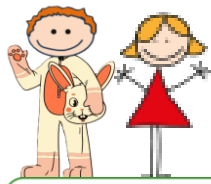
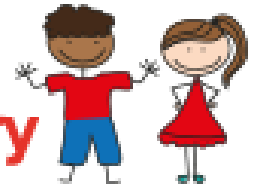




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Holmesdale Community Infant School and Nursery



HOLMESDALE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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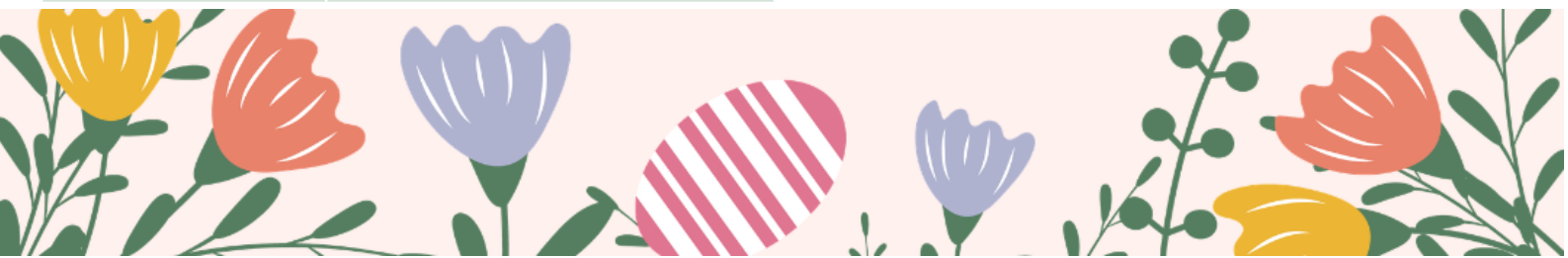
DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

Monday 4th May - Bank Holiday

Friday 8th May – Rabbits Assembly
Thursday 14th May – Foxes Assembly
Friday 15th May – Ducks Assembly

Friday 15th May
Wear Blue for MPS Awareness Day

Monday 25th – Friday 29th May
Half Term Break





A MESSAGE FROM MRS MULLARKEY

This month, we have enjoyed celebrating Michael Rosen as our Author of the Month. Year 1 children have explored the season through spring poetry, showing imagination and increasing confidence in their writing. In Year 2, learning about the Great Fire of London was brought to life, alongside important lessons on fire safety.

Across the school, we have seen strong learning behaviours, alongside kindness and teamwork.

My thanks go to our staff for their continued dedication, and to our families for their ongoing support in making these positive learning experiences possible.

I hope you enjoy reading this month's newsletter.

With best wishes

S. Mullarkey



Author of the Month



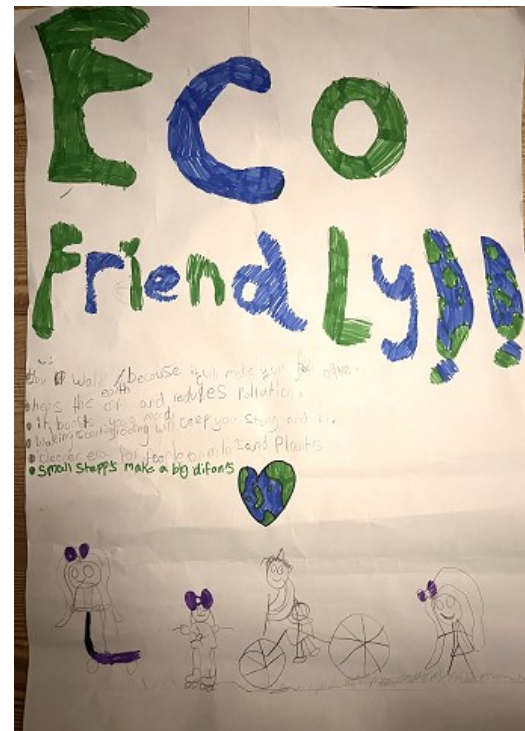
Michael Rosen

Our classrooms have been filled with imagination and laughter as we celebrated our Author of the Month, Michael Rosen. Children across the school have been immersing themselves in the joy of poetry - reciting, performing, and even creating their own verses.

