

# Holbeach

## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Friday 27th February 2026

### World Book Day

To mark World Book Day, Friends of Holbeach will hold a Cake Sale and Book Giveaway in the hall after school on Thursday 5th March 3.20 - 4pm.

All books will be free - with any donations gratefully received. Come along in your costume, choose a book, and draw your favourite book characters with us.

We are looking for bakers to help with donating cakes and biscuits - homemade or shop bought donations are welcome at the school office next week marked 'Friends of Holbeach'. If your item is homemade, please attach a list of ingredients to your cake tin.

If you can help on the day please let us know by Email:

[friendsofholbeach@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofholbeach@gmail.com)

### IMPORTANT DATES

#### Monday 2nd - Friday 6th March

- Each class will be visiting a local book shop to support World Book Day

#### Tuesday 3rd March

- Holbeach Hub Shop (9am in the school house - see page 4)

#### Thursday 5th March

- World Book Day (full details attached to this email)
- FoH World Book Day Event at 3:20pm - 4pm (see page 2)
- 6L Educational Visit to Downe House

#### Friday 6th March

- 6W Educational Visit to Downe House

#### Monday 9th March

- Year 1 "Living Eggs" project begins.

#### Thursday 12th March

- 3B Class Assembly (10:15am - parents and carers welcome to attend)

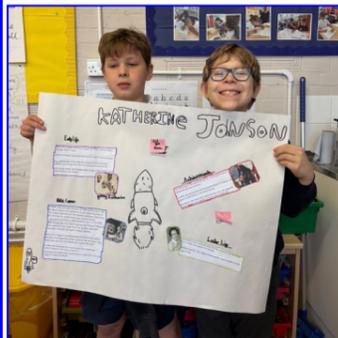
#### Friday 13th March

- Lewisham Saxon Crown Swimming Gala

### Working Collaboratively

This week, in 5F, the children have been working collaboratively in English.

The children worked together to research the life of **Katherine Johnson** who was an American human computer whose calculations of orbital mechanics as a NASA employee were critical to the success of the first and subsequent U.S. crewed spaceflights.



They then took the information that they had researched and used it to create information posters about her. Miss Felton was really impressed with how well the children communicated and problem-solved.



### OPAL Update

Thank you to Mr Holmes (Premises Manager) and Ms Onwuka (OPAL Play Lead) for working together to get some exciting new den-building resources.

The children were introduced to the new pipes and connectors during an OPAL assembly on Wednesday and by Friday they had become very skilful at working together to create some really imaginative dens.

Next, the school councillors will be creating a survey about the use of the playground.



### Lunar New Year

Throughout the week, the children in each year group have been learning about the Lunar New Year and how it is celebrated in different parts of the world.

In Nursery and Reception, Ms Lo shared some Chinese traditions with the children who loved listening to stories about Chinese New Year and discovering the animals of the zodiac. On Thursday, Mr Morriss read the story of the Great Race to KS2 and the school dinner was a special menu reflecting the East Asian cuisine.



### Parental Engagement with the school

#### The CAMHs Mental Health Support Team (MHST) - Focus Group

Thank you to the small group of parents who met with the MHST this week in order to help shape how this service supports parents at Holbeach. If you are interested in joining this project then please do email the school ([admin@holbeach.lewisham.sch.uk](mailto:admin@holbeach.lewisham.sch.uk)) and let us know.

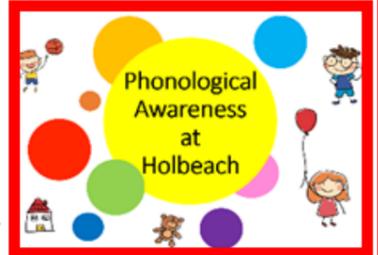
#### The Incredible Years Parenting Group

We are excited to announce that Holbeach will be hosting an Incredible Years Parenting Group in the Summer Term. This is an amazing opportunity for all parents to increase their confidence as a parent.

We are holding a "getting to know you" coffee morning on Tuesday 24th March (see page 3) and urge you all to attend to find out more.

# Supporting Learning

## Whole School Development of 'Phonological awareness'



Over the next few weeks we will be: **Recognising rhyme words**. This means being able to hear and notice when two words sound the same in the middle and at the end, like "cat" and "hat." Working on this helps children to notice patterns in words, which then improves their spelling.

