

Friday 9th May 2026

IMPORTANT DATES

Monday 11th - Thursday 14th May

- Year 6 SATs Tests (see separate letter to these parents)

Tuesday 12th May

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

Wednesday 13th May

- Year 3 Educational Visit to Lesnes Abbey Woods (for a Stone Age Experience Day)

Thursday 14th May

- Pebble Class (Reception) Class Assembly at 10:15am (parents and carers enter via the school office)
- Public Consultation Event (see page 4 of this week's newsletter).

Monday 18th - Friday 22nd May

- Year 5 School Journey to Wick Court Farm & "Staycation" group

Tuesday 19th May

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

Thursday 21st May

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

Year 5 Visit to The British Museum



On Tuesday, Year 5 spent the day at The British Museum, which is one of the world's most famous cultural institutions, renowned for its vast collection of art and artefacts spanning human history.

During their visit they focused on the rooms containing sources of evidence from the Ancient Greek and Ancient Roman civilisations.

As well as learning about these time periods, the children honed their art skills by sketching the artefacts.



Performing Arts Club

Congratulations to the Holbeach Performing Arts Club for their superb production of "Mystery At Magpie Manor".

The children re-told this roaring 20s' thriller with passion and panache. Their costumes looked amazing and the acting, dancing and singing were all fantastic.

Thank you to Mrs Freeman for her hard work and dedication with this club.



Minibeast Adventures in the Early Years

Over the past two weeks, the children in Reception and Nursery have spent lots of time outside enjoying the sunshine. They have loved exploring the outdoor area, especially searching for different bugs.



They have been learning about why insects are important and how they help our world, from pollinating plants to keeping our environment healthy.

They used these experiences to inspire some pieces of writing and also some really creative designs and artwork.



Year 3 Visit to Ladywell Fields

This Friday afternoon, the children in Year 3 went back in time to become hunter gatherers, just like their Stone Age ancestors.

They looked around Ladywell fields for any sticks and stones that

they could find and then tried to fashion them into tools that would be useful.

This experience will be built upon next week, when the children head to Lesnes Abbey Woods for a special "Stone Age Experience Day".



Parent/Carer Governor Vacancy

Holbeach Primary School has a vacancy for a 'Parent Governor' on the school's Governing Board.

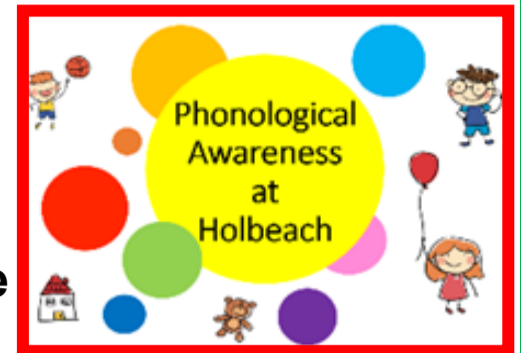
Being a 'Parent Governor' at Holbeach is a very rewarding role, but it does require a level of dedication and commitment to do justice to the position.

If you are interested in the role, please visit this website: www.inspiringgovernance.org. It provides useful information about the role.

On page 3 of this week's newsletter is a form that you can use to formally nominate yourself for this role by completing and returning to the school office or via email using this address: admin@holbeach.lewisham.sch.uk

Supporting Learning

Whole School Development of 'Phonological awareness'



This week, we have continued to focus on "Identifying single sounds".

Identifying single sounds means being able to hear and recognise the individual sounds in words, like the "b" sound at the start of "bat." This skill helps children become aware of how sounds make up words, which is important for reading and spelling. It's helpful to practice listening out for the first, middle and last sounds in words.

Younger children (EYFS & KS1)

"Go and find...": Ask your child to go and find as many things which start with a specific sound as possible. For example: "go and find things which start with...sssss" (spoon, soap, sunhat, sock).

Older children (KS1 & KS2)

"Sound Detective": Say a word to your child and have them tell you what the first sound of the word is. For example: "what's the first sound in circus?" You can also ask "what's the first sound in 'cat'... /k/ or /p/?" Move onto middle or end sounds once they get more confident.

Here are some helpful videos to watch and talk about with your child:

- **First sound:** https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EHjyNJUp_pA
- **Middle sounds:** https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OguIT_ZxIFl
- **Last sounds:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=I2Dy3vLEFu0>

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

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 5th June.

