
School Newsletter



Dear Parents,

This term, our school has sparkled with the energy and enthusiasm of our wonderful children, and it has been very special to reflect on the wonder and growth our children have experienced. 'Tis the season of joy and togetherness and I have been so proud of our shining stars and the performances they have done this week – what a finale to a brilliant term. We hope you enjoyed them too.

I would like to express my sincere gratitude for your support this term and for welcoming me so warmly to the Holbeton community. We had our very successful Christmas fayre and wreath making organised by the HSA which raised an incredible amount of money for the school – thank you for your generosity. We are already looking ahead to the new year and planning more community events to share with you.

As we embrace the festive season, we extend our warmest wishes to you and your families. May your Christmas be filled with love, joy, and the magic of the season.

- Small but Mighty!



Christmas at Holbeton Primary School



Diary Dates

Spring Term 3

3.1.24	Children return to school
15.1.24	Primary school admission closes
17.1.24	Individual school photos by Jelly Photos
12.5.24	Half term

Forest School

Tuesday 9 th January	Years 4, 5, 6
Tuesday 16 th January	Years 1, 2, 3
Tuesday 23 rd January	Years 4, 5, 6
Tuesday 30 th January	Years 1, 2, 3
Tuesday 6 th February	Years 4, 5, 6



News



Polite request that dogs are not brought onto the playground at school drop off and pick up please. I have met some of your very friendly and lovely dogs. They are well-behaved (and gorgeous), and although I am sure they are socialised and pose no risk to our children, their presence can cause anxiety in some of our children.

Thank you for your support.



Hopefully you have all received your link to join Class Dojo.

What do you need to do?

1. You will need to either download the Class Dojo app from your device's app store or go to the [classdojo.com](https://www.classdojo.com) website.
2. Inform school if you do not give permission for photographs of your child to go on Class Dojo.
3. You will need to setup a parent account using your personal email address and the code that was included with your letter, so that you can connect your account to your child.



We will be using Class Dojo to communicate key messages and share learning moments and achievements with you from January.



Plymouth Argyll will continue to provide breakfast club provision, but they have now confirmed that they will not be able to provide after school club provision at this time. We are in contact with different local people and companies to see if they can run after school clubs in the Spring term. These will run from 3:30-4:30.

A list of available clubs will be emailed to you shortly so you can sign your child/ren up. We will continue to explore different options available, including recruitment of a play leader so we can provide our school families with a more consistent after school provision in the future and we will update you with our progress.



Look out for the Holbeton advent windows which will be lit up over the festive season. How many can you find?

WeST Term Dates 2024 to 2025

Agreed for wider distribution

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Key: Peach - holiday periods; light green – weekends; blue - Trust NPDs; yellow - School NPDs

Important dates

Autumn Term Dates: Monday 2 September to Friday 25 October, then Monday 4 November to Friday 20 December

Term 1 40 days (inc. School NPD Mon 2 Sept and WeST NPD Tues 3 Sept)

Term 2 35 days

Spring Term Dates: Monday 6 January to Friday 14 February, then Monday 24 February to Friday 4 April

Term 3 30 days (inc. School NPD Monday 6 January)

Term 4 30 days

Summer Term Dates: Tuesday 22 April to Friday 23 May, then Monday 2 June to Tuesday 22 July (Note: NPDs on Mo 21 and Tu 22 Jul '25 are disaggregated for staff twilight training throughout the year. The last day of the academic year for students and staff is Friday 18 July 2025)

Term 5 23 days

Term 6 37 days