

# Holbeach

## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Friday 24th April 2026

### Congratulations!

We are sure you will all join us in wishing Mrs Williams and her husband many congratulations on the birth of their daughter, Leanne, who was born on the 4th April. Mother and baby are doing well!



### Cricket Lessons in Year 4 and Year 6

This week, the children in Year 4 and Year 6 took part in their first Cricket lesson of the term. Each Wednesday they will be taken through their paces by the specialist coach. First, they got warmed up by playing a game with lots of cones. This really got their heart rates up.

Then, they developed their hitting, catching and throwing skills by playing a game of "Dodgeball Cricket".



In this game one team batted while the other team fielded. The fielding team were trying to either catch the batter out or hit them with the ball to run them out.

The children are really looking forward to next week's lesson!



### IMPORTANT DATES

#### 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"
- The Key Stage 2 Extra-Curricular Clubs begin for the Summer Term

#### Tuesday 28th April

- Holbeach Hub Shop (9am in the school house)
- Year 4 Memorable Experience (delayed from the Spring Term)

#### Thursday 30th April

- 1S Class Assembly at 10:15am (parents and carers enter via the school office)

#### Monday 4th May

- Bank Holiday (School is closed on this day)

#### Tuesday 5th May

- Holbeach Hub Shop (9am in the school house)
- NHS Vision and Hearing check for pupils in Reception

#### Wednesday 6th May

- Performing Arts Club Performance (6pm)

#### Thursday 7th May

- Polling Station (School is closed to children on this day)

#### Monday 11th May - Thursday 14th May

- Year 6 SATs Tests (separate letter to follow)

### 5G Class Assembly

Congratulations to 5G who took us back 3,000 years to the time of the Ancient Greeks in their fabulous class assembly this week.

They wowed the audience with a song that was all about the culture in Ancient Greece but was to the tune of "Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star".

They showed off the Art work that they have produced and did a live lesson on how to print in the middle of the assembly.

Thank you to all of the family and friends who came to watch.



### The Houses of Parliament



On Tuesday, the Holbeach School Council visited the Houses of Parliament to look at where the leaders of the country make their decisions.

They were impressed with the size and the elegance of the building. They felt that it looked like a castle!

A tour guide showed them where the politicians debate (both the house of commons and the house of lords). It was a very interesting and exciting day.

### Governing Board Resources Committee Meeting

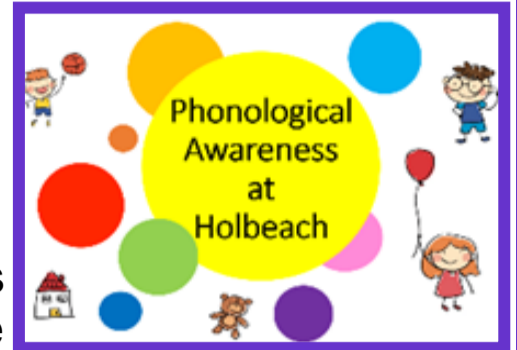
Members of the Holbeach Governing Board met for one of the most important meetings of the school year this week; the Spring Term Resources Committee meeting.

At the meeting, we scrutinised the proposed budget for 2026/27 from Mr Bulpitt and were pleased to hear how well the school's finances have been managed despite the limited funds the school has been allocated over the last 12 months.

After much discussion we approved the budget and took the opportunity to also ask questions about the Health & Safety and Staff Wellbeing processes and procedures within the school.

# Supporting Learning

## Whole School Development of 'Phonological awareness'



This week, we have continued 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 Doagett road

**HOLBEACH FUN RUN 2026**

**SATURDAY 13TH JUNE 10AM**  
**LADYWELL FIELDS**

Holbeach children (and their grown-ups!) are all welcome to join our annual Fun Run. There is no cost but we do ask children to help fundraise if possible. Please look out for letters in book bags and hand in permission slips via the class teachers by Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June.

If you have any questions, email [friendsofholbeach@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofholbeach@gmail.com)

# Signposting Parenting Support



**FOR PARENTS & CARERS**

## HEALTHY FAMILIES: RIGHT FROM THE START

**FREE 8-SESSION PROGRAMME**

*Helping families give their little ones the best start in life.*

**SIGN UP TODAY!**

A unique programme supporting parents and carers of children aged 0-5 to:

- Build skills to support your parenting journey with confidence.
- Discover simple fun ways to keep your little ones active.
- Explore healthy meals and snacks that work for the whole family.
- Create family routines that support a balanced, happy lifestyle.
- Strengthen family bonds and make everyday moments special, together.

