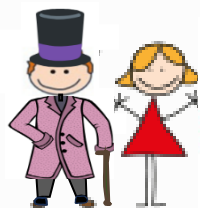
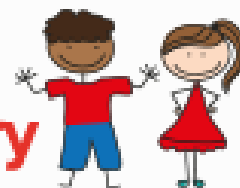


March 2025



Holmesdale Community Infant School and Nursery



HOLMESDALE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

March

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

Tues 1st & Wed 2nd April
Reception only - Height, Weight & Vision Screening

Friday 4th April
End of Spring Term
School closes at 1.30pm

Tuesday 22nd April
Start of Summer Term

Wednesday 23rd April
Class Photographs – All years



A MESSAGE FROM MRS MULLARKEY

Dear Families

This month has been packed with hands-on learning! Our science explorations included experiments and a special farming experience—welcoming Beatrice and her lambs, Snowy and Blossom, to our school. The children loved learning how to care for them, and we're so grateful to Mrs. Hack for making it happen.

Our Year 1 historians stepped back in time with a fantastic trip to Hever Castle, where they discovered its rich history and explored the world of knights and royalty.

We also had a brilliant World Book Day, organised by Mr. Charles and Mrs. Hill. With creative costumes, storytelling, and a fun 'Guess the Character' challenge, the love of reading was celebrated in style. A big thank you to Reigate Priory School children for joining us to share stories!

A huge thank you to our staff for their hard work and to our families for your support—these memorable experiences wouldn't be possible without you!

With best wishes

S. Mullarkey



WORLD BOOK DAY®

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World Book Day Fun!

We had a fantastic time celebrating *World Book Day* at Holmesdale! The children looked wonderful in their costumes—thank you for all the effort that went into making them so special.



Throughout the day, the children enjoyed sharing stories with our visiting Year 6 Priory friends, swapping classrooms for special story times, and taking part in a fun "Guess the Character" challenge as they walked down the corridor to spot the decorated wooden spoons.

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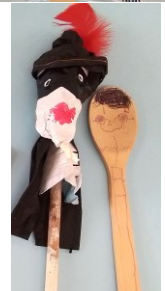
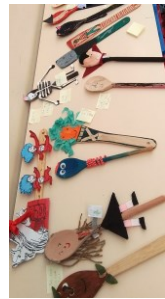
A big thank you to all the parents who nominated their favourite's for Holmesdale's 50 Best Books— see the list below and get ready for some wonderful new stories to explore!



TOP HOLMESDALE READS



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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Three Little Wolves- Eugene <u>Trivizas</u> • Big Bad Wolf- Eugene <u>Trivizas</u> • On The Way Home- Jill Murphy • Bug School- Sam Lloyd • Paulette The Pinkest Puppy <u>In The World</u>- Tim <u>Bugbird</u> • Dogs Don't Do Ballet- Anna Kemp • Harry & The <u>Jaggedy Dagers</u>- Jan Fearnley • The Tiger Who Came <u>To</u> Tea- Jill Murphy • The Great Dogs Bottom Swap- Peter Bentley • A Squash & A Squeeze- Julia Donaldson • Odd Dog Out- Rob Biddulph • Oi Duck Billed Platypus- Kes Gray • Six Dinner Sid- Kes Gray • Gangsta Granny- David Walliams • Gangsta Granny Strikes Again-David Walliams • Giraffe's Can't Dance- Giles Andreae • Totally True- Michael Rosen • Totally Silly Bedtime Stories- Michael Rosen • Oi Frog-Kes Gray • The day the Crayons Quit- Oliver Jeffers • There's a Lion in my Cornflakes- Michelle Robinson • Hotel Flamingo- Alex <u>Milway</u> • Charlie and the Chocolate Factory- Roald Dahl • Where's Wally- Martin Handford • Horrid Henry- Francesca Simon | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dog Man- Dav Pilkey • The BFG-Roald Dahl • The Sheep-Pig- Dick King-Smith • Princess Smartypants- Babette Cole • I Want My Hat Back- Jon Klassen • Rhinos Don't Eat Pancakes- Anna Kemp • <u>Supertato</u>- Sue Hendra and Paul Linnet • The Crocodile Who Didn't Like Water- Gemma Merino • Dear Zoo- Rod Campbell • The Worst Witch- Jill Murphy • Speak Up- Nathan Bryron • The Perfect Fit- Naomi Jones • Meesha Makes Friends- Tom Percival • You Choose- Nick <u>Sharrat</u> • The Gruffalo- Julia Donaldson • Barbara Throws a Wobbler- Nadia Shareen • Jack and the Flumflum Tree- Julia Donaldson • Alan's Big Scary Teeth- Jarvis • This Is Me!- George Webster and Claire Taylor • Grumpy Monkey- Suzanne Lang • The Lion Inside- Rachel Bright • Mr Wolf's Pancakes- Jan Fearnley • Peace at Last- Jill Murphy • Burglar Bill - Allan Ahlberg • Guess How Much I Love You- Sam McBratney |
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CHOIR* Spring Concert