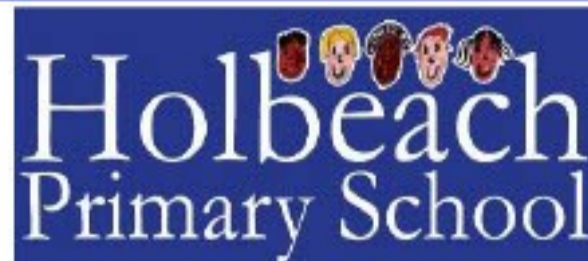
If you have any questions, email friendsofholbeach@gmail.com

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Today's learners are tomorrow's leaders

NOMINATION FORM

I WOULD LIKE TO NOMINATE MYSELF/OR*:

.....(NAME)
..... (ADDRESS)
..... (ADDRESS)
..... (TEL NO)
..... (EMAIL)

AS A PARENT GOVERNOR AT HOLBEACH PRIMARTY SCHOOL

I AM A PARENT/GUARDIAN OF (NAME OF CHILD)

..... (SIGNATURE)

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO: **THE SCHOOL OFFICE**
HOLBEACH PRIMARY SCHOOL
NELGARDE ROAD
CATFORD
SE6 4TP

Headteacher:
Mr Tom Bulpitt

Deputy Headteacher:
Mr Phil Morris

Premises Manager:
Mr Derek Holmes

Dear staff, parents, and carers of Holbeach,

As you may be aware, the Government has recently released its Schools White Paper, a large portion of which is dedicated to outlining the Government's planned SEND reforms.

These plans, accompanied by almost £3 billion of investment into SEND infrastructure and staffing, represent a substantial change to the way SEND students will be supported going forward, and it is vital that the Government remains in close consultation with educators, the parents and carers of SEND children so that its reforms reflect the needs of those involved in SEND provision and the challenges faced by parents and students in need of support.

In service of this, I have arranged public consultation sessions for parents, carers and professionals of SEND children who wish to share their views on both the current system and the Government's proposals.

The information collected through this session will be submitted to the Government's consultation as well as informing my own engagement with these reforms as they pass through Parliament.

There are three sessions running throughout May;

- Conisborough College from 6:30pm to 8pm on the 12th of May
- Holbeach Primary School from 6pm to 7:30pm on the 14th of May
- Coopers Lane Primary School from 6pm to 7:30pm on Thursday the 21st of May.

Free tickets for each event can be booked here:

[SEND Consultation Tickets \(Eventbrite\)](#)

We look forward to hearing from you at these events.

Kind regards,

Janet Daby MP
Office of Janet Daby MP
Member of Parliament for Lewisham East

Limited spaces still available!



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 20th July - Friday 24th July
Week 2: Monday 27th July - Friday 31st July.

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

Fun Activities



Water Fun



Sports & Team Games



Park Days & Playground Games



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

Limited spaces still available!



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Signposting to Local Services



Best Start Family Hub - Ladywell Family Hub





30 Rushey Mead, SE4 1JJ

Monday 13th April to Monday 20th July 2026 - (half term 25th - 20th May)
To book go to lewishamfamilyhubs.org.uk/events or call 07720 152904



