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Holmesdale Community Infant School and Nursery



HOLMESDALE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



TAKE A PEEK

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

Monday 5th January
Beginning of Spring Term
School and Nursery Open

Monday 12th January
Applications close for Nursery admissions
2026/2027. Click [here](#) to apply

Thursday 15th January
Applications deadline for Reception /Junior
admissions 2026/2027. Click [here](#) to apply





A MESSAGE FROM MRS MULLARKEY

Dear Families,

As the term draws to a close, I want to acknowledge the enthusiasm and hard work of our children. They have engaged fully with their learning and made excellent progress.

My sincere thanks go to our dedicated staff, and to parents, carers, and the PSA for your continued support and contributions to school life. Your involvement helps make our school a welcoming and thriving community.

It has been wonderful to see the children bring festive cheer to our school and local community through this term's Christmas activities. These events have provided a joyful way to come together and celebrate the season.

On behalf of the staff team and governors, I wish you all a very happy and peaceful Christmas, and we look forward to welcoming everyone back on Monday 5th of January.

With warmest regards,
S. Mullarkey



CHRISTMAS EXTRAVAGANZA



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iROCK

The school hall came alive as the iROCK club children delivered a fantastic concert. Five bands took to the floor to perform lively pop songs, celebrating the hard work they have put in this term. A truly impressive and thoroughly enjoyable performance.



WELCOME TO EYFS
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NURSERY AND RECEPTION



Nursery have had a lovely festive time getting ready for Christmas! We have written and posted letters to Santa, made gifts and cards for our parents and carers, performed a wonderful sing along, and enjoyed a fun Christmas party with dancing, a film, crisps and squash!



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NURSERY AND RECEPTION



Our topic this term has been 'People Who Help Us,' and the children have loved learning about the important roles people play in keeping our community safe. We would like to say a big thank you to all the parents who kindly gave their time to talk to the children and share their experiences.



We have been enjoying rehearsing for our Christmas nativity, learning songs and engaging in Christmas crafts!



Year 1 News

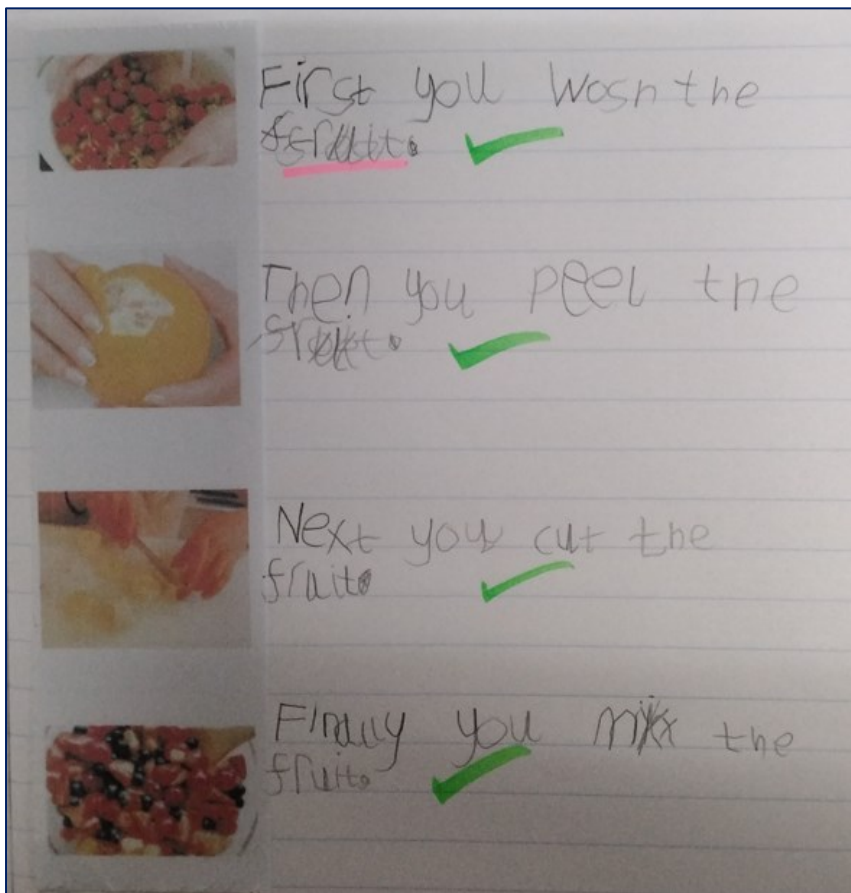
Welcome to Year 1

We designed our own fruit salads. We thought carefully about what fruit we would include and how to present it beautifully.



We learnt about food hygiene, washing our hands carefully before we started. We practised our peeling and chopping skills.

We wrote instructions on how to make a fruit salad.



Year 1 News

Welcome to Year 1

We enjoyed making and evaluating our fruit salads but the best part was... eating them! Delicious!



WELCOME TO YEAR 2 NEWS

HOLMESDALE INFANT SCHOOL

SPARKFISH

Christmas Journey



Year 2 thoroughly enjoyed visiting Reigate Park Church for the Sparkfish Christmas journey. It was great fun acting out the story of the first Christmas and taking part in the craft activities afterwards. It really brought the nativity to life as you can see!