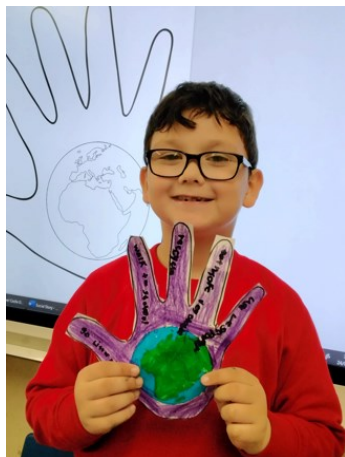
Thank you to everyone who came to support the Year 2 Choir at their Spring Concert. They put on a fantastic performance, and we are very proud of them.

Thanks to your kind generosity, we have raised £106.45 for our new music room!



Make an Earth Day Pledge

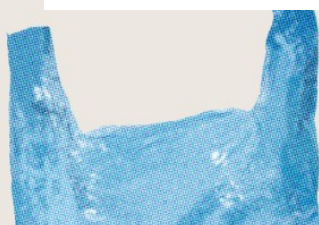
Tuesday 22nd April is Earth Day and this year the theme is 'Our Power, Our Planet'.



Eco Club has been thinking about how we can all make a difference by doing things such as walking, scooting or cycling to school, turning off lights, eating more vegetables, recycling or collecting bottle lids.



Over the Easter holiday, we would love it if all the children could write and decorate a pledge and bring it to school so we can celebrate the positive things we can all do to help the environment. Please look out for a pledge template in your child's book bag!



INTERNET SAFETY

Our children are growing up in a world where there is increasingly more access to the internet. At the click of a button, they can potentially access games, videos and online content.


As parents and as educators, we have an important role to play in ensuring that we are aware of the content our children are accessing and the age limits/suggestions around these.

DID YOU KNOW?

Age Restrictions for Video Games

3 PEGI 3	7 PEGI 7
Games with a PEGI 3 rating are suitable for all ages.	Games with a PEGI 7 rating are suitable for ages 7 and above.
They may have: <ul style="list-style-type: none">child-like settingscomical violencelanguage more suitable for young children	They may have: <ul style="list-style-type: none">some scenes or sounds that could be frighteningmild forms of violence (non-realistic or with no detail)
For example: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Just DanceFIFADiRT RallyAnimal Crossing	For example: <ul style="list-style-type: none">MinecraftRobloxAmong UsLego Series


For further information regarding the video game age restrictions mentioned in this resource, please see the official PEGI website.



Age Restrictions for Video Games

12 PEGI 12	16 PEGI 16
Games with a PEGI 12 rating are suitable for ages 12 and above.	Games with a PEGI 16 rating are suitable for ages 16 and above.
They may have: <ul style="list-style-type: none">violence of a slightly graphic nature involving fantasy characterssuggestive activities or languagegamblingmild bad language	They may have: <ul style="list-style-type: none">violence and adult content that looks like real lifebad languagescenes demonstrating the use of tobacco, alcohol or illegal substances
For example: <ul style="list-style-type: none">SimsFortniteDragon Ball FighterZSuper Smash Bros. Ultimate	For example: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Marvel's AvengersBattlefield 2042Halo InfiniteMarvel's Spider-Man

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In school, our children only have access to games, websites and content that has already been checked and deemed age appropriate by staff. Children are taught that they may only go on sites/games that have already been set up by a member of staff. If they want to access anything else, they know that they must ask their teacher first and they will check the suitability.