Our nursery children especially enjoyed their very own 'bear hunt'. The adventure led them through imaginative settings including a swishy-swashy forest, squelchy mud, a dark cave, and even a swirling snowstorm - creating an exciting, immersive storytelling experience.

Earth Day 2026

It has been lovely to see children getting involved with helping the environment to celebrate Earth Day.



WELCOME TO EYFS
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NURSERY AND RECEPTION



In Nursery, we have loved exploring some wonderful stories. We shared *Ten Seeds* by Ruth Brown, planted seeds of our own, and created story maps to help us retell the tale. We are enjoying watching our seeds grow as roots, stems, and leaves begin to appear!



We also shared *We're Going on a Bear Hunt* by Michael Rosen and were inspired to go on our own bear hunt in the playground... where we even found a bear!

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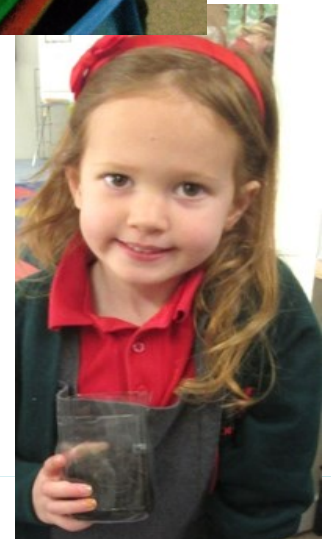
NURSERY AND RECEPTION



This month we have been busy sowing seeds and learning about the different parts of a plant. We have followed instructions carefully and written our own!



With great enthusiasm, we have taken responsibility for watering and looking after our plants each day, showing commitment to our 'Value of the Month' - *caring*. We are looking forward to watching our plants grow and flourish in the sunshine!



Year 1 News

Welcome to Year 1

In Year 1, we have been celebrating spring through poetry. We explored the season using our senses, noticing the sights, sounds and feelings it brings. The children loved choosing powerful adjectives to make their writing bright, imaginative and full of detail.

I can see cute ~~ab~~ adorable chicks
cheeping in sunshine. I can hear
a stripy yellow Be bees in the
breeze. I can smell fragrant
daffodils fluttering in ~~glowes~~ a
field.

I can see funky, ~~adorable~~ vibrant chicks in
the fields. I can hear stripy, busy flapping bees
pollinating the flowers. I can smell tasty, hot
cross buns in the kitchen. I can feel fuzzy,
cute soft birds in the woodland. I can taste yummy
delicious chocolate eggs.

Year 1 News

Welcome to Year 1

I can see adorable, playful, cute
lambs frolicking in the field.
I can hear fuzzy, stripy, buzzy,
bees buzzing in the meadow. I can
smell yellow, nice, smelling, daffodils
swallowing stream. I can feel adorable,
little chicks singing grassland.



WELCOME TO YEAR 2 NEWS

HOLMESDALE INFANT SCHOOL

Year 2 have been learning all about the Great Fire of London. We had a fabulous time dressing up and participating in the workshop. We were able to act out the different events of the Fire in 1666 and learnt about how it changed London.



WELCOME TO

YEAR 2 NEWS

HOLMESDALE INFANT SCHOOL

We had a visit from Surrey Fire and Rescue Service to tell us all about how to keep safe during a fire.



A special mention goes to Lily from Badgers class who completed her own reading challenge. Lily read 21 books and raised £20.26 for school. Amazing reading Lily!! She can't choose her favourite book as they're all so good!

SPORTS ROUND

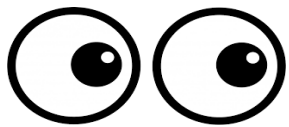
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THIS MONTH'S ESSENTIAL PHYSICAL ACTIVITY UPDATES >

SKILL OF THE MONTH: CATCHING



Eyes on the ball:

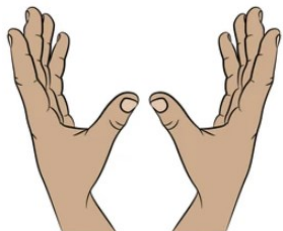


Watch the ball or object all the way.

How to make it even harder!

- Throw it higher.
- Stand further apart.
- Clap before catching.
- Use a smaller ball.
- Use one hand.

Hands ready:



Make a basket with your hands.



Soft hands:



Gently bring it into your body.

