or home-schooling.

Tuesday 9th December 2025 – 10am-11.30am

This session will be held at:

**Drumbeat Turnham, Turnham
Road, Brockley, SE4 2HH**

Please email outreach.admin@drumbeat.lewisham.sch.uk or telephone
020 7635 9022 to reserve your place.



CALM & CONNECT THERAPY Running Sensory Circuits for Mothers

A nurturing space to unwind and restore balance. Engage in guided sensory activities designed to calm the mind and body. Connect with yourself and others in a supportive environment.

Every Saturday
🕒 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM

📍 247A Lewisham Way
London SE4 1XF

Facilitator:
Majlinda Xhaferaj
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Member of the British Psychological Society



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PLEASE JOIN US FOR A FAMILY

HALLOWEEN PARTY

31 OCTOBER 2024
6-8:00 PM

£5 PER ADULT / CHILDREN FREE
AT THE LEWISHAM IRISH CENTRE

TICKETS ON EVENTBRITE. A LIMITED NUMBER WILL BE AVAILABLE ON THE DOOR

CASH BAR ONLY

Coffee Morning for EYFS Parents

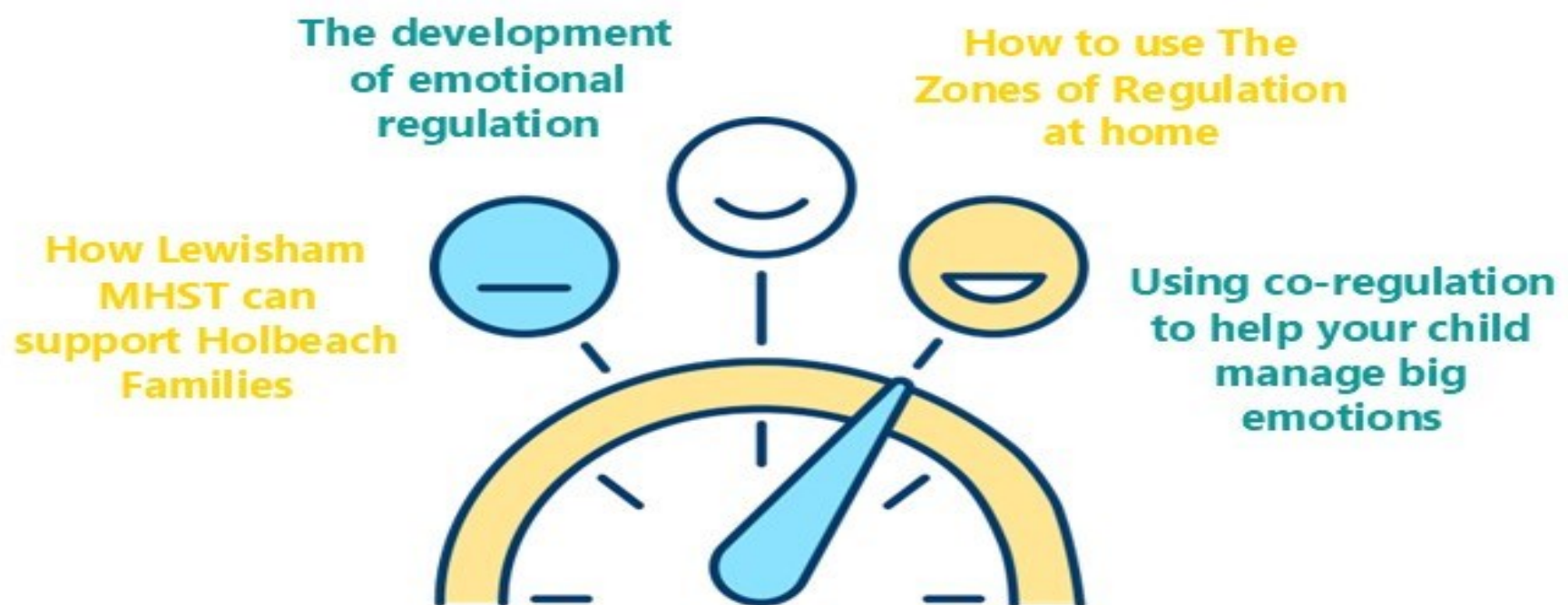
at Holbeach Primary School



Managing Big Emotions in EYFS

with Lewisham MHST

Do you want to find out about different strategies to help your child manage their emotions? Join Lewisham MHST to talk about:



Come along for a coffee and to discuss regulation strategies **on Thursday 20th November from 9am-9.30am** followed by a classroom **Stay and Play from 9.30am-10am.**

Lewisham MHST can provide signposting and interventions for children with mild to moderate mental health and wellbeing difficulties.

For more information on the support we can offer, visit www.slam.nhs/lewisham-mhst