



Holbrook News



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Learning Outside the Classroom.

At the start of each school year staff at Holbrook School review what we are going to teach pupils to ensure that it is relevant, meets their needs and provides an exciting curriculum, inspiring the pupils in our care to want to find out more. Being inquisitive, asking questions and having a thirst for knowledge are key skills for good, life long learners. In BEST assemblies, my Wall of WOW Work and from classroom visits I get to see how enthused our pupils are about their learning and how they really go beyond what they are taught in class by finding out more as well as doing some amazing homework!

One way we as a school we like to enhance the educational experiences we provide, is by learning outside the classroom.

The fantastic school grounds we have are widely used in so many subjects by so many year groups—not just for PE lessons, but the copse at the edge of our school field is the hub of our Forest School area, lots of chalk writing and numbers on the playground for Maths and English.

Over a term, each year group tries to build in trips or bring experts linked to learning to provide pupils with experiences and learning opportunities. This week alone; Year 1 have had the firefighters visit as real life super heroes, Year 4 have had an Anglo Saxon Day—made even better by so many children coming dressed in costume and Nursery have had a walk to the local shops; a huge thank you to the parents that accompanied the children to make this possible.



These trips will be remembered by the children for a long time as enjoyable experiences but also, they will provide excellent motivation to aid learning. As good as books and films are, sometimes nothing actually beats a personal physical experience!

Mrs McCarthy



Diary Dates

Assembly theme—Being a good friend

Monday 25th	
Tuesday 26th	Year 2 Trip—Transport Museum. 2:30pm Year 4 & 6 BEST Assembly  Gymnastics & Tag Rugby Club Cancelled AM—Dodgeball Competition PM Tag Rugby Competition
Wednesday 27th	Nursery Walk 
Thursday 28th	Reception PE 4D & 4P Swimming 14:30 Year 3—Story Time with parents Year 5—Zorbas Trip Surprise Club Cancelled
Friday 29th	Year 5—Zorbas Trip

Cancelled Clubs

Tuesday—Gymnastics & Tag Rugby
 Thursday—Surprise Club

	Class	% Attend
1	4H	99.3
	4D	99.3
2	1M	98.6
	3S	98.6
3	2S	98.5
6	6H	98.3
7	3D	97.8
8	6G	97.7
9	5F	96
10	2C	95.7
11	5C	95.7
12	3R	95.3
Whole School		95
13	6M	94.5
14	RM	94
15	RW	93.5
16	5S	93.1
17	4P	93
18	Nursery AM	92.8
19	2K	91.7
20	1F	91.1
21	1B	90.7
22	RL	86.7
23	Nursery PM	81.1

Attendance Report

4D have topped the table two weeks in a row! Can they make it 3?

Well done to everyone who keeps attending each day but there are still far too many odd days off.

11 -15 Nov

YTD 95.7%
-0.1





Weekly Challenge

We will **CHALLENGE** ourselves every day, in and out of school, to extend our experiences and widen our knowledge.



Challenge 26... Read all about it!

Inspired by Mr Gould's excitement of getting a new book on Thursday, this week we would love some book reviews of a book you have recently read!

Good book reviews give ideas of the plot and characters, but don't spoil the story.

Mr Connolly will be collecting in the best reviews for the school library so either write a review or if you prefer to type it e-mail in to:- challenge@holbrookprimary.com

You can find a few review formats here.

<https://toppsta.com/blog/view/book-review-template>



Indoor Shoes.

Like every public building we regularly test our alarm system and have to have a fire drill to make sure staff and students would be able to evacuate the school and get to safety quickly. This week we had a fire drill and everyone was out of the school, registers done within XX minutes! Well done to all staff and pupils.

When the fire alarm goes off we can't stop for any possessions or to put on shoes, getting out and staying safe is our priority. Unfortunately a few pupils had to evacuate without any shoes on as they didn't have a pair of indoor shoes to wear.

Please could all parents ensure that all pupils have a pair of indoor shoes that fit in school.

Reception School Places for 2020

Don't miss out on coming to Holbrook School in September. If you do not apply you may not be allocated your choice of school for your child.



Applications for reception places for 2020 can be made online.

http://www.coventry.gov.uk/info/148/school_admissions/113/school_admissions_online_applications/1

The closing date for applications is 15 January 2020.

Don't leave it too late. Sign up now!

Correct Uniform



Please can parents remember that the school uniform is plain black or dark grey tights.

Recently we have seen a number of pupils wearing bright colourful patterns or sparkly tights—these are not school uniform.

Head scarves should also be plain colours; blue, black or white.

Also remember jeans should not be worn! Even if they are black.

PE Kit and Packed lunches!

Lots of PE kits, swimming kits and packed lunches are being dropped in to the office throughout the morning.

Please can parents make sure that children come to school organised for the day, this reduces their anxiety as they know they have everything they need.

