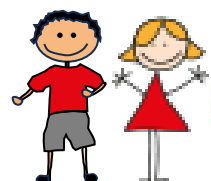
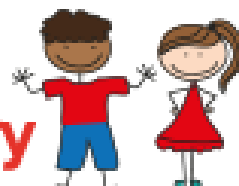




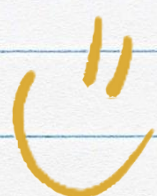
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**Holmesdale Community
Infant School and Nursery**



HOLMESDALE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

Fri 2nd Oct

- Super Me Day – Reception only
- Flu Vaccination Rec/Yr1/Yr2
- Height/Weight Check - Reception only

Thurs 8th October –

Nursery Rhyme day – Nursery children only

Fri 9th October

- Yr 2 Cake Sale
- Feeling Good Friday

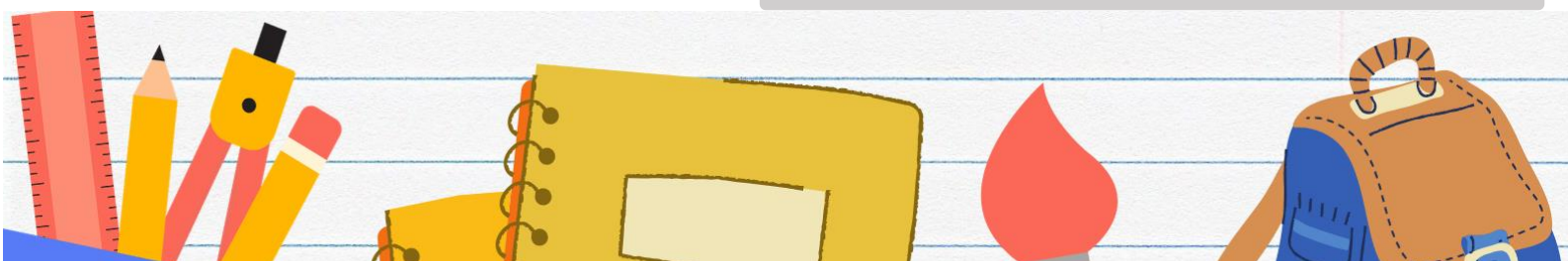
Tues 13th/Wed 14th/Thurs 15th October

Parents Evening
Please see notices for details

Wed 14th Oct – School Photographs

Thurs 15th Oct – New Parents Social

Mon 19th - Friday 30th - Half Term





A MESSAGE FROM MRS MULLARKEY

Dear Families,

It has been wonderful to welcome the children back to school this September and to see them settle so positively into the new term. Our new children have already begun to find their feet, and I extend a very warm welcome to them and their families.

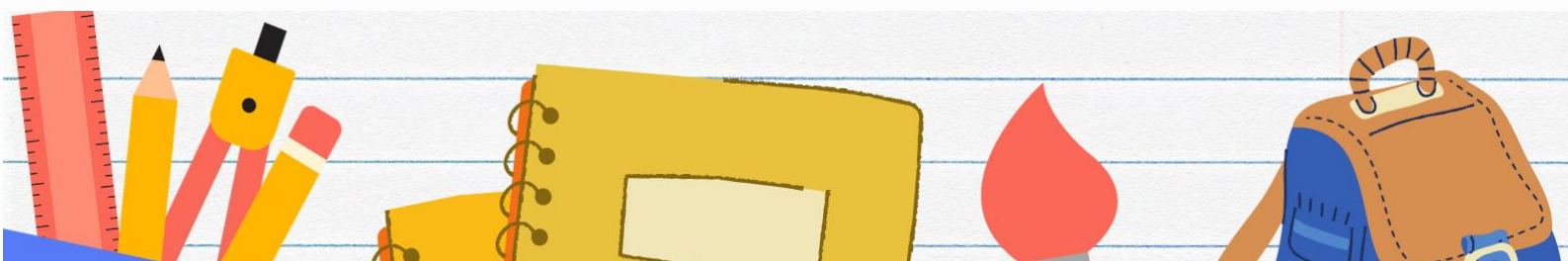
My thanks go to all our staff for their hard work in ensuring such a positive start to the year, and to the PSA for their thoughtful gift to our new parents. We would also like to recognise our wonderful Teaching Assistants and thank them for all they do to support our children and school community. A very happy National Teaching Assistants' Day to you all!