WELCOME TO YEAR 2 NEWS HOLMESDALE INFANT SCHOOL

Year 2 learnt the poem 'Twas the Night Before Christmas' in English, ready for the nativity performance. The children spotted the rhyming couplets and imagery of the poem.

The children have listened to the story of The Polar Express and watched the film to help them write their own version of the story.

I was the one night of the year which I didn't mind going to bed because I thought father Christmas was about to visit. I was just falling asleep but suddenly there was such a clatter I heavily fell off my bed. So I put on my dressing gown and tiptoed down the stairs. I opened the door to see a steam-locomotive right in front of me! There stood waiting conductor, he said all about so I clambered on. AS the polar express raced forward over the mountains the conductor said you see over there the North pole. I saw an outline of the arctic sea and a big big big sheet of

'Twas the Night Before Christmas By Clement C. Moore

'Twas the night before Christmas when all through the house
Not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse;
The stockings were hung by the chimney with care
In hopes that St. Nicholas soon would be there;

The children were nestled all snug in their beds,
While visions of sugar-plums danced in their heads;
And mamma in her 'kerchief, and I in my cap,
Had just settled our brains for a long winter's nap,

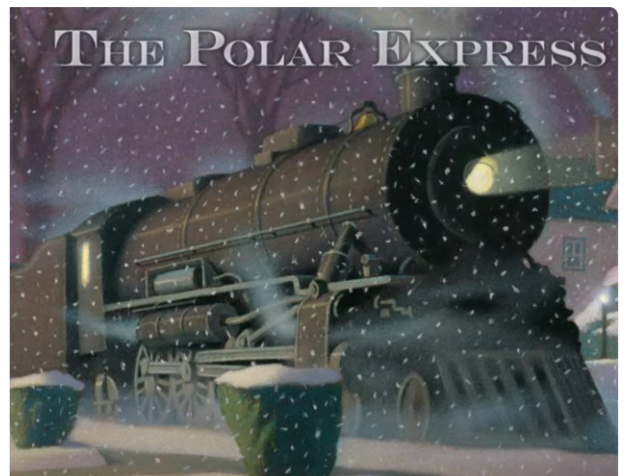
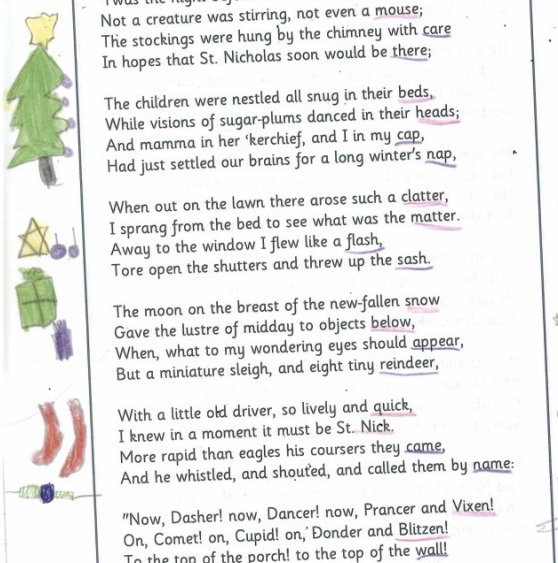
When out on the lawn there arose such a clatter,
I sprang from the bed to see what was the matter.
Away to the window I flew like a flash,
Tore open the shutters and threw up the sash.

The moon on the breast of the new-fallen snow
Gave the lustre of midday to objects below,
When, what to my wondering eyes should appear,
But a miniature sleigh, and eight tiny reindeer,

With a little old driver, so lively and quick,
I knew in a moment it must be St. Nick.
More rapid than eagles his coursers they came,
And he whistled, and shouted, and called them by name:

"Now, Dasher! now, Dancer! now, Prancer and Vixen!
On, Comet! on, Cupid! on, Dunder and Blitzen!
To the top of the porch! to the top of the wall!
Now dash away! dash away! dash away all!"

As dry leaves that before the wild hurricane fly,
When they meet with an obstacle, mount to the sky;
So up to the house-top the coursers they flew,
With the sleigh full of toys, and St. Nicholas too.



SPORTS ROUND

WELCOME

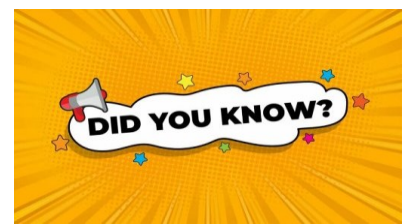
THIS MONTH'S ESSENTIAL PHYSICAL ACTIVITY UPDATES >

Have a wonderful break! Why don't you have a go at these workouts during the Christmas holidays.



[The 'GRINCH' Christmas Workout \(10Mins\) #THEGRINCH - YouTube](#)

[The 'ELF' Christmas Workout #GETKIDSMOVING \(10Mins\) - YouTube](#)



What athlete is the warmest at Christmas?
The long jumper!!

Being active can make you happier because exercise releases “feel-good” chemicals



Wishing all our families a happy festive season.
We look forward to more fun and learning in
the new year!