

# Holbeach

## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Friday 12th June 2026

### Computing Week

Thank you to Mr Bothick for organising our Computing Week this week. He kicked off the week with a special assembly and then all the children in the school had the chance to tell a joke using the program Scratch or Scratch Junior. You can practise at home using this website: <https://scratch.mit.edu/>

During the week, each class had the opportunity to join a "live lesson" provided by the BBC that taught the children about Artificial Intelligence (AI), how to use it and how to be discerning and safe when using it.

In the Autumn Term, Mr Bothick will run a computing workshop for parents and carers.



### IMPORTANT DATES

#### Saturday 13th June

- Friends of Holbeach Fun Run (see page 3)

#### Monday 15th June

- Holbeach "Culture Week" Launches with a special assembly
- Year 6 Secondary Transition Workshops

#### Tuesday 16th June

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

#### Friday 19th June

- Culture Week Feast, Parade and Traditional Clothing (see page 2)

#### Monday 22nd June

- Daily Swimming Lessons for 5G begin (for two weeks)

#### Tuesday 23rd June

- Sports Day for Years 1, 2 and 3 (9:30 - 11:30 at Ladywell Fields Arena) see separate letter

#### Wednesday 24th June

- Sports Day for Years 4, 5 and 6 (9:30 - 12:00 at Ladywell Fields Arena) see separate letter
- Year 3 Educational Visit to The Royal Festival Hall

#### Friday 26th June

- Sports Day for Nursery and Reception (9:30am - 11am in the School Playground) see separate letter

### 4F Class Assembly

Congratulations to 4F for their amazing class assembly this week. They really did go "Globetrotting" around the world, visiting each continent (including Antarctica).

While they were there, they shared a range of different facts about each place (Brazil, Canada, Japan, Kenya and New Zealand). They told many of the facts through some very impressive songs (written by Mrs Freeman) one of which was performed to a famous tune by Shakira (telling us about the Amazon river). Thank you to all of the friends and family who attended.



### Music at Holbeach

You may not already know this but the children at Holbeach try a wide range of musical experiences whilst they are at this school.

Just this week alone, Reception have been using the claves to copy and invent rhythms.

Every Friday, Mr Pix leads a music assembly where he teaches a range of different songs from around the world (one of which will be performed as part of the parade next week). Then, in Years 3, 4 and

5 every child has a weekly musical instrument lesson (Year 3 = Steel Pans, Year 4 = Ukulele and Year 5 = Recorders).



### Message from the Friends of Holbeach (FoH)

We are pleased to remind you that there are still two exciting Friends of Holbeach events to take place during this final half of the Summer Term. The **FoH Fun Run** is taking place on **Saturday 13th June** (10am in Ladywell Park). More details on page 2.

The annual **Friends of Holbeach Summer Fair** will be taking place on **Saturday 11th July from 11am until 2pm** at the school. More information will be communicated about this event in the coming weeks.

Remember, these events are free to all and are also lots of fun. However, they do take quite a bit of work to organise so if you are able to **help out** in any way on the day, please email us on [friendsofholbeach@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofholbeach@gmail.com) and let us know if you are willing to help.

# Holbeach Culture Week 2026

Dear Holbeach Families,

## RE: PARADE AND BIG FEAST - FRIDAY 19TH JUNE

On Friday 19th June, we will be celebrating the end of **Culture Week** with a **special parade** around the outside of the school and also with a **“Big Feast”**.

On that day, the **children** are:

- Encouraged to come to school wearing traditional, celebration, or brightly coloured clothing.
- Invited to bring in a traditional food item from home to share with their class (ideally this would be a snack, treat, fruit, or a simple dish that does not need refrigeration or heating)\*.

**Parents and Carers** are:

- Invited to gather outside the school gates at 1:30pm to watch the Parade.
- Urged to ensure that the ingredients of every food item are either listed on the packaging or clearly labelled for the teacher. *Please do not include any nuts or nut products, as we are a nut-free school.*

\* Please note that we do not have the facilities or space to refrigerate or heat up any food. Additionally, all food must be ready to serve and suitable to be kept at room temperature during the school day. We're really sorry, but we won't be able to accept any rice dishes.

Thank you in advance for your support with this event, we look forward to a delicious and joyful celebration on the day!



