



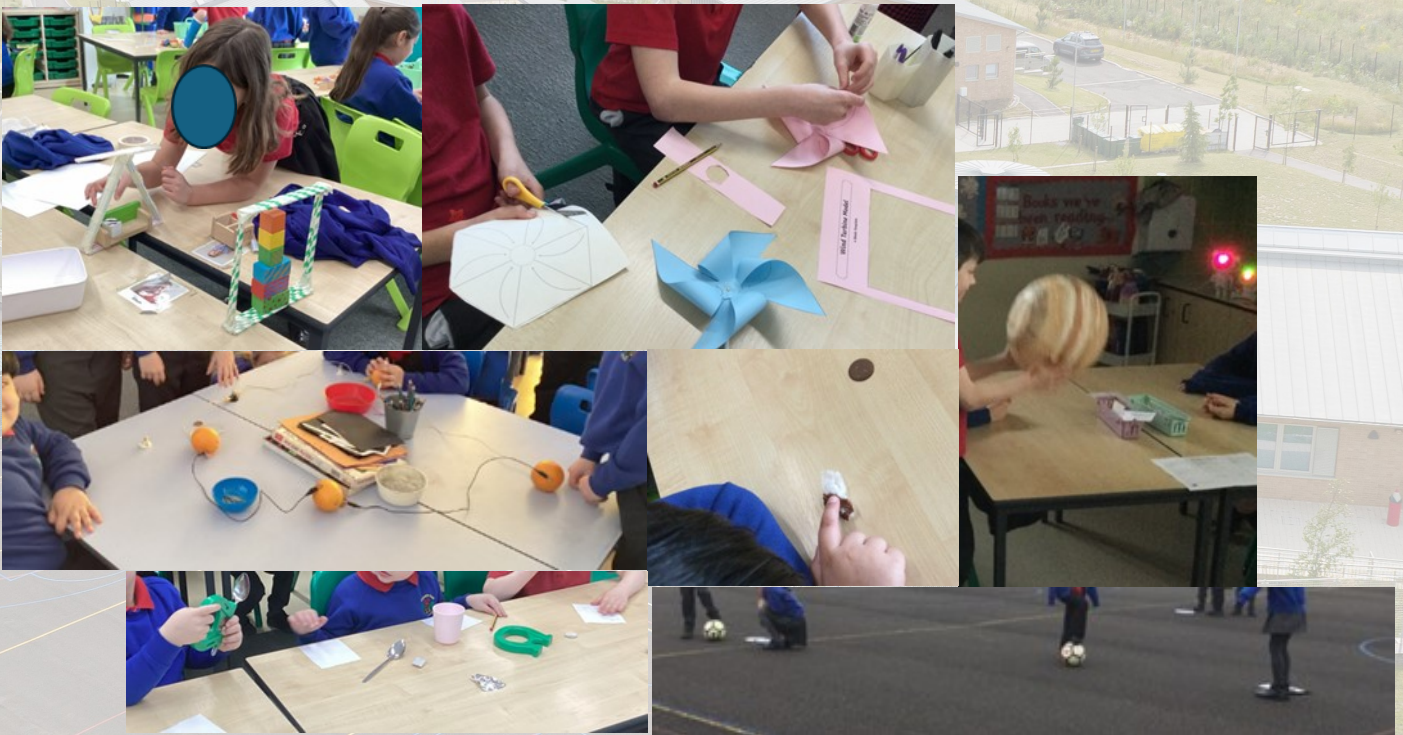
Holyoakes Field First School Newsletter

Friday 13th March 2026

All things SCIENCE!

