Holt Community Primary School Newsletter

20th November 2026

It has been lovely to welcome everyone back after the half-term break and the last few weeks have certainly been busy!

As we move towards December, there is plenty to look forward to, with Christmas activities and celebrations just around the corner.

In the meantime, it has been wonderful to see the children working hard, enjoying their learning and making the most of the opportunities on offer.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We look forward to sharing lots of exciting moments with you over the coming weeks.



A huge well done and thank you to all the children who took part in the Half Term Readathon! Together, you raised a fantastic £674.80, whilst enjoying some extra reading along the way.

A special thank you must also go to Mrs Cole for organising the event and encouraging everyone to get involved. It is wonderful to see our school community coming together to support such an important part of children's learning.

Year 5 & 6 River Trip

This week, Year 5 & 6 bolstered their learning about rivers by visiting the Glaven and following it from its source.





A huge thank you to King & Company for covering the cost of the coaches for this trip!

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‘This Is Holt Community Primary School’ Blog

https://thisisholtcps.blogspot.com/

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Maths Whizz

School has invested in Maths Whizz, an online virtual tutor for our Year 5 & 6 children. This has been enabled by a very kind and generous donation to the school and will hopefully support our older children in enhancing their maths knowledge and skills.

A ‘most progress’ certificate will be awarded in celebration assembly on a Friday, so please get whizzing! Whilst we do not want the children to spend excessive amounts of time on screens, aiming for three blue progressions each week will enable your child to make really good progress.

The online portal can be found here: Maths Whizz

We will always support your children to get it right.

Some of you may have noticed that we have started sending text messages home when children have needed to speak with a member of our Senior Leadership Team about their behaviour.

Please don't be alarmed if you receive one of these messages. They do not necessarily mean that something particularly serious has happened, but we feel it is important to keep parents informed when behaviour goes beyond the occasional classroom reminder.

As text messages are limited to 160 characters, they can sometimes seem a little brief or direct!

All children make mistakes, and some will make the same mistakes several times before they begin to get things right. This is part of growing up and learning. What makes a real difference is when school and home work together, giving children the same clear and consistent messages about what is expected of them.

We really appreciate parents who support us in this, even when conversations about behaviour can be difficult. Our aim is never simply to tell children what they have done wrong, but to help them understand, learn and make better choices next time.

A Reminder About Bullying

We have also noticed that the word 'bullying' can sometimes be used quite quickly when children have disagreements or fall out with one another.

Whilst we take every concern seriously, it is important to understand that bullying has a specific definition, which is clearly explained in our Anti-Bullying Policy.

Not every argument, unkind comment or incident is bullying, although these situations still need to be addressed and monitored.

We encourage parents to listen carefully to their children, but also to allow us time to investigate and establish what has happened before reaching conclusions.

Children are still learning how to manage friendships, disagreements and emotions, and mistakes will happen along the way.

Our responsibility is to take concerns seriously, deal with incidents fairly and help children learn from their experiences.