Lunch Break - Reception Closed
12.00pm - 1.00pm

lewishamfamilyhubs.org.uk

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p>Child Development Checks 9.00am-4.00pm Health Visitors run regular health and development reviews for your child by appointment only. Contact your Health Visitor to book.</p> <p>Melodys for Mums 11th May to 13th July 10.00am - 11.00am or 11.40am to 12.40pm For Mums with babies aged 0-9 months, who need the support. To book go to: tinyurl.com/mw8bu5mx</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-top: 10px;">  <p>FREE Vitamin D Come and register and collect your free Vitamin D at the Family Hubs</p> <p>What is Vitamin D? Find out more by searching 'Vitamin D' on our website lewishamfamilyhubs.org.uk</p> </div>	<p>Baby Stay & Play 10.00am - 11.30am Based on Five to Thrive key activities: Respond, Cuddle, Relax, Play, Talk Age group: Birth to 18 mths</p> <p>Feel Positive about Parenting 10.00am - 12.00pm 5th May 1.00pm - 3.00pm 16th June Being a parent can be difficult, these 1:1 sessions can help. Age Group: 18mths - 10yrs See details above to book.</p> <p>Toileting Tips 11.00am - 12.00pm 23rd June Join for techniques for successfully toilet training See details above to book.</p> <p>Stay & Play 1.15pm - 2.45pm Help your child learn through play and experience messy play, craft activities, singing and much more! Bring a change of clothes if possible - it might get messy! Age group: 0 - 5 years</p> 	<p>Child Development Checks 9.00am-4.00pm Health Visitors run regular health and development reviews for your child by appointment only. Contact your Health Visitor to book.</p> <p>Healthy Families: Right from the start 10.00am - 12.30pm Starts 29th April 8 week course for parents/carers of 0-5s. Build healthier lifestyles and confident parenting, plus a free handbook and toolkit. Age group: 0 to 5 years To book go to: lewishamfamilyhubs.org.uk/events/parenting-course</p> <p>Triple P Parenting Course 9.30am - 11.30am Starts 24th June 6 - 8 week course for parents of primary school aged children that offers positive parenting strategies to manage behaviour. To book email family.hub.bookings@lewisham.gov.uk or call 07720 152903</p> <p>Mindful Mums 12.30pm - 2.00pm Starts 17th June For pregnant women and new mums to look after themselves during what can be a challenging period. Visit blgmind.org.uk/lewisham/mindful-mums/</p>	<p>Child Development Checks 9.00am-4.00pm Health Visitors run regular health and development reviews for your child by appointment only. Contact your Health Visitor to book.</p> <p>Children's Bladder and Bowel NHS session 9.30am - 11.30am 21st May Drop-in support for children aged 3-16 with constipation, daytime wetting, and other bladder or bowel difficulties.</p> <p>Baby Messy Play 10.00am - 11.30am Sensory, fun & mess play. Bring a change of clothes if possible - it will get messy! If possible please bring a towel with you. Age group: Birth - 18mths See details above to book.</p> <p>Rhythm & Rhyme 1.30pm - 2.30pm Join us for a fun, interactive singing, music & story session Age group: 0 to 5 years See details above to book.</p> 	<p>Breastfeeding Hub 10.00am - 12.00noon Get support and discuss any breastfeeding issues that you may be having.</p> <p>Education Advocacy Drop-In 10.00am - 4.00pm 26th June Support sessions partnered with SIRG providing direct education, advocacy and guidance for parents & carers.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-top: 10px;"> <p>Family Navigators</p> <p>Family Navigators are based within Family Hubs and offer free, confidential, and non-judgmental support by connecting you with on site and local support services, led by you.</p> <p>Sign up via this form, the QR code, call or speak to someone at the Family Hub.</p>  </div>



Best Start Family Hub - Bellingham

109 Randlesdown Road, SE6 3HB

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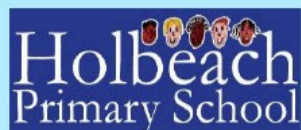


