



Holyokes Field First School Newsletter

Friday 2nd May 2025

Staying Safe in the Sunshine

The warmer weather is always a welcome change and our pupils have been enjoying the opportunities it brings in and out of school. Unfortunately, the upper playgrounds have very little shade so all pupils will need to have a summer hat or cap in school to protect them. To avoid disappointment (when hats get lost or mixed up), please do not send in designer or expensive hats/caps. A simple inexpensive blue cap with your child's name inside is all that is needed.



Pupils have the option of our summer uniform to help keep cool. All we ask is that shorts are grey or blue gingham. Pupils should still change into PE kits during PE lessons even if they wear shorts.



DATES FOR THE DIARY

Monday 5th May—School closed for May Day Bank Holiday

Thursday 8th May— Rec height & weight checks

Friday 9th May—Yr4 leaver's photos

Thursday 15th May— Rec Attwell Farm trip

Friday 23rd May—School closes at 3pm for Whitsun half term

Monday 2nd June—School re-opens to all pupils

Tuesday 3rd June—Yr3 Thinktank Trip

[Published Calendar - HofWebsiteCalendar - Outlook](#)



School Uniform

Over the summer, many of you will be thinking about next year's uniform and school PE kits and be reminded of the ever increasing costs. For this reason, purchasing items of school uniform which have the school logo is entirely optional. All we ask is that the correct colour sweatshirt, polo shirt, trousers/skirts, shoes and bookbags are purchased.

Phasing out large and bulkier 'designer' bottles and back packs

Cloakrooms are becoming increasingly 'congested' and difficult to navigate due to the sheer size of some pupils back packs. Similarly, the space needed for larger designer water bottles is impacting on space on tables during lessons and therefore impacting learning. From September, pupils should only have a blue book bag, a blue PE/pump bag and a simple plastic water bottle with a maximum capacity of 750 ml.



This will make it easier for pupils to locate their belongings in the cloakrooms and keep everything together. Rucksacks are not needed, so should not be brought into school unless pupils are going on a school trip Thank you!

Cake sale

The School Council have decided to organise a cake sale to raise some funds to go towards our trim trail.

The cake sale will take place on **Wednesday 21st May**, at the front of the school building.

Please could you send any cake donations in to school, from **Monday 19th May**, to help us make this a successful event.

Many thanks, from the School Council Representatives.



A plea from school.....

Our classrooms are also in need of scrap paper, for drawing, creating and also teacher's writing notes. If anyone has any old notebooks, sketchbooks or unwanted paper at home and are happy to donate it to school, please drop it into the school office.

Also if you have any empty 2lt bottles with lids, Gill who runs the school allotment is in need of some.



Hot meal ordering...

Please ensure that all hot meals are ordered through your MCAS app at least 1 day in advance. Meals can be ordered up to 3 weeks in advance, if a hot meal has not been booked, please ensure a packed lunch is sent into school with your child.

If you have any issues accessing your MCAS account, please contact the school office.



Easter celebrations in school....

The run up to the Easter break was a busy and exciting time in school. We are delighted to announce that our Easter raffle raised an amazing £250. Thank you to everyone who took part and purchased raffle tickets. The money raised will go towards our fundraising for the school trim trail.

Well done to our school librarians, who ran an egg hunt during lunchtimes in the last week, they worked extremely hard and the event was a great success.



Reception stay and play fundraiser....

Thank you to all reception parents who attended the recent stay and play fundraiser to raise money to purchase plants, pots and compost for the reception garden. Over £130 was raised during the event, Mrs Johnson and some of the children will be visiting Castle nurseries when we return after the Easter break.

Thank you to all of our families for your continued support during school events.





Should I keep my child off school?

Yes

Until...

Chickenpox

at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over

Diarhoea and Vomiting

48 hours after their last episode

Cold and Flu-like illness
(including COVID-19)

they no longer have a high temperature and feel well enough to attend. Follow the national guidance if they've tested positive for COVID-19.

Impetigo

their sores have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after they started antibiotics

Measles

4 days after the rash first appeared

Mumps

5 days after the swelling started

Scabies

they've had their first treatment

Scarlet Fever

24 hours after they started taking antibiotics

Whooping Cough

48 hours after they started taking antibiotics

No

but make sure you let their school or nursery know about...

Hand, foot and mouth

Glandular fever

Head lice

Tonsillitis

Threadworms

Slapped cheek



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Advice and guidance

To find out more, search for health protection in schools or scan the QR code or visit <https://qr.co.uk/minfec>.