

Holbeach

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Friday 27th March 2026

Easter Bunny at Holbeach

This week, the children of Holbeach were visited by the Easter Bunny as they held their very own Easter Egg hunt.

The excitement was clear as everyone eagerly searched for the hidden eggs, enjoying the fun.



The event brought lots of smiles, laughter, and a great sense of togetherness. From colourful eggs to sweet surprises, every moment was filled with joy. A huge thank you to everyone who helped to make the day so special, especially the Easter Bunny (whoever it was!) and the Friends of Holbeach who were the bunny's helpers.



Update from the Governors

The Holbeach School Governing Board have met twice in the past couple of weeks.

The first meeting was on the 12th March at our, Spring Term, Curriculum Committee meeting.

Mrs Wilson gave an impressive presentation, talking about her role as Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Coordinator (SENDCo) and how she is ensuring that Holbeach is meeting the needs of the children in the school with additional educational needs.

Then, last Thursday, we held our, Spring Term, Full Governing Board meeting during which Mr Bulpitt presented his wide-ranging Headteacher's report for the Spring Term

This report covered a variety of topics including the school finances, health and safety, staff training and also the predicted outcomes for the children across the school.

The minutes from all Governor meetings are always made available on the school website if you'd like to find out more about what we do.

In the Summer Term we will be holding an election to fill a Parent Governor vacancy so keep your eyes peeled for information about this.

In the meantime, from all of the Governors at the school we wish you a very peaceful school holidays.

Sharon Farnley
Chair of Governors

IMPORTANT DATES

Monday 13th April

- Summer Term begins (drop off at 9am)

Tuesday 14th April

- Holbeach Hub Shop (9am in the school house)
- Weekly Tennis lessons at Ladywell Fields begin for Year 2

Wednesday 15th April

- Incredible Years Parenting Group meeting in School House (9am)
- Weekly Cricket lessons begin for Year 4 and Year 6
- Performing Arts Club Educational Visit to watch "Wicked"

Thursday 16th April

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

1T Class Assembly

Huge congratulations go to the children (and staff) in 1T for their fantastic Assembly this week.

The children acted out a revised version of Going on a Bear Hunt and took us all on a wonderful Egg Hunt instead.

They were searching for the animal that lays a chocolate egg but kept discovering eggs that had been laid by other animals which showcased some of the learning in Science this term.

They also sang "Chick, Chick Chicken" beautifully.

Thank you to all of the parents and carers who came to watch this great event.



Microorganisms in Year 6

Year 6 recently completed a Science experiment on microorganisms. They investigated which area of the school contained the most bacteria. They used cotton swabs to collect samples from different locations and then transferred them onto agar-filled Petri dishes to allow the bacteria to grow.



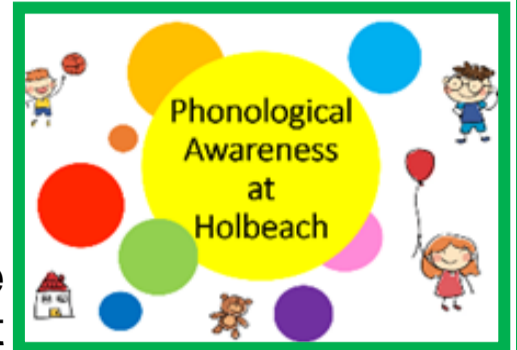
Fun with diggers

On Tuesday, the children in Nursery and Reception were able to get up close to (and explore) some construction vehicles from Conways Maintenance Team. Thank you to Miss Bell for arranging for this exciting visit to happen and to Mr Holmes for ensuring that the visit stayed safe.



Supporting Learning

Whole School Development of 'Phonological awareness'



This week, we have started to focus on **Production of Rhyme** words. This means being able to think of and say words that rhyme, like when a child hears "dog" and comes up with (or produces) "frog" or "log." Encouraging your child to think of rhyming words helps strengthen their reading skills.