It was wonderful to see such a great turnout at the PSA meeting this week. Thank you to everyone who attended, particularly our new parents, who we were delighted to welcome. The PSA plays such an important role in bringing our school community together, helping families build connections and friendships while supporting our children. There is an exciting year ahead, with some fabulous fundraising planned that will make a real difference to the children's experiences and opportunities in school. We are incredibly grateful for your enthusiasm, generosity and continued support.

We look forward to a happy, fulfilling and successful year ahead.

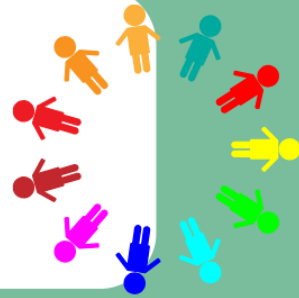
With warmest regards,

S. Mullarkey



Holmesdale PSA

Parent Staff Association



The Holmesdale PSA

is run by parent volunteers who work alongside the school to bring our community together and raise money to enhance our children's experience at Holmesdale.

Throughout the year, we organise events including the Winter Fair, school quiz, cake sales, socials and family activities. Funds raised go directly towards supporting the school and providing extra resources, activities and experiences for our children.

The PSA is for everyone — you don't need to be on the committee to get involved. Whether you can help organise an event, volunteer on a stall, bake a cake, share an idea or spare an hour, it all makes a difference. Our events couldn't happen without the support of our parent community..

Come and Join Us

Our PSA meetings are open to all Holmesdale parents and carers. Come along to hear what we're working on, see how funds are being used, share ideas and help shape what we do next

There's absolutely no expectation to take on a big role. Many hands make light work, and even a small amount of help makes a huge difference.

We're looking forward to another brilliant year of events, fundraising and bringing the Holmesdale community together.

Thank you to everyone who volunteers, attends, donates and supports the PSA — we couldn't do it without you!

Dates for your Diaries

Tuesday 22 September — PSA Meeting, 7:30pm

Friday 9 October — Year 2 Cake Sale

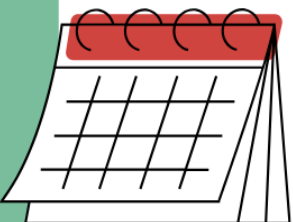
Thursday 15 October — New Parents' Social 7.30pm

Fri 6 November — Mufti Day — Winter Fair donations

Friday 20 November — Children in Need Cake Sale

Saturday 21 November — Holmesdale Winter Fair

Saturday 28 November — PSA Christmas Quiz, 7-10pm



WELCOME TO EYFS
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NURSERY AND RECEPTION

What a wonderful start to the year! Our Nursery children have loved exploring their classroom and outdoor learning area, making new friends, and settling into their new routines



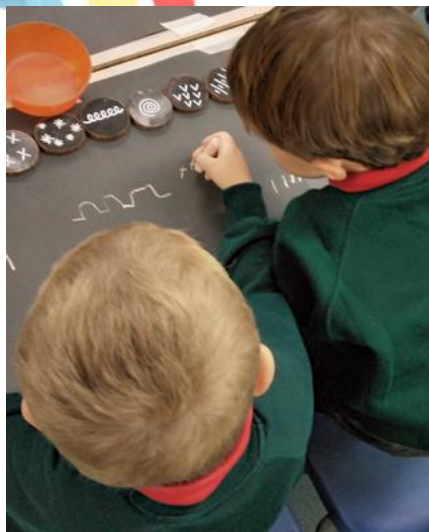
We have been busy learning lots of nursery rhymes, and our current favourite is *Jelly on a Plate*. To bring the rhyme to life, we even made our own jelly and enjoyed tasting it together.