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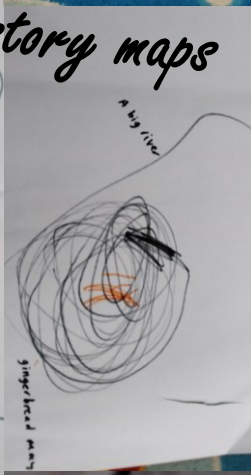
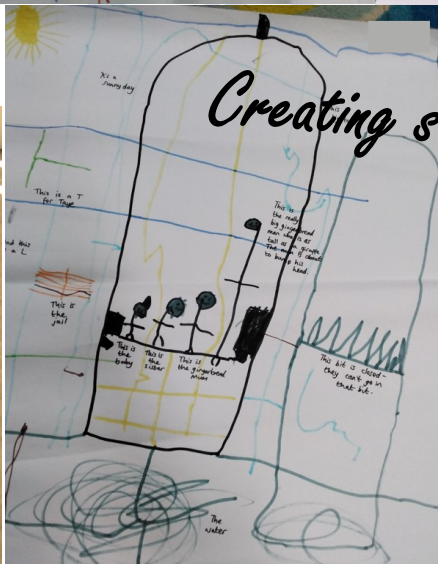
NURSERY AND RECEPTION

In Nursery this month we have enjoyed.....

Science Week



Going on a bear hunt!



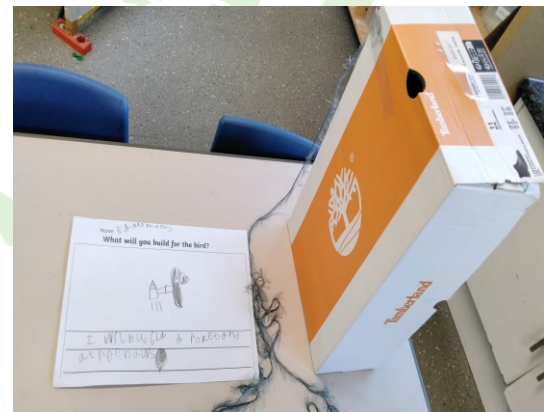
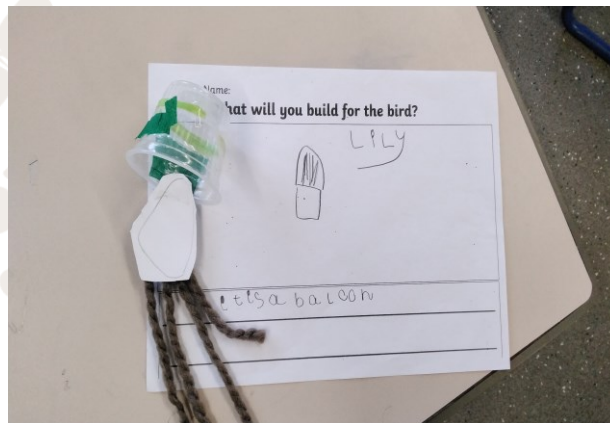
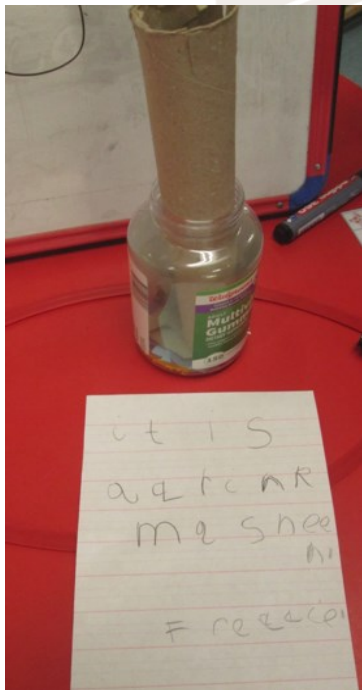
Acting out narratives in our Nursery Theatre.

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NURSERY AND RECEPTION



We read a book called Izzy Gizmo and became inventors.



We designed and made inventions to help the injured bird in the story.



We have been looking at the order of numbers and the step pattern.

Year 1 News

Welcome to Year 1

We have been historians and had a fantastic time visiting Hever Castle.



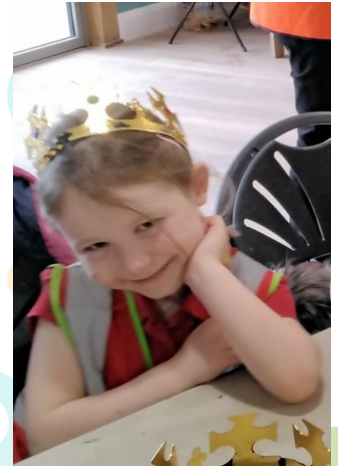
We asked many questions and made insightful observations.

Year 1 News

Welcome to Year 1



We learnt about life in a castle and were able to handle artefacts.



By lunchtime we were ravenous and enjoyed a picnic lunch!



We enjoyed sketching the castle.

