



# NEWSLETTER 6.3.26

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## Mrs Peck's Message

Another exciting week in school, with lots of our clubs on offer as always. It is lovely to see the children getting excited about learning new skills. We also celebrated World Book Day, with authors visiting both KS1 and KS2-how lucky are Holme Slack children! On Thursday, the children were also able to come to school in their PJs and cosy up with a good book; let's hope the love of reading continues to grow.

This week, we welcomed Mr Crompton into our Holme Slack Team; he is already saying that he loves being part of it! Please read the Staff Spotlight below to find out more about him.

Many thanks



## DUCKLINGS!

Reception class - Spring to Life! 🐣

As part of our new theme Spring to Life, we are exploring new beginnings in a very special way.

Our duck eggs arrived on Tuesday 3rd March, and the children have been observing them closely.

We were very excited that one of the ducklings hatched on Thursday! The children are enjoying watching the changes and learning how the ducklings grow and how to care for something small and special.

We'll keep you updated on our fluffy little friends.

It's been an egg-citing time! 🥚



## STAFF SPOTLIGHT - MR CROMPTON

My name is Mr Crompton, and I am the new Family Support Worker at Holme Slack Community Primary School.

I am very much looking forward to working with the children and families within the Holme Slack community. Having previously worked in a high school and a special educational needs setting supporting a large cohort of pupils with a wide range of needs and abilities, I am particularly excited about the opportunity to work more closely with individuals and families on a one-to-one basis. I hope to support our pupils and families in a meaningful way and contribute positively to their wellbeing and success.

An interesting fact about me before moving into education - I spent ten years working in the fitness industry, which gave me a strong understanding of the importance of wellbeing, resilience, and building positive habits—skills that I am passionate about bringing into my work supporting children and families.

## World Book Day

This week, there has been a real buzz across the school – reading has been everywhere! 📖🌟

The love of books has been shining through in so many ways: imagination, drama, author visits, cosy reads in front of the fire and children enjoying the special experience of reading to one another across the school.

Teachers and pupils have truly immersed themselves in the imaginative world of stories. The power of books is often underestimated – they can transport us to entirely new worlds and spark incredible creativity. 🌍📖

Everyone looked wonderfully chilled and cosy in their PJs or comfy clothes, making it the perfect atmosphere to relax and enjoy a good book!

KS1 enjoyed their visit from the author Chris Husband and  
KS2 enjoyed their visit from the author Chris Martin a.k.a Inky Stevens!

Thank you to Mrs Molyneux and Mrs Kirkham who organised this week and made it such a special celebration of reading. 🌟





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## OUR WEEKLY SUPERSTARS

	<b>Core Value Award</b>	<b>Wonderful Writer Award</b>	<b>Marvellous Mathematician Award</b>	<b>Sports Award</b>
<b>Reception</b>	Azlan	Iva	Farwah	Elizabeth
<b>Year 1</b>	Annie	Carla	Rosie	Tommy
<b>Year 2</b>	Emily	Ezra	Oscar	Rafal
<b>Year 3</b>	Lottie	Kaari	Kai	Keaton
<b>Year 4</b>	Jasmine	Amin	Arshavir	Charlie P
<b>Year 5</b>	Muhammad H	Hamad	Amber	Lucie
<b>Year 6</b>	Lya	Darcey	Abdullah	Brandon



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## ATTENDANCE

### ATTENDANCE LEAGUE TABLE

1	YEAR 2	14
2	YEAR 6	12
3	YEAR 4	11
4	RECEPTION	10
4	YEAR 1	10
5	YEAR 5	6
5	YEAR 3	6



This week's attendance winners are Year 4 and Year 2 with 95% Well done!

Every Monday, we will be spinning the 'every day wheel'. If your child has been in school for 5 days then they will get 10 DOJOs and be in with a chance of winning a 'non-uniform' day or some time with Mr Crompton, our new Family Support Worker.





## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

6<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup> March - British Science Week

9<sup>th</sup> March - Class photo day

10<sup>th</sup> March - Y3/4 Gymnastics at Longridge Gymnastics Club

13<sup>th</sup> March - Non - Uniform - Bring Chocolate / Easter Egg

16<sup>th</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup> March - British Sign Language Week

17<sup>th</sup> March - St Patrick's Day

18<sup>th</sup> March - Parents' Evening - Face to Face

19<sup>th</sup> March - Parents' Evening - Telephone Calls

20<sup>th</sup> March - Red Nose Day

20<sup>th</sup> March - School Nurse Drop-In Session 2pm - 3pm

23<sup>rd</sup> March - Family Learning Easter Craft Session 1:15pm - 3:15pm

24<sup>th</sup> March - Reception Trip to Smithills' Farm

25<sup>th</sup> March - Y5/6 Cross Country Competition

27<sup>th</sup> March - Eid Party Day

27<sup>th</sup> March - SCHOOL CLOSSES FOR TWO WEEKS - EASTER HOLIDAYS!