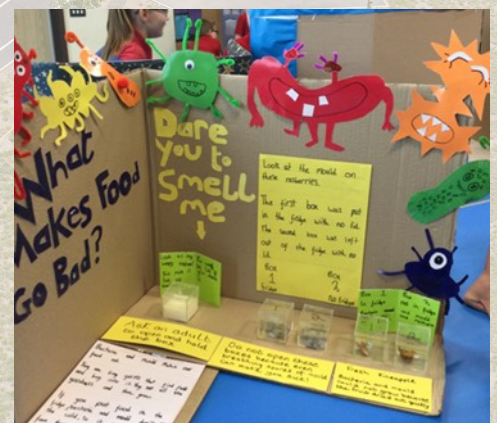
Lots of fun and excitement has been had during National Science week at school this week. Our pupils have enjoyed an action-packed week full of Science. They have completed a Science lesson in each classroom from Reception to Year 4 and taken part in an assortment of activities.

This years theme has been 'Curiosity: What's your question?'. We want to inspire the next generation of scientists and engineers. Please talk to your children about their highlights from the week or visit [British Science Week homepage - British Science Week](#) to find out more.



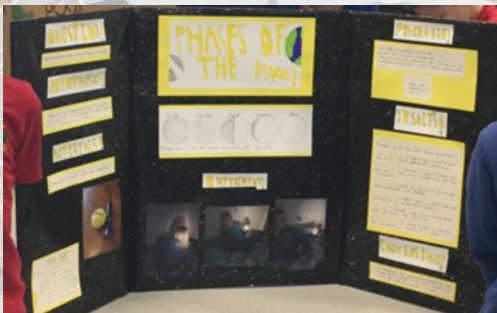
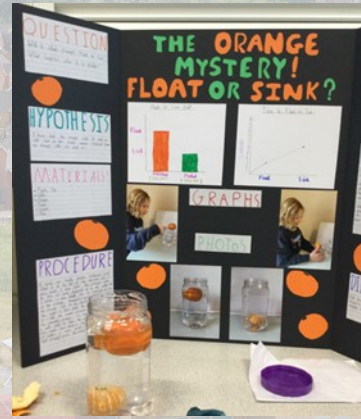
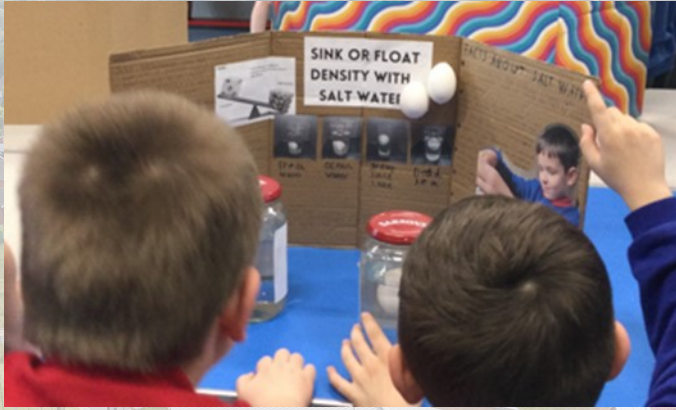
Annual Holyoakes Field Science Fair

Year 4's finally got the chance to exhibit their Science projects at this year Science Fair. A huge well done to all the children that took part. Each entry was amazing and the pupils in year 4 had put a lot of effort into their experiments and investigations.



Well Done Year 4!

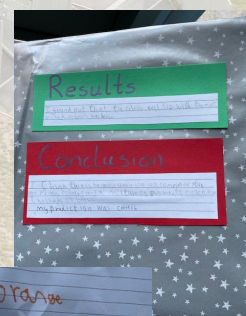
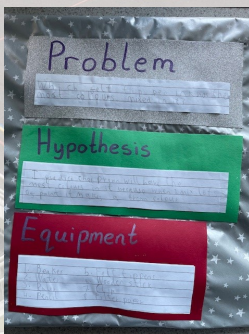
It was lovely to see so many family members visit the Science Fair on Thursday afternoon. It was clear to see how much encouragement pupils had received from their family members. They proudly demonstrated their Science investigations to their visitors with great enthusiasm and confidence. Adults and pupils alike thoroughly enjoyed finding out about their investigations.



And the winning Science Fair entry goes to....

Choosing a winner from all of the entries was very difficult. In the end, **Caeson** was our winner and **Bodhi-Rey** the runner-up.