**Programme details:**

**Next Course Starts**  
**Wednesday 29th April**  
**10:00am-12:30pm**  
**Ladywell Family Hub**  
**30 Rushey Mead**  
**SE4 1JJ**

To book call 07720 152903, go to [lewishamfamilyhubs.org.uk/events](http://lewishamfamilyhubs.org.uk/events)  
or scan the QR code



You'll also receive a FREE toolkit packed with resources to help you along the way.

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## Bradgate Road

# PLAY STREET

**Sunday 26th April 2026**

**2-5pm**

All neighbours welcome to join us for free play and community fun.

**Bradgate Road,  
opposite Holbeach  
Primary School**



## 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



# Signposting Local News



## 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)



**By Post:**

Stoned End Day Centre  
11 Scovell Road  
Southwark  
SE1 1QQ



Age UK Lewisham & Southwark is a registered Charity (number 296862) and company limited by guarantee (number 02118525) registered in England and Wales

# Montage Theatre Arts

Montage Theatre Arts, a Lewisham-based performing arts and youth engagement charity.

They are hoping to spread the word about their term-time courses that we offer for children aged between 3 and 12 in Lewisham.

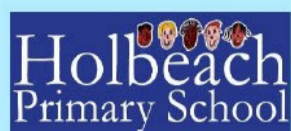


As a charity, our courses are affordable and accessible, and we also offer free and reduced-rate places for those who meet our means testing.

The classes are a great chance for children of all ages to make new friends, grow their confidence, and build performing arts skills such as singing, dancing, and drama.

Click here to find out more: <https://www.montagetheatre.com/classes/>

# 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**.

## Online Safety

Follow the **SMART** rules to help stay safe online.

**Safe**

**S** Stay **safe** online by not sharing your personal information.

**Meet**

**M** Do not **meet** anyone who you have only become friends with online.

**Accept**

**A** Do not **accept** messages and friend requests from people you do not know.

**Reliable**

**R** Not everything online is **reliable**. People online are strangers and you can't always trust everything they say.

**Tell**

**T** **Tell** an adult you trust if anything happens online that you do not like.

**Be careful what you share online!**  
Stop and think before you share information online.  
Don't say or do anything that you wouldn't do in the real world!

**NSPCC**

**Helpline**

For any concerns about a child  
[help@nspcc.org.uk](mailto:help@nspcc.org.uk) | 0808 800 5000

## We're here for you

The NSPCC is the UK's leading child protection charity. We have been keeping children safe for over 140 years, and we are here to help with any concerns about a child, no matter how big or small.



### Any of these worries sound familiar?

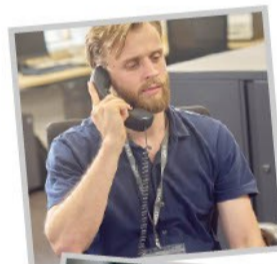
- My child is being bullied at school.
- My teenager hardly talks to me anymore.
- How can I talk to my child about healthy relationships?
- The child at youth club told me about a secret.
- It's not safe for me and my children at home.
- I'm struggling to feed my children.
- My neighbour's child is always crying.
- I don't know who my children are talking to online.

### How can the NSPCC help?

The NSPCC Helpline can be contacted seven days a week, online or on the phone. Our child protection specialists are here to listen, offer advice, and support to take action if needed.

Whether you want to report child abuse and neglect, or are worried about a child and not sure what to do, we have advice for you.

It doesn't matter who you are – a parent, a family member, friend, neighbour or professional. Anyone can contact us for advice.



### Do I have to say who I am?

There are lots of reasons why people want to be anonymous. You don't have to tell us who you are, where you live, or share your contact details. If you do choose to share any of these with us, you can ask us not to share them with other agencies – like the police or social services. However, if you told us something that made us worry that you or a child is being hurt or at risk, we would have to report this.

Call **0800 800 5000**  
Visit [nspcc.org.uk/helpline](https://www.nspcc.org.uk/helpline)  
Email [Help@NSPCC.org.uk](mailto:Help@NSPCC.org.uk)