Try these fun games at home:

Younger children

Rhyme Time! Say a word (e.g., dog) and see if your child can think of a word that rhymes (log, fog). If they get stuck, give a choice (Does "cat" or "hog" rhyme with "dog"?). Keep it playful!

Older children

Silly Rhyme Chain! Start with a word (e.g., pen), then take turns adding a rhyming word (ten, hen, den). Keep going until you run out of words! Try with a new word and see who can think of the most rhymes.

Here's a funny Sesame Street video about rhyming: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dMMR17H8sEI>

HOLBEACH HUB SHOP

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

Easy Fundraising

Did you know that you can help raise valuable money for Holbeach school without even leaving your house and without it costing you a penny?

The Friends of Holbeach (FoH) are part of the Easy Fundraising scheme which enables anyone who signs up to be able to get free donations for the school, each time they shop online. At absolutely no cost to you.



If you click on the link it will allow you to join the Friends of Holbeach page and every time you shop at a participating retailer, that company will make a donation on your behalf.

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/friendsofholbeach/>

This information is also accessible via the FoH section of the school website (under the tab marked "parents").

There is a handy app which you can set up to alert you whenever you are shopping online at a retailer that is part of the scheme, so you will never miss out on getting donations when you shop. It's super easy and will really help us to generate some much needed funds for the school.



There are so many shops that are part of the scheme, from all the major Supermarkets, to Amazon, ebay and many clothes shops. You can even raise money booking a holiday!

Signposting Local Clubs

GIRLS FOOTBALL EASTER CAMP

Fun • Skills • Confidence • Friends

5-11 YEARS
GIRLS ONLY
FREE MEALS INCLUDED
For eligible families only

BOOK NOW – LIMITED SPACES!

HAF places can be booked through Lewisham Council website.

contact@southlondongirlsfootballacademy.co.uk

07903 250202
 southlondongirlsfootballacademy.co.uk

Bellingham Gateway
 (Next to Bellingham Leisure Centre)

Mon 30 March - Thu 2 April
 10am - 2pm

FREE For eligible families
£20/day For non-funded places

SOUTH LONDON GIRLS FOOTBALL ACADEMY
 Empowering girls through football

High-quality pre-owned bikes lovingly refurbished by trusted expert mechanics

Bikes for all: our team can help with bikes for kids, commutes, races, weekend rides

THE BIKE PROJECT
SPRING SALE

20% OFF ALL BIKES £300+
09 MARCH - 02 APRIL

BUY A BIKE. HELP A REFUGEE.

Collect for free or arrange a test-ride at our local workshop in Deptford

Prices start from just £200. You benefit - and refugees will too!

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Lewisham Inclusive Sports Easter Activity

30th March and 1st, 7th & 9th April
 10 am - 12 pm

Alex Yee Ladywell Arena,
 Silvermere Rd, London SE6 4QX

Free activity, accessible for all abilities, disabled young people and their families, aged 5-25.

Registration below or Scan QR code:

<https://tinyurl.com/LewishamInclusiveEaster>

Delivered by the Lewisham Disability Sport Network.

Kevin.Watts@AccessSport.org.uk 020 7993 9883

Millwall Community Trust Lewisham Easter Holiday, Activity and Food Camps

THE LIONS CENTRE, HOLIDAY, ACTIVITY AND FOOD CAMP

The Lions Centre, Bolina Road, SE16 3LD
 10am-2pm
 Tuesday 7th April - Friday 10th April
 Age 5-13 year-olds

**ROCKY & WRIGHTY ARENA, TURNHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL
 HOLIDAY, ACTIVITY AND FOOD CAMP**

Turnham Primary School, Turnham Road, SE4 2HH
 10am-2pm
 Tuesday 7th April - Friday 10th April
 Age 5-13 year-olds

We are pleased to invite your child to take part in the Millwall Community Trust Easter Holiday Activity and Food (HAF) Camps this April!

These sessions are completely FREE for children who are eligible for benefit-related free school meals, offering a great way to stay active, social, and well-fed during the school holidays.