Well done to both of them on a well researched, independently completed and well presented investigation.



The Grand Opening!

This morning, we were lucky enough to be visited by our local MP Chris Bloore. He came to 'cut the ribbon' and open our long awaited trim trail. Some of our ex-pupils came along from Birchensale as special VIP's. Although now in year 5, it was only right that they be invited back having been part of a group of pupils who had helped Mrs Cerrone design the trim trail last year. Needless to say, they enjoyed finally getting to play on it along with some of our current pupils.

None of this would have been possible without the tireless fundraising over the last few years and the generous donations we have received from our families as well as Persimmon Homes.



MCAS app and parental consents:

Can we please ask that you log on to your MCAS app and check that parental consents have been completed for your child.

My Healthy Lunchbox:

Lunch is an important meal for children. It provides energy and nutrients to keep them going throughout the afternoon.

If your child brings a packed lunch please remember that we strongly advise that the contents should be healthy.

Healthy Lunch Box Tips

A healthy sandwich or equivalent, a piece of fruit, some vegetables or salad and a pot or tube yoghurt. Water to drink (No fizzy drinks please).

Please limit the amount of crisps and biscuit/cake bars (no chocolate bars or sweets).

Please can parents refrain from sending anything containing nuts as we have several children with nut allergies and even being close to them could be very serious for them. This also includes chocolate spreads that may contain nuts.



**ALLERGY FREE
LUNCH TABLE**
**NO NUTS
OR PEANUTS** 

A message from the Young Enterprise Ambassadors

Thank you to everyone who has donated books towards our next fundraising event in school. In order for the event to go ahead, we are kindly asking again for any unwanted or unneeded books that are in a good condition. These can be books of all ages and of any genre.

We will share more details about the book sale nearer the time.

We would like to thank you in advance for your support with our new project.



Idling engines:

We would like to politely request that drivers of vehicles do not leave their engines idling outside school, as some do. This is not only environmentally not a good thing, but it is also bad for everyone's health, particularly children. It's also against the law.

Source, the RAC:

The Royal College of Physicians estimate 40,000 deaths a year in the UK are linked to air pollution, with engine idling contributing to this.

Idling means leaving a vehicle's engine running while it is stationary.

While this is often because of everyday traffic, there are some instances - such as waiting for children outside schools and sitting in total gridlock - when idling is not necessary and should be avoided.

Idling increases the amount of exhaust fumes in the air.

These fumes contain a number of harmful gasses including carbon dioxide, which is bad for the environment and contributes towards climate change, as well as a range of other harmful gasses including nitrogen dioxide, carbon monoxide and hydrocarbons which are linked to asthma and other lung diseases. Diesel vehicles are thought to be one of the biggest contributors to the problem.



Requesting a meeting or phone call with the school SENDCO:

In order for Miss Chance, our SENDCO to respond to parent queries we kindly request that you complete this [form](#). Rather than phoning the school office and leaving a message, completing this form will ensure she can triage enquiries and get the information parents need back to them in a more efficient manner.

Request a meeting

A request from the school allotment!

Our school allotment is in need of empty 2 litre water or soft drinks bottles to turn into mini greenhouses.

The bottles can be with or without lids. Any donations can be left with the school office.



We need your help!

You will have noticed that the school allotments are being prepared for planting. Please can all parents help ensure children do not climb onto the raised beds or the steps around them. Similarly, if you are waiting outside year 3&4 classrooms at the end of the day, please can you ensure children do not go into the Reflection Garden or swing on the ropes. This is damaging the posts and is also very unsafe. Your support is much appreciated.

Help look after our school!

EASTER RAFFLE

During the last 2 weeks of the school term our will be selling raffle tickets at break and lunchtime.

All money raised will be used to purchase resources throughout the school.

Raffle tickets will be sold for £1 per strip.

If you would like your child to take part, please send them in with the correct change to purchase their tickets.

Any donations of Easter chocolate for the raffle are warmly welcome to the school office.

Tickets will be on sale from Monday 16th March.
The raffle draw will take place on Friday 27th March.