**IMPORTANT!!** Do not ask your child to tell you rhyme words yet... that's our next skill. For now, just focus on them being able to correctly notice when words rhyme. Start by noticing when two words rhyme yourself and drawing their attention to the fact (e.g. "hmmm, sock and clock rhyme").

### **Younger children (e.g. EYFS and KS1)**

**Rhyme Detective:** Say three words—two that rhyme and one that doesn't (e.g., cat, hat, dog). Ask your child, "Which word doesn't belong?" Try with other sets (fox, box, tree / car, star, chair). Remember to model recognising the rhyme yourself first.

### **Older children (e.g. KS2)**

**Rhyme Hunt!** Pick a word (log) and say a list of words, some that rhyme and some that don't (dog, pen, fog, top, jog). Your child claps/ gives a thumbs up when they hear a rhyme! A few minutes of play each day can make a big difference in early literacy skills!

Here are some videos where children can practice saying and recognising rhyming words:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TTbO9kjoWDs>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zCwnyCs4nVY>

**Here is a website with lists of rhyme words:**

<https://www.orchidsinternationalschool.com/blog/rhyming-words-for-kids-in-english>

**World Book Day**

**THURSDAY 5TH MARCH 3:20-4PM**  
**IN THE SCHOOL HALL**

Books will be **FREE** or donations very gratefully received

**Cake Sale**

Draw your favourite book character

HOLBEACH PRIMARY SCHOOL

# WORLD BOOK DAY 2026

**READING FOR FUN**

**Thursday 5th March**



- Children to dress as their favourite book character
- A special visit by Paterson Joseph
- Every class will visit a local bookshop and there will be lots of other exciting-reading-based activities throughout the week

# Signposting Support for Parents and Carers



## The Incredible Years Parenting Group Coffee Morning

Our evidence-based parenting sessions are for parents and carers with a child aged **4-11 years** who displays **serious behavioural challenges**. Your child may behave in ways that make places and spaces unsafe to be in, or cause harm to themselves and others.



### HELP IMPROVE...

- Your child's **self-esteem** and **wellbeing**
- **Relationships**
- **Resilience and stress**
- Your **confidence** as a parent

To find out more about the Programme, join us on

**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March**  
**9-10am**  
**Holbeach Primary School**

Nelgarde Rd, London SE6 4TP

Learn alongside other parents about:

- **Child-led play** and its importance
- Creating and enforcing **boundaries**
- Helping your child **calm down**
- Recognising the **positives**
- How incentives can help with **behaviour change**
- **Consequences** and how and when they are helpful

To enquire or book your place please contact us via  
[www.lewishamcfc.org.uk/contact-us/](http://www.lewishamcfc.org.uk/contact-us/)  
[www.lewishamcfc.org.uk](http://www.lewishamcfc.org.uk)

**St Dunstan's Enterprises**

## Easter Swimming Crash Course

Week 1: March 30th to April 2th - £48.00  
Week 2: April 7th to April 10th - £48.00

Daily 30 Minute Lessons  
Lessons Between - 8:30am to 10:30am

### BOOK NOW

[swimming@stdunstans.org.uk](mailto:swimming@stdunstans.org.uk) | 02085167205



## HOLBEACH SHOP HUB

Open every  
Tuesday 9am

Second hand school uniform and other items  
Come and help yourself or Donate what you can

### Accessories

- School Bags
- Shoes
- Trainers
- Coats
- Hats
- Gloves

Books,  
Games &  
Seasonal  
Items

### School Uniform

- Polo shirts
- Jumpers
- Cardigans
- Skirts
- Pinafores
- Summer dresses
- Tights
- Trousers
- P.E kit

The Holbeach Hub can be found at the school house on the corner of Holbeach and Doagett road

## Holbeach Summer Camp

We are excited to announce that the Holbeach Summer Camp is set to return for another year. The camp will once again be run for 2 weeks by the Holbeach Wrap Around Team.

Week 1: Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July - Friday 24<sup>th</sup> July  
Week 2: Monday 27<sup>th</sup> July - Friday 31<sup>st</sup> July.

Cost: £35 a day or £150 per week.  
Breakfast and snacks included.

### Fun Activities



### Sports & Team Games



### Water Fun



### Park Days & Playground Games



If you would like an Application Form visit the School Website or collect a paper copy from the Main Office.