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YEAR 2 NEWS

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In year 2 we have been learning all about transport. We had an amazing workshop where we learnt all about the history of flight.



We learnt about.....

the Montgolfier Brothers and their first hot air balloon flight.
The Wright Brothers and their first successful aeroplane flight.
Amelia Earheart and her solo mission across the Atlantic.
As well as lots of others too!

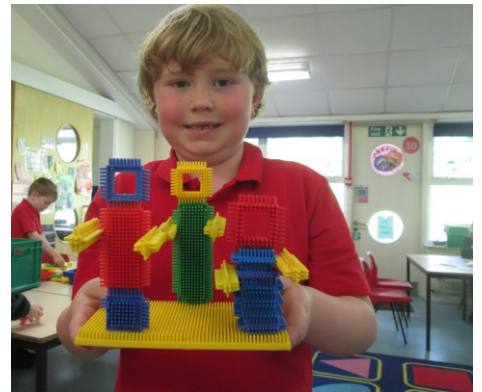
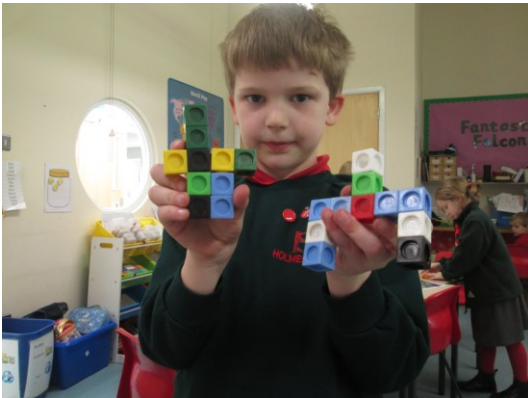


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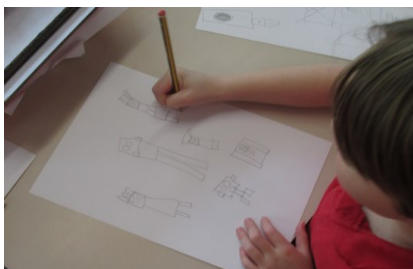
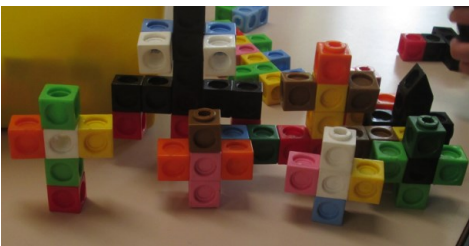
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In Year 2 we enjoyed learning about the life of Barbara Hepworth and looking at her amazing sculptures.

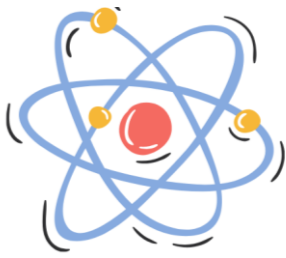


We were inspired to create our own sculptures using cubes, Stickle Bricks and Playdough.



We also drew abstract pictures of our families in the style of Barbara Hepworth.





Science



We have had a busy few weeks this month, learning lots of science.



The theme this year was 'Change and Adapt'. We created a model of an iceberg melting and how rising temperatures change water levels.

During Science Week, we got hands-on with magnetism by testing different coins with magnets to see which ones were magnetic!



Loan a Lamb

Wow, we have absolutely loved caring for the sheep this week. The Year 2 children have been shepherds, feeding the sheep, changing the water and scooping the poop! What responsible penguins they have been!



We were lucky enough to have 2 lambs as Beatrice, the ewe had twins! We voted on names for the lambs and called them Snowy and Blossom.



All the children have loved seeing the ewe and her lambs and have taken very good care of them. Thank you to Anne the farmer and the South of England Agricultural Society. It has been such a wonderful experience.



SPORTS ROUND

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We took part in the....

The Biggest Ever Football Session 2025 was not just about playing football; it's about empowering girls, building confidence, and fostering a lifelong love for the sport.



Thousands of girls from primary and secondary schools participated in football sessions simultaneously. The aim was to break down the barriers and encourage more girls to play football.

The event emphasized inclusivity, ensuring that girls of all abilities had the opportunity to join in and enjoy the game. The sessions focused on basic football skills, teamwork, and the joy of playing the sport.



We had 66 girls join in!

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SPORTS ACHIEVEMENTS

Do you have a sporting achievement you'd like to share? Have you completed your first length of a pool, or learned to ride a bike? Send us a photo and a bit of text and we'll feature you in next month's newsletter.

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