WELCOME TO EYFS
SEPTEMBER 2026

NURSERY AND RECEPTION

We have been busy exploring our wonderful indoor and outdoor learning environments, discovering new areas, choosing resources, playing together and following our interests. There has already been so much curiosity, creativity and joyful learning to celebrate!



We have also been learning about our school rules: *Safe, respectful, ready*. We are beginning to understand how these help us to look after ourselves, each other and our school.



What a brilliant beginning to our Reception journey — with so much exciting learning still to come!

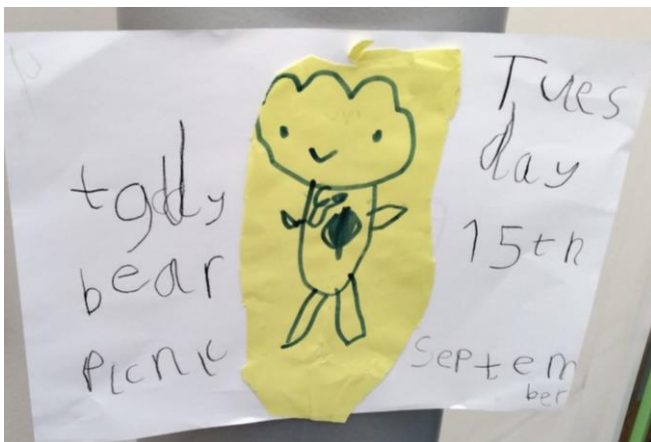
Year 1 News

Welcome to Year 1

Year one have had a great start to the new school year. The children have settled well and are enjoying their new learning.



In Science we have been revisiting our learning about the seasons and discussing how the weather can change with each season. We also looked at what happens to the trees during each season.



As part of our learning we designed posters for a teddy bear's picnic.



We enjoyed having a teddy bear's picnic for our lunch.

Year 1 News

Welcome to Year 1

As part of our learning about 'Toys', we were fortunate enough to have a toy workshop delivered by Mrs Hill. Mrs Hill showed us lots of lovely toys that belonged to her and members of her family when they were children. The oldest teddy we saw was 98 years old! It was very interesting to learn how toys have changed over time and Mrs Hill was impressed with the knowledge we have already learned during our topic.



WELCOME TO

YEAR 2 NEWS

HOLMESDALE INFANT SCHOOL

We enjoyed learning about each other's hopes and aspirations for the future during our **'When I Grow Up' Day**. The children came to school dressed in outfits that represented or symbolised their chosen future careers. We saw a fantastic range of ideas, including footballers, rock stars, teachers, pilots and astronauts! The children took part in a parade, giving everyone the opportunity to share and celebrate their ambitions together.

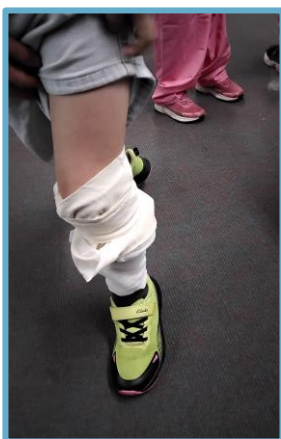


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YEAR 2 NEWS

HOLMESDALE INFANT SCHOOL

Throughout the day, they enjoyed a variety of exciting workshops. They worked in a busy restaurant, preparing food and serving customers; learned about different roles within the NHS, practised bandaging, and cared for "patients"; and discovered what it might be like to be a firefighter through a range of firefighter training activities. What a busy and inspiring day!



SPORTS ROUND

WELCOME

THIS MONTH'S ESSENTIAL PHYSICAL ACTIVITY UPDATES >

As we slowly move into autumn, here are some fun activities you can do at home, even on a rainy day.

Make some homemade pom-poms to celebrate and cheer each other on using strips of fabric or tissue paper bundled together at one end.



Make your own finger football game to play at home.

Try out some traditional sports day games such as an egg and spoon race, skipping competitions and three-legged races.



Craft a bracelet with beads to suit the colours of a team you support (or to represent the colours of a sporting event, such as the Olympics).



A huge well done to all the children who took part in Run Reigate.

Did you spot any of the school adults cheering you on?