Lunch Break - Reception Closed
12.00pm - 1.00pm

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<p>DWP Employment and Benefits Advice 10.30am - 2.30pm Running every other week at Bellingham or Honor Oak FREE session offering CV, Cover Letters, employment and benefits advice, and more, Call 07720 152903 for details.</p> <p>SEND Advisor 9.00am - 12noon Drop-in sessions on 13th & 27th April, 11th May 1st, 15th & 29th June, 3rd July If you are concerned your child is finding aspects of school challenging and you would like support on what provision is available in mainstream schools our SEND Advisors can offer guidance.</p> <p>Baby Stay & Play 10.00am - 11.30am Based on Five to Thrive key activities: Respond, Cuddle, Relax, Play, Talk Age group: Birth to 18 mths.</p> <p>Stay & Play 1.15pm - 2.45pm Help your child learn through play and experience messy play, craft activities, singing and much more! Bring a change of clothes if possible - it might get messy! Age group: 0 - 5 years</p> 	<p>Children's Bladder and Bowel NHS session 9.30am - 11.30am 21st April Drop-in support for children aged 3-16 with constipation, daytime wetting, and other bladder or bowel difficulties.</p> <p>Explorers Plus with Portage 10.00am - 11.30am Drop-in session for parents concerned about their child's developmental milestones. Age group: Birth - 5 years</p> <p>Breastfeeding Hub 1.00pm - 3.00pm Drop in support.</p> <p>Triple P for Baby Course 1.00pm - 3.00pm Start dates 14th April Supporting your transition into Parenthood. Suitable for expectant parents & families with babies under 1. Email lg.pairslewisham@nhs.net</p> <p>Toileting Tips 2.00pm - 3.00pm 12th May This session covers tips and techniques for successfully toilet training your child. See details above to book.</p> <p>Eat Well For Less 1.00pm - 2.30pm 14th July Make healthier choices through practical tips, meal planning, and low-cost recipes for children and parents.</p>	<p>Citizens Advice FREE Drop-in for Parents & Carers 9.00am-3.00pm (Lunch 1-2pm) Advice on debt, housing, immigration and more. For info call 0800 231 5453</p> <p>Rhythm & Rhyme 9.30am - 10.30am Join us for fun, interactive singing, music and story session. Age group: 0 to 5 years See details above to book</p> <p>Natter with a Nav 3.15pm - 4.30pm Whether you've got questions, need a listening ear, or just fancy a natter, we'd love to see you there! All families welcome, and there's always a cuppa and warm smile waiting for you, just drop-in.</p>	<p>Baby Weighing Drop-in 9.30am - 11.15am Drop-in session run by Health Visiting</p> <p>Triple P Parenting Course 12.30pm - 2.30pm Starts 23rd April 6-8 week course for parents of primary school aged children that offers positive parenting strategies to manage behaviour. See details above to book.</p> <p>Baby Massage 1.30pm - 3.00pm Starts 21st May Spend quality time with your baby at this 5 week in person course. Age group: under 1's See details above to book.</p> 	<p>Baby Messy Play 10.00am - 11.30am Sensory, fun & mess play. Bring a change of clothes and a towel Age group: Birth - 18mths See details above to book</p> <p>Education Advocacy Drop-In 10.00am - 4.00pm 22nd May Support sessions partnered with SIRG providing direct education, advocacy and guidance for parents & carers.</p> <p>Feel Positive about Parenting 10.00am - 12.00pm 26th June Being a parent can be difficult, these 1:1 sessions can help. See details above to book.</p>
<p>Saturday</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px; margin: 10px auto; width: 80%;"> <p>Dads Stay & Play all Dads and Male Carers Welcome! Saturdays 10.00am - 12.00pm 18th April, 20th June, 15th Aug</p> <p>Join your local Family Navigator and Early Years Practitioner for a morning of activities for you and your children. Refreshments Provided</p>  </div>				

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.

At National Online Safety we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information they need to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one issue of many which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

National Online Safety 7 questions to help you start a conversation with your child about online safety
#WakeUpWednesday
Publish date: 07/11/18