Kind Regards

Miss Bell and Ms Akitoye

**Culture Week 2026**

Affirming Identities

Building Community

Celebrating Culture

# Supporting Learning

## 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)

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

**RE: HOLBEACH PRIMARY SCHOOL FUN RUN 2026 – SATURDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> JUNE**

The *Friends of Holbeach* are organising a school fun run for all Holbeach Primary School and Nursery pupils and teachers, and their families / carers on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> June.



The event will start with a warm-up at **10am** in Ladywell Fields, near the children's playground. Children can run, walk or skip and the route will be two laps of the field by Lewisham hospital (2km). We encourage family members to join in and run (or walk or skip!) with their children.

The fun run is **free to enter** and all finishers will receive a special medal to celebrate their brilliant achievement.

The *Friends of Holbeach* aims to use this event to raise money to subsidise school trips and for other resources for school, and so we are asking children to gather sponsorship for their running if possible. We'll hand out a paper sponsorship form when children sign up and you can also share our online fundraising pages by email or on social media with friends and family.

- Our main page is on Wonderful - search for 'Friends of Holbeach Fun Run 2026' or use this link <https://wonderful.org/fundraisers/RLmlj>
- If you have trouble donating via Wonderful, you can use Givvy (but please note it charges an automatic 5% per transaction) <https://www.givvy.com/friendsofholbeachfunrun2026>

Please return the slip below to your class teacher by **Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June** at the latest and we'll make sure your child gets a race number and a paper sponsorship form.

If you have any questions about the Fun Run or if you can volunteer to help out on the morning e.g. as a marshal, please get in touch with Hannah Williams or email: [friendsofholbeach@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofholbeach@gmail.com)



The Fun Run will start here at 10am; please arrive at 9.45am to register and warm up!

We look forward to seeing you on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> June!

**Friends of Holbeach – Reply Slip**

Pupil: ..... Class: ..... will be attending the Fun Run on 13<sup>th</sup> June 2026

Signed: .....

Relationship to pupil: .....



### Holbeach Primary School Culture Week 2026: A Celebration of Our World Monday 15<sup>th</sup> – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are very excited to be able to let you know that the 2026 **Culture Week** is just around the corner!

From Monday 15<sup>th</sup> to Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June, our children will be learning about many different countries and cultures. They will be discovering these things through stories, art, food, language and much more. Culture Week always a wonderful time in school, full of fun, learning and celebration and is a fantastic opportunity for children to share and discover together.

This year, each year group will be exploring a different country. The chosen countries are: **Slovakia, France, Morocco, Eritrea, Fiji, Barbados, Australia and Japan.**

If you, or someone in your family, has a connection to one of these countries, we would love to hear from you!

You might be willing to:

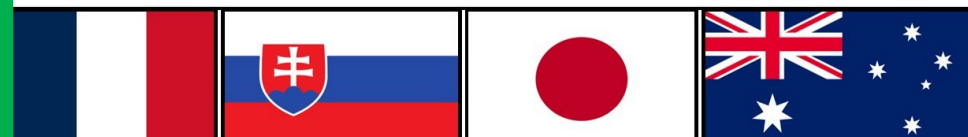
- Share photos or stories about living or travelling there
- Bring in traditional food to taste
- Teach the children to count to 10 or say a few simple words
- Show special items, music or traditional dress

Even a **short visit can make a big difference** and bring the learning to life for our children.

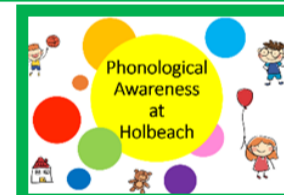
If you would be happy to get involved, please speak to Mrs Akitoye, Miss Bell, Mrs Josephs, or contact the school office on 0208 690 4713.

Thank you for helping us make Culture Week a rich and memorable experience for everyone!

Warm wishes,  
Mrs Akitoye & Miss Bell



## Whole School Development of 'Phonological awareness'



This week, we have started to focus on **"Segmenting Sounds"**.

Segmenting sounds in words means breaking a word down into its individual sounds, like taking the word "dog" and separating it into "d," "o," and "g." Working on this will help your child to be able spell much more accurately.

### All children...

**'I Spy' with a twist:** Play I Spy with your child but start with "I spy something with these sounds... t... r...ee... (tree)" In the beginning, leave a very small gap between sounds so it is easy for them to hear the word 'tree'

Once a child can break a word into individual sounds, then they can start to connect each sound to a letter. This skill helps children understand how sounds work together to form words, which is important for reading and writing.

