

School Newsletter



Dear Parents,

During our first full week back, the children have embraced their new learning with enthusiasm. New topics have started, and it's been a joy to dip in and out of classrooms and feel the 'buzz' of excitement as children enjoy expanding their knowledge. The children always impress us with the vocabulary and knowledge they bring to lessons and how confidently they can share their understanding.

Mrs Emily Mitchell, our wonderful Stoke Class teacher, is unwell and will be taking some time away from school to rest and recover. Mrs Megan Mitchell, Bigbury Class teacher, will be taking the children to the woods for forest school during Mrs Mitchell's absence. Thank you to all of you who have volunteered to help support these sessions. We will be in contact with you to confirm which session we need you. Cross country club will still go ahead on Thursday next week – Mrs Stanley is going to make sure her trainers are packed ready!

I hope you have enjoyed seeing photos of your children appear on Dojo throughout the week. We are transferring from email to Dojo as our preferred form of communication and to avoid duplication of messages. It's not too late to sign up. If you need a new link, please get in touch. Please can all absence messages continue to go to Mrs Nash at the office – thank you.



Wishing you all a wonderful weekend,

Mrs Honywill
Headteacher

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
24.1.24	DEAR (Drop Everything And Read – all classes). Parents invited to read/share stories with their child from 8:45-9:30. This is a good opportunity to ask your child's class teacher for any support/advice on how you can support your child/ren with their reading at home.
12.2.24	Half term
19.2.24	Non Pupil Day
7.3.24	World Book Day (Dress up) Details to follow
11.3.24 and 13.3.24	Parent's Evening Appointments
25.3.24	Cricket Workshop – all classes (PE kits) Details to follow
28.3.24	Easter Service at the Church (TBC)

Teachers are planning upcoming trips. Details will be sent separately.

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

Thank you to everyone who has signed up as a parent volunteer.



News

At the end of this month, there are some planned roadworks happening in the village which may affect busy school times such as drop off and collection times.

The road works will be happening in three stages:

Stage 1

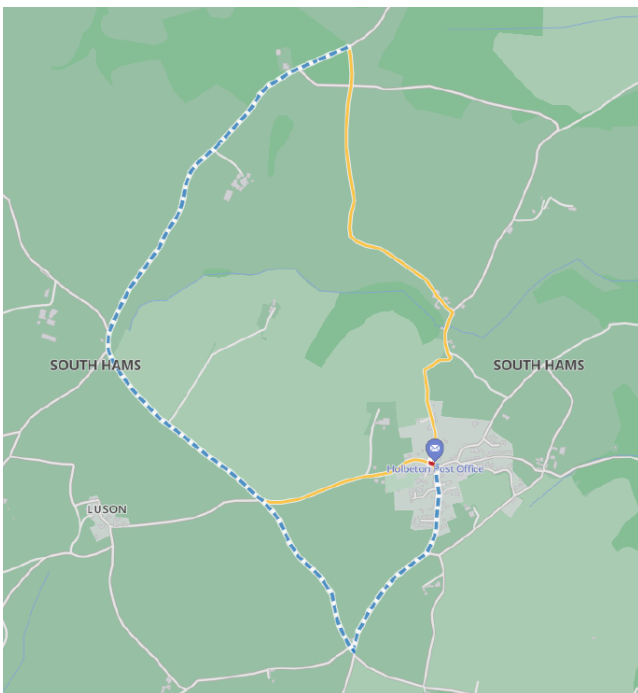
Vicarage Hill section 29/1/24 to 4/2/24 inclusive. The road down to Holbeton from Luson Cross may be closed that week as the works extend a short way up Church Hill. During stage 1, you may wish to drive up to the school gate to drop your child off with a member of staff and then continue onwards on your journey which will reduce the number of cars turning around and causing congestion.

Roads affected -

VICARAGE HILL [& A SMALL SECTION OF CHURCH HILL], HOLBETON

The alternative, signed, route for vehicles will be via - CHURCH HILL - WONNELL BARN - LUSON CROSS - WONNELL BARN CROSS - CROCOMBE CROSS - MOORSHEAD CROSS - WONNELL BARN - MOORSHEADWOOD - FORD - VICARAGE HILL.

This temporary restriction is considered necessary to enable -
EXCAVATE AND INSTALL NEW SEWER PIPE.