## SAFEGUARDING SPOTLIGHT



### Stay Strong, Get Vaccinated

#### Information for parents to protect their children through vaccination

We know your child's health is your top priority and so protecting them from serious disease is incredibly important. That is why the NHS offers a free childhood vaccine programme, safeguarding your child from certain illnesses.

Vaccines work by causing the body's immune system to remember the specific infection targeted in each vaccine. If your child comes into contact with an infection and they have had their vaccines, your child's body will recognise that infection and quickly respond to fight off diseases like measles, mumps, rubella, whooping cough and more.

Illnesses like measles can spread very easily between children who are not vaccinated, and such infections can have a huge impact on your child's life. They can miss out on school due to time spent unwell, be hospitalised, and even experience life-long complications and disability. In some cases, these infections can tragically cause death.

Recent data shows that in 2024<sup>1</sup>, over 2,900 measles cases were confirmed in England, the highest figure in decades. As a result, the UK has lost its World Health Organization (WHO) measles elimination status. Vaccination rates also remain well below the 95% target needed to prevent outbreaks.

Health experts warn that falling vaccination rates are putting more children at risk of severe illness and long-term complications, many of which are entirely preventable through the free NHS vaccinations programme.

Vaccination remains one of the most effective public health interventions, second only to clean water. Immunisation protects millions of children from severe illness, long-term complications and death globally each year.

We understand that you may have questions about vaccine safety and effectiveness. All routine childhood vaccinations offered by the NHS have an excellent safety record.

As well as directly protecting vaccinated children, many vaccines also reduce transmission across the population, helping to protect those who are too young or too vulnerable to be vaccinated.

#### What's new in 2026?

For the first time, the NHS is offering free protection against chickenpox as part of the routine childhood schedule through the MMRV vaccine. This single injection protects against:

- Measles
- Mumps
- Rubella
- Varicella (chickenpox)

The second dose is now offered earlier, at 18 months, to ensure children are fully protected before starting school.

#### Parents: What should you do?

**Check** your children are up to date with their recommended vaccinations and to **book an appointment** through their GP practice when invited so they are not put at an unnecessary risk.

If you do have any questions, do not hesitate to speak to your GP or health visitor, they will be happy to discuss vaccines and guide you through the vaccination schedule. Although it is important that vaccines are given on time for the best protection, if you or your child have missed a vaccine, simply contact your GP anytime to check if you can catch up.

Separately, **spread the message** within your family, friends and your wider community circles about the benefits of vaccination and **help** more children access the protection they need.

<sup>1</sup> [Parents urged to protect children through vaccination campaign - GOV.UK](#)



For more information, please visit:  
[NHS vaccinations and when to have them - NHS](#)  
[Why vaccination is important and the safest way to protect yourself - NHS](#)

## IN OTHER NEWS....

*School Nurse Drop In Session*  
*2pm Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March*

Pop in for a chat with our lovely school nurse in a private space if you have any concerns regarding your child, including :

- Bedwetting.
- Soiling and constipation.
- Sleep and bedtime routines.
- Low level emotional health e.g. friendships, puberty, body changes
- Managing low level behaviour- boundaries & routines. Referral to Parenting Team for parenting course.
- Hygiene support.
- Headlice support.
- Healthy living/lifestyle support
- Audiology referrals as required.
- Special care dentistry referrals as required.
- Any other issues not mentioned




### Are you a parent carer?

**Have your say** about the services your child receives by filling in this survey.

The survey is for families in Lancashire where there is 1 or more children with SEND (aged 0-24 years). It can be completed at any time that suits them.

It helps the SEND Partnership to:

- Listen to parent carers in Lancashire who have a child or children with SEND needs
- Collect feedback from families about their experience of the 'SEND journey' and the effectiveness of support they receive
- Identify gaps, areas for development and strengths within the SEND system

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Scan the QR code or the survey can be accessed as a paper copy in schools and Family Hubs.

Parent Carers Survey