- Which apps/games are you using at the moment?**
THIS WILL GIVE YOU A GOOD OVERVIEW OF THE TYPES OF THINGS YOUR CHILDREN ARE DOING ON THEIR DEVICES, ALONG WITH THEIR INTERESTS. REMEMBER THAT THEY MIGHT NOT TELL YOU EVERYTHING THEY ARE USING, SO IT IS A GOOD IDEA TO ASK THEM TO SHOW YOU THEIR DEVICE, BECAUSE NEW APPS AND GAMES ARE RELEASED REGULARLY. IT IS IMPORTANT TO HAVE THIS CONVERSATION OFTEN TO ENSURE YOU ARE UP TO DATE WITH WHAT THEY ARE DOING.
- Which websites do you enjoy using and why?**
AS IN THE TIP ABOVE, ASKING THIS QUESTION WILL ALLOW YOU TO FIND OUT WHAT YOUR CHILD IS DOING ONLINE, AND ENCOURAGE POSITIVE CONVERSATIONS ABOUT THEIR ONLINE ACTIVITY. ASK THEM HOW THEY USE THE WEBSITES, AND TAKE AN INTEREST IN HOW THEY CAN USE THEM IN A POSITIVE WAY, ALSO ASKING THEM TO SHOW YOU IF POSSIBLE.
- How does this game/app work? Can I play?**
SHOW A GENUINE INTEREST IN WHAT THEY ARE DOING, WHILST YOU ARE PLAYING A GAME OR USING AN APP WITH THEM, IT MIGHT HIGHLIGHT SOMETHING THAT THEY DON'T NECESSARILY THINK IS A DANGER TO THEM, IF THEY ACT LIKE THEY DON'T WANT TO SHARE THEIR ACTIVITIES WITH YOU, QUESTION WHY.
- Do you have any online friends?**
CHILDREN CAN FORM POSITIVE RELATIONSHIPS WITH PEOPLE ONLINE, AND THIS HAS BECOME MORE COMMON THANKS TO ONLINE MULTI-PLAYER OPTIONS, BUT THEY MAY NOT FULLY UNDERSTAND THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A FRIEND AND A STRANGER. YOU COULD MAKE THE QUESTION MORE SPECIFIC TO YOUR CHILD, FOR EXAMPLE "HAVE YOU MET ANYONE ONLINE THAT YOU LIKE TO PLAY GAMES WITH?" THEY MAY NOT WANT TO SHARE THIS INFORMATION WITH YOU, SO ENSURE YOU TEACH THEM ABOUT HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS.
- Do you know where to go for help?**
ALTHOUGH YOU MAY BE THE ADULT THEY TRUST THE MOST, SOME CHILDREN STRUGGLE TO TALK ABOUT WHAT HAPPENS ONLINE DUE TO CONFUSION OR EMBARRASSMENT, BECAUSE OF THIS THEY MAY STRUGGLE TO APPROACH THE NORMAL PEOPLE WHO WOULD HELP, SUCH AS YOURSELF OR A TEACHER. HAVE A CHAT TO YOUR CHILD ABOUT EXACTLY WHERE THEY CAN GO FOR HELP, AND HOW THEY CAN REPORT ANY ACTIVITY THAT THEY BELIEVE IS INAPPROPRIATE ONLINE.
- Do you know what your personal information is?**
YOUR CHILD MAY ALREADY KNOW WHAT THEIR PERSONAL INFORMATION IS BUT THEY MIGHT NOT THINK ABOUT HOW IT CAN BE SHARED. HAVE A CONVERSATION ABOUT WHAT PERSONAL INFORMATION IS AND HOW THIS CAN AFFECT THEM IF IT IS SHARED BEYOND THE INTENDED RECIPIENT. IT IS IMPORTANT THAT YOUR CHILD UNDERSTANDS THE DANGERS OF SHARING CONTACT DETAILS OR PHOTOS, AS INFORMATION SUCH AS THIS CAN SPREAD QUICKLY ONLINE.
- Do you know your limits?**
CHILDREN MAY NOT UNDERSTAND THE NEGATIVE IMPACTS OF DEVICE OR GAME ADDICTION, TALK TO THEM OPENLY ABOUT HEALTHY HABITS AND ASK WHETHER OR NOT THEM SPENDING TIME ONLINE OR PLAYING A GAME IS AFFECTING THEIR SLEEP, PERFORMANCE AT SCHOOL, OR IF THEY ARE GENERALLY LOSING INTEREST IN OTHER ACTIVITIES. YOU MAY LEAD ON TO ENCOURAGING ALTERNATIVE ACTIVITIES AND DISCUSSING THE INTRODUCTION OF TIME LIMITS WHEN AT HOME.

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OPERATION ENCOMPASS

Operation Encompass is a national scheme that operates jointly between schools and all police forces.

“ Children who live in homes where there is domestic abuse, or who experience domestic abuse in their own teenage relationships, can be negatively impacted by this experience. ”

“ We have ensured that a member of our staff, (Designated Safeguarding Lead) known as a Key Adult, has been trained about Operation Encompass procedures. This allows us to use the information that has been confidentially shared with us by the police, to understand how a child may be impacted by domestic abuse and to then offer support to the child/ren in our care. ”

“ This information means that we can understand a child's behaviour and support that child in whatever way they may need or want. ”



“ Children who experience domestic abuse are recognised as victims of domestic abuse in their own right1. ”

“ Operation Encompass means that our school will be told, prior to the start of the next school day, when police have attended an incident of domestic abuse where there is a child or young person who attends our school who is related to any of those involved in the incident. ”

“ We are keen to offer the very best support possible to all our pupils and we believe that being part of Operation Encompass helps us to do this. ”

¹Domestic Abuse Act 2021