

# Holyoakes News



Friday 6th September 2024

## Back to school in style!

What a fun-packed and busy week the children have had as they returned to school this week.

Pupils in Nursery and Reception have done amazingly well as they adjust to new routines and environments and the realization that they have to come back everyday!

Elsewhere in KS1, the children have enjoyed getting familiar with their new classrooms and study spaces. Our year 3's and 4's have done themselves proud as they take on the role of 'example setters' and role models for the younger children.

In assemblies this week the children have been reminded of the importance of taking pride in their presentation by ensuring they have the correct school uniform.

We appreciate the significant cost and investment you all make in getting your children kitted up for school. From new school coats, jumpers and cardigans to lunch boxes and water bottles.

Staff will encourage their pupils to take responsibility for their items of clothing and we would appreciate it if all items are clearly labelled. There is nothing more frustrating than losing something brand-new.

## OPEN AFTERNOON YEAR 1,2,3 &4 : Wednesday 11th September

One thing children really look forward to is sharing their classwork with their family members. Next Wednesday afternoon, we will be having our first open afternoon so that you can see how well your child or children have settled in. Some of you may not have had the chance to introduce yourself to the class teacher yet so please do introduce yourself. More formal parent consultations will take place in October.

This event is for years 1-4 only, Parents of children in Nursery and Reception will have a similar opportunity once the children are a little more settled.



### DATES FOR THE DIARY

- Wednesday 11th September—Open afternoon 2:40-3:30
- Tuesday 17th September—School photos, whole school
- Wednesday 18th September—National fitness day
- Thursday 26th September—Open Evening Reception 2024/2025 4:30-5:30
- Monday 30th September—Friday 4th October—NSPCC Speak Out Stay Safe Week
- Monday 30th September—Wednesday 2nd October—Year 4 Malvern residential
- Monday 7th—Tuesday 8th October—Year 4 Bikeability
- Wednesday 16th October—Parents Evening 3:15—5:45
- Thursday 17th October—Parents Evening 3:15—5:45
- Tuesday 22nd October—Flu nasal spray Rec-yr4

## Thank you parents

I would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who has parked away from school this week and walked the short distance up Cookridge Close. It really is appreciated.



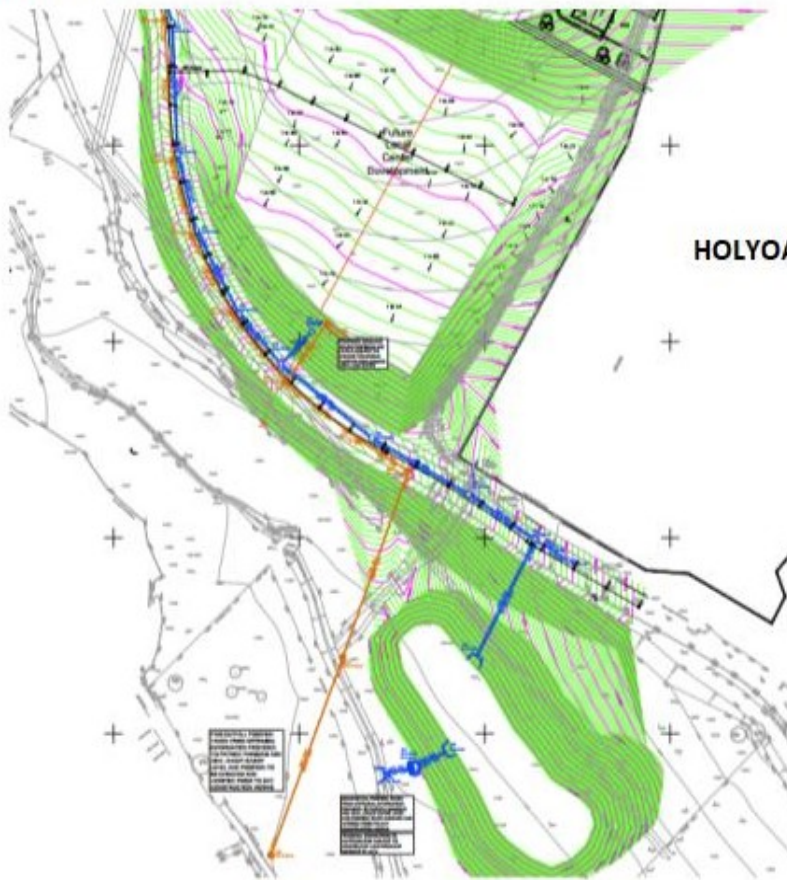
Persimmon Homes are aiming to have the works on the spine road completed within 12-16 weeks. They have asked their contractors to organise deliveries outside of key drop off and collection times for school to minimise disruption.

There will inevitably be times when we do have significant congestion on the road. Your patience and consideration is much appreciated. We will continue to operate the drop off every morning for pupils from Year 1 to 4. The aim of this is to support those parents who are able to drop off and go and avoid having to find a parking space.

You can help your child/children become more independent by dropping them off at the second set of gates (black gates) so they can walk the rest of the distance to their classrooms independently.

Parents of pupils in Nursery and Reception should continue to walk their children to the relevant wooden gate and handover to a member of staff once gates open at 8.30 am..

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## Pupil data

It is vital that we have the most up to date contact details for you. Every year we send out a data collection form and ask that you check to see that the details we have are correct.

These will be going out on Wednesday 11th September.

Can we please also ask that you log onto your MCAS account and update your child's parental consents.



## School Photos

On Tuesday 17th September, Tempest photography will be in school to do our annual pupil school photographs.

Photographs will be taken throughout the school day, individually and for siblings who attend Holyoakes Field.

Children are asked to come to school in their full uniform for school photo day.



## School Allotment

A plea from Gill who manages our school allotment.

If anyone has any seeds or plants they no longer need, we would be very grateful of them to plant in the school allotment.

There will be a table top sale at the end of the day on Monday. We will be selling produce grown on the allotment, all donations gratefully received.

## National Fitness Day: Wednesday 18th September

Having started back in 2011, National Fitness Day has seen millions get involved each year and while bringing people together through physical activity has a hugely positive impact, the campaign has evolved to encourage everyone to view this day as just one step in a much bigger journey.

The theme for 2024 is 'Your Health is for Life', which has been carried over from 2023 as it holds a powerful message that can resonate with us all.

National Fitness Day is no longer about exercising at just that one moment in time but about the longevity in taking small steps towards a lifestyle which can both protect and improve your health..

This year we are calling on all parents to join in and take part in a let's get moving workshop. More details to follow!