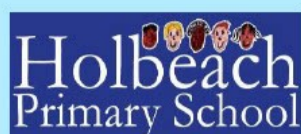
### Helpful Videos

Video 1: [click here](#)

Video 2: [click here](#)

Video 3: [click here](#)

# 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**.

### Could you or someone you know be a young carer?

A young carer is anyone who regularly undertakes one or more of the tasks below:



#### Looking after your family

Take responsibility for shopping for food for the family  
Make main meals for the family  
Wash or iron clothes for other people you live with



#### Paperwork, benefits and banking

Help with financial matters such as dealing with bills, banking, collecting benefits.  
Help with paperwork e.g. writing letters for someone, filling in forms



#### Helping others to understand

Interpret, sign or use another communication system for the person you care for.  
Interpret for someone you live with because English is not their first language.



#### Looking after medical needs

Go to the doctor or hospital with the person you care for  
Making appointments/being main point of contact for the cared for person's GP  
Help the person you care for with their medication e.g. making sure he/she takes their pills, giving injections, changing dressings



#### Getting washed and dressed

Help the person you care for to dress or undress  
Help the person you care for to have a wash, bath or shower  
Help the person you care for to walk, get up the stairs, get into and out of bed  
Help the person you care for use the toilet



#### Brothers and sisters

Take brothers or sisters to school  
Look after brothers or sisters on your own

### What is the impact of being a young carer?

Being a carer can have a profound effect on young people's lives. The impacts of being a carer can include:



Missing sleep (e.g. have to get up in the night or stay up late), taking care of someone at night.



Because of caring duties at home, being absent or late for work or classes.



Because of caring duties at home, missing out on work and events at school.



Because of caring duties at home, not having time to hang out with my friends.



Because of caring not having enough time to take care of my own needs.



Having to do things that make me upset.



Feeling stressed.



Feeling very lonely.



Feeling like I can't cope.

### How to Spot a Phishing Email

Phishing emails are one of the most common cyber threats facing organisations today. They are getting more convincing, more targeted, and much harder to spot.

**A single successful phishing attack can lead to:**

- Compromised email accounts
- Data breaches
- Financial loss
- Significant disruption

#### The good news?

Most phishing attacks can still be stopped with a few simple checks.

#### What is a Phishing Email?

A phishing email is designed to trick you into:

- Clicking a malicious link
- Opening a harmful attachment
- Sharing sensitive information

These emails often look like they come from trusted sources, Microsoft, your bank, a colleague, or even a supplier.

#### In Summary

Phishing emails are getting smarter, but they still rely on quick reactions. Slow down, check carefully, and when in doubt... don't click!

## HOW TO SPOT A PHISHING EMAIL

Simple checks to keep you and your organisation safe.



**1 CHECK THE SENDER ADDRESS (NOT JUST THE NAME)**

Phishing emails often use familiar names—but the email address tells the real story.

Look out for misspellings, extra characters or unusual domains.

**2 LOOK CLOSELY AT LINKS**

Never click straight away.

- Hover over links to preview them
- Check the URL carefully
- Be cautious of unexpected login pages

If you weren't expecting it, treat it carefully.

**3 QUESTION UNEXPECTED ATTACHMENTS**

Even if it looks like it's from someone you know:

- Were you expecting the file?
- Does it feel out of context?

When in doubt, confirm with the sender another way.

**4 WATCH FOR URGENT OR PRESSURED LANGUAGE**

Phishing emails try to rush you.

- "Action required immediately"
- "Your account will be suspended"
- "Review this document now"

Genuine organisations rarely pressure you like this.

**5 CHECK THE CONTEXT**

Ask yourself:

- Does this make sense?
- Was I expecting this?

If something feels off, it probably is.

**6 DOES IT KNOW YOUR NAME?**

Phishing emails often don't. Instead, they use generic greetings like:

- "Dear user"
- "Dear customer"
- "Dear colleague"

If the email should know who you are but doesn't, treat it with caution.

**WHAT SHOULD YOU DO?**

- Don't click links or open attachments
- Report it to your IT support team
- Delete it once reported

**ALREADY CLICKED SOMETHING?**

Contact your IT support team immediately.

**BUSINESS IT SUPPORT MAKES A DIFFERENCE**

- Email filtering & threat detection
- Continuous monitoring
- Multi-factor authentication (MFA)
- Fast response if an incident occurs

Stay alert. Take a moment. **Protect**

