

Friday 17th April 2026

### IMPORTANT DATES

#### Tuesday 21st April

- Holbeach Hub Shop (9am in the school house)
- School Council Educational Visit to The Houses of Parliament

#### Thursday 23rd April

- 5G Class Assembly at 10:15am (parents and carers enter via the school office)
- Summer Term Governing Board Resources Committee Meeting

#### Monday 27th April

- Holbeach School Choir performing in a Classical Roadshow
- Visit to Holbeach by the "Pearly Queen of Greenwich" and the "Pearly King of Bromley"

### Summer Term Curriculum

Along with this week's newsletter you will also have received details of this term's learning for your child.

During the Summer Term, all of the children will get to take part in at least one Educational Visit (or have a workshop with an Educational Visitor at the school) and the majority of children in Year 5 and Year 6 will also be going on a residential school journey to Wick Court Farm and the Isle of Wight respectively.

As ever, the learning in each year group will culminate in a memorable event (keep an eye out in the important dates column of the weekly newsletter and on the school's website). The topics covered in the Summer Term are:

- **Nursery - "Let's Get Digging" and "Splish, Splash, Splosh"**
- **Reception - "Mother Earth" and "I Love Adventures"**
- **Year 1 - "Let's Be Farmers"**
- **Year 2 - "Let's Explore"**
- **Year 3 - "From the Stone Age to the Iron Age"**
- **Year 4 - "Globetrotting"**
- **Year 5 - "The Roman Invasion"**
- **Year 6 - "Life on Earth"**

For more information about the Holbeach School Curriculum please visit [this page on the website](#).

### Tennis Lessons in Year 2

On Tuesday, the children in Year 2 went to Ladywell Fields for their first tennis lesson.

They learned a few basic techniques, such as how to hold the racket correctly and how to control the ball. Then they practised these skills in pairs, which helped them to support each other and improve their coordination.

Working with a partner made the lesson enjoyable, and, by the end of the session, everyone had become more confident at using the racket and hitting the ball.

These lessons will continue each week for the first half of the Summer Term.



### The "Into Film" Awards

Congratulations to Ayomidipupo and Filip (both in 4F) for being successfully nominated for the Audience Choice Award in the "Into Film Awards". This is a famous national event that will require these two pupils to head to London for the awards ceremony! Click on this link [here](#) to find out more about the awards and also how to vote for our impressive duo!



### 3C Class Assembly

Congratulations to the children in 3C who delivered a fantastic assembly that showcased the learning that they did in each of the national curriculum subjects during the Spring Term.

They demonstrated the progress they have made in Gymnastics (by doing a short routine), in Maths, in Spanish and Art too.

The highlight of the assembly, though, was the incredible song that they sang about rocks. It was delivered through a range of different music genres and was very educational.

Thank you to all of the family members who came to watch.



### Class Assemblies

During the Summer Term, a number of Class Assemblies will take place.

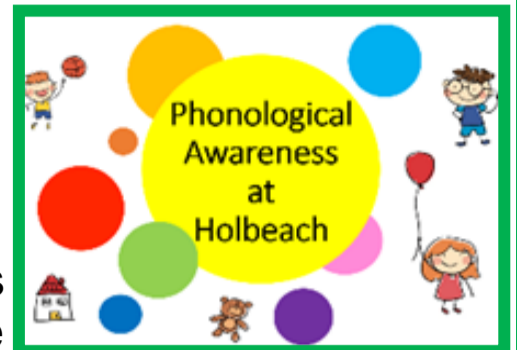
These assemblies (usually) occur on a Thursday morning with parents and carers able to attend (arriving promptly for a 10:15am start).

**This term, the special assembly dates are:**

- Thursday 23rd April = 5G
- Thursday 30th April = 1S
- Thursday 14th May = Pebble Class (Reception)
- Thursday 21st May = Shell Class (Reception)
- Thursday 11th June = 4F
- Wednesday 1st July = Year 6 Leavers Production (6pm)
- Friday 17th July = Year 6 Leavers Assembly (10:30am)

# Supporting Learning

## Whole School Development of 'Phonological awareness'



This week, we have started to focus on **Blending sounds**. This means putting individual sounds together to make a word, like taking the sounds "c," "a," and "t" and blending them to say "cat."

At this stage, we will be giving the children the sounds orally and asking them to orally blend the sounds together (we will not be focusing on the sounds written down). Please note that children **HAVE TO** be able to do this skill in order to be able to read using Phonics.

### Younger children

Robot Talk! **Say** a word in "robot talk" by stretching out the sounds (c-a-t). Ask your child to blend them together and say the whole word (cat!). Try with simple words like sun, dog, mop, big.

### Older children

Mystery Word! **Say** the sounds of a word separately (s-l-ee-p). Ask your child, "What's the word?" Make it more fun by using silly words or items around the house!

Here is a video showing how you blend sounds to make a word:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qWn-qxUddqo>

**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 Doggett road



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 (TTRS)** is a fun and challenging programme designed that is **proven** to help students master times tables!

The children should go to <https://play.ttrockstars.com/login/63183> and login using their login details.

**Little and Often:** In order to get the best out of TTRS, children should regularly play for short bursts so we would ask you to allow your child to play for 5-10 minutes at a time.