Stage 2

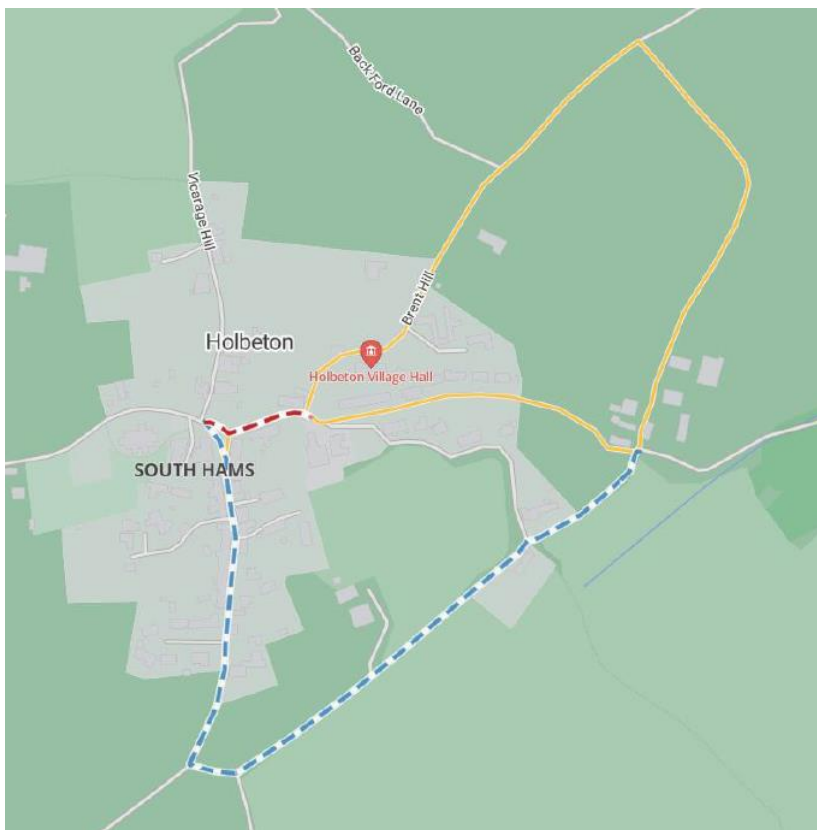
Village 'centre' section 5/2/24 to 11/2/24 inclusive. During this stage, the road down from Luson Cross will hopefully be open and cars will still be able to access Brent Hill and the village car park. Parents dropping off will be either to do so near the shop and walk down to the school from there or to go via Gibb and thereby come up from the Brownswell farm direction. If access is limited we will inform parents and ask them to drop children off at the Mildmay Colours Pub carpark where members of staff will be waiting. We will then have a walking bus to the school.

Roads affected -

CHURCH HILL-THE SQUARE, HOLBETON

The alternative, signed, route for vehicles will be via - FORE STREET - GIBB COTTAGES - BRENT HILL - HIGHER BROWNSWELL.

This temporary restriction is considered necessary to enable -
EXCAVATE AND INSTALL NEW SURFACE WATER SEWER.



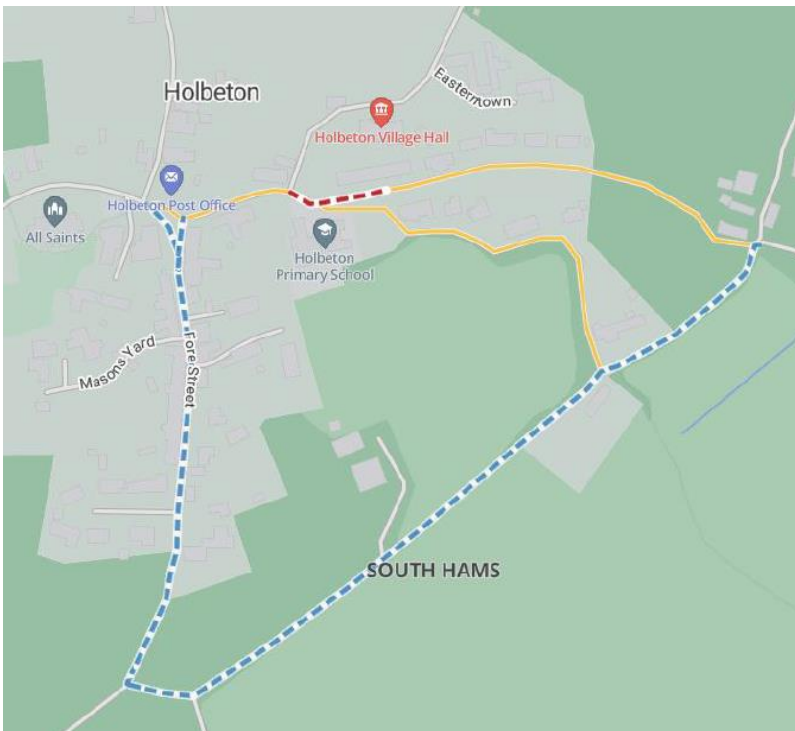
Stage 3

Section in proximity to Holbeton Primary School (road at the front of the school building) 12/2/24 to 18/2/24. Exact length being closed to be clarified. We will inform parents if the works overruns and we need to provide a walking bus from the Mildmay Colours.

Roads affected -

**CHURCH HILL [EASTERN SIDE] - BRENT HILL TO HIGHER BROWNSWELL.,
HOLBETON**

The alternative, signed, route for vehicles will be via - THE SQUARE - FORE STREET - GIBB COTTAGES - BRENT HILL - HIGHER BROWNSWELL.



Thank you in advance for your patience and support during this period of disruption. We will do our best to reduce the impact on our school families and inform you of any changes/updates once the work has commenced.

I would like to recognise the incredible support we have received from the parish council. As a result of their communication with Verto homes and South West Water, Stage 3 was pushed back to the half term break in an attempt to reduce disruption for our families. Thank you.

Meet the newest members of the Holbeton Team



Miss Baynes has been with us since September, but she has now officially joined the Holbeton Family and will be working in Mothecombe class.

Miss Ellis will be working in Stoke class on a Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. She has loved getting to know the children over the last couple of weeks!



After School Club

Thank you to the parents who met with me yesterday. I understand how concerned many of you are about the long-term plan for wrap around care at Holbeton and it continues to be a priority. We have advertised for the role twice before and our latest advert is live now. In our meeting we discussed some other possible places to advertise including the University and colleges as well as local magazines.

If you see our advert on social media please help us to spread the word by sharing our posts.

We have tried to vary our clubs this half term, but uptake is very low. In order for these clubs to go ahead, there needs to be enough uptake from families. If you would like to sign your child up for a club, please let us know or sign up using the links.