How to Book:
 Please book your child's place using the link below:

<https://lewisham.gov.uk/myservices/young-people/holiday-programme-food-and-fun>

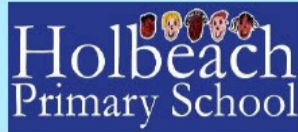
Important Information:

If you haven't received a HAF code and your child receives benefit related free school meals, or if you require any support with bookings, contact HAFProgramme@lewisham.gov.uk.

Places are limited, so we recommend booking early to avoid disappointment. We look forward to welcoming your child for a fun and active Easter!

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Safeguarding Update



Safeguarding Notice

Safeguarding children at Holbeach is **everyone's** responsibility

If you have any concerns regarding the safety and welfare of any child within our school, then please ask to speak with one of the following people:

Designated Safeguarding Lead
Tom Bulpitt (Headteacher)



Deputy Safeguarding Leads
Phil Morriss (Deputy Headteacher)
Annette Howes (Learning Mentor)



You can also share your concerns directly by contacting the Lewisham Families First Contact Point (FFCP) team on 020 8314 6660.

Alternatively, you can call **Childline** on 0800 1111.

However, if you believe a child is in imminent danger, you should contact the **police** immediately by calling **999**.

Safeguarding - Parent/Carer's Role

Parents/Carers are the most important people in keeping their children safe. At Holbeach, we want you to:

- Feel confident enough to raise concerns about your child.
- Talk to school if you need help or support.
- Read the school policies about safety issues
- Let the school know if your child has a medical condition
- Let the school know if you have any court orders relating to the safety of your child
- Let the school know if there is a change in your circumstances such as a house move, a new contact number, a change of name, a change of parental responsibility
- Let the school know (in plenty of time) who will be dropping off or collecting your child.
- Providing at least two other emergency contacts for your child.
- Let the school know if your child is going to be absent and the reasons why.
- Attend all meetings that you are invited to about your child (e.g. parents evenings)

Keeping Children Safe in Education

Holbeach Primary School is committed to ensuring all children are safeguarded and that pupil welfare is paramount. The school is committed to creating a happy and safe environment for our children to learn.

Harm is identified in four ways:

- **Physical** —This is when a child is deliberately hurt or injured
- **Sexual** —This is when a child is influenced or forced to take part in a sexual activity. This can be a physical activity or none physical, e.g. being made to look at an inappropriate image.
- **Emotional** —This is when a child is made to feel frightened worthless or unloved. It can be by shouting, using threats or making fun of someone. It can also be when children see their parents, or visitors to the home, fighting or using violence
- **Neglect** —This is when a child is not being taken care of by their parents. It can be poor hygiene, poor diet, not keeping appointments for additional support, not coming to school or being left home alone.

Do you know a child who has experienced domestic abuse?



The **Children Overcoming Domestic Abuse Programme (CODA)** works with children and mothers who have experienced domestic abuse.

This 12 week programme runs termly and works with 4 to 11 year olds in age appropriate groups with each session lasting 2 hours.

We are now accepting referrals for mothers with children in years 3 and 4 of primary school (7-9 years) for a group starting from April 2026.

Running simultaneously for mother and child, the groups aim to:

- Children's Groups**
- Help to begin the healing process
 - Allow children to share their experiences
 - Explore ways of expressing their feelings safely
 - Look at coping strategies for the future
 - Reduce self-blame
 - Produce an age appropriate safety plan for the child
 - Help to strengthen the mother and child bond

- Mother's Groups**
- Increase understanding of how to help their child recover
 - Provide an opportunity to meet other women with similar experiences and share their feelings
 - Explore the impact their experiences may have had on their children
 - Find ways to heal the past and look to the future
 - Help to strengthen the mother/child bond



How can I access this Programme?

You can make a referral yourself or a professional can make a referral. To discuss the programme or a family you wish to refer, please email Family.Hub.Referrals@lewisham.gov.uk or visit [lewishamfamilyhubs/accessing support](https://lewishamfamilyhubs/accessing-support)