**Important:** As children play, they answer questions. TTRS personalises the questions for each child and tracks their progress therefore please don't allow siblings, friends or family to answer questions for your child as for them but do support your child if they're stuck.

If your child cannot remember their login details please ask their class teacher who will be able to supply this to you.

# Signposting Local Opportunities for Parents and Carers



## Happy Feet Toenail cutting service for people aged 50+ Age UK Lewisham & Southwark

**About the Service:** Age UK Lewisham and Southwark provides an affordable toenail cutting service called Happy Feet. There is a fee for the service and at the first appointment you need to purchase a reusable nail kit.

For a small extra fee, we can trim and file your fingernails.

**Who can use the Service:** This service is available for people aged 50+ who live in Lewisham and Southwark.

We will need to gain consent from your GP if you have:

- Diabetes
- Take warfarin or blood thinning medication

We can't provide the service if you take steroid medication or are a haemophiliac.

**About our Staff:** All of our trained staff have many years experience and offer an exceptional standard of care.

**Where do I have to go?** We have a number of easily accessible clinics across Lewisham and Southwark.

**For more information please visit:**  
[www.ageuklands.org.uk](http://www.ageuklands.org.uk)

If you would like to make an appointment or need further information, please contact us on:



**By Phone**

**020 7358 4077**



**By Email:**

[happyfeet@ageuklands.org.uk](mailto:happyfeet@ageuklands.org.uk)



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11 Scovell Road  
Southwark  
SE1 1QQ



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## Being a Parent

### A parenting programme for parents of children aged 2-11

Delivered by trained Parent Group Leaders from Empowering Parents Empowering Communities (EPEC), part of South London & Maudsley NHS Trust, in partnership with Lewisham.

### A free 9 week course to help parents learn practical skills for everyday life such as:

- Looking after yourself as a parent
- Recognising and managing your child's emotions
- Learning positive parenting strategies



**Thursdays**  
**30th April - 2nd July**  
(no session 28th May - half term)  
**10.00am-12.00pm**

**Best Start Family Hub**  
**Bellingham**  
**109 Randlesdown Road**  
**SE6 3HB**

**07720 152903**

To book call the  
The Hub, go to  
[lewishamfamilyhubs.org.uk/events](http://lewishamfamilyhubs.org.uk/events)

or scan the  
QR code



# LEWISHAM

## SERVICES DROP-IN

A free weekly Drop-In for Lewisham residents aged 18+

Refreshments provided!



Group wellbeing activities



1:1 support to find social groups and practical services

Specialist advice from our partner organisations

**THURSDAYS 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM**

Lewisham Irish Community Centre, 2A Davenport Road, SE6 2AZ

For more information call Community Connections on 0330 0583 464

# What our drop-in offers:

## One to One Support



Have a confidential chat with one of our friendly, knowledgeable team. They'll help you find local groups, activities and support services that match your personal needs and goals. Appointments are given on a first come first served basis and up to 20 minutes each.



### How we can support you..

#### Our team can:

- ✓ Tell you about local groups and activities e.g. exercise classes, lunch clubs, educational courses
- ✓ Help you find local support services and make appropriate referrals e.g. foodbank, advocacy, financial advice, mental health services
- ✓ Help you understand a letter or physically assist you with completing simple forms
- ✓ Tell you about our transport and befriending services

#### Our team cannot:

- ✗ Provide housing advice
- ✗ Support you with a mental health crisis (we can tell you about organisations that can help)
- ✗ Provide a benefits check or advise you on how to complete application forms
- ✗ Arrange personal assistance or carer support

## Group Activities Table

Join our informal group table where you can enjoy games, arts & crafts, and other activities designed to support your health and wellbeing. It's a great way to relax and meet new people over a hot drink, whilst getting in touch with your creativity!



## Meet with our local partners



Several of our partner organisations now join us regularly at the drop-in (usually on a fortnightly or monthly basis), offering specialist advice for a range of different support needs all under the same roof! Currently this includes: support finding volunteer opportunities, energy advice, mental health support, information & advice (Age UK), toenail cutting, drug & alcohol support, sexual health, and support for unpaid carers.

Please call us on 0330 0583 464 to find out when a particular group will be there in person.



## How to find us:

Our drop-in is located inside the main hall at the Lewisham Irish Centre, located on Davenport Road (just off Rushey Green)

Nearest train stations: Ladywell, Catford and Catford Bridge stations (10-15 minutes walk)

Coming by bus: Buses 75, 185, 47, 54, 136, 199, and 208 all go down Rushey Green and stop 2-3 minutes walk from us



[www.communityconnectionslewisham.org](http://www.communityconnectionslewisham.org)

# Safeguarding Update

## What Should I Do?

You are talking to your friend online and they send you an unkind message.



Do not respond. Speak to a trusted adult.



## What Should I Do?

Your parent puts a video on the laptop for you to watch. A different video suddenly appears.



Stop the video straight away. Tell a trusted adult what happened.



## What Should I Do?

You are searching for images on the Internet and see something that upsets you.



Turn off the device. Tell a trusted adult.



## What Should I Do?

Someone you do not know has sent you a friend request.



Do not accept the friend request. Only talk to people online that you already know and trust.

