



# Summer Term Newsletter

## A Message from the Director of Primaries

Holbeach Bank Academy continues to be amazing. This because of our pupils and the community of adults who work so hard and support us so well. We work hard and have fun together.

As the year closes, we say some goodbyes. Our year six pupils have enjoyed a busy year and closed their primary time with a memorable Graduation led by Miss Clare and Miss Cunningham. And once again, thank you to Mrs Worth and Mrs Jenkinson for hosting us.

The most recent orchestra event was memorable for us all. Karl and Charlotte are perfect for us in developing our musical skills and talents.

Our staff will continue to move across both Holbeach academies next year sharing their skills and talents. Sadly, we say goodbye to Mr Luxton who has given very long and dedicated work and support over many years to Holbeach Bank primary and academy. He is very much a friend to all and was the ideal new colleague to first let us all in the building back in June 2018 to work with the team and pupils. We owe him a great deal. He is kind and we now have to say take care and thank you after such loyal work and please keep visiting us. He is going to be celebrated and very much valued at an end of term meet up with the pupils and staff.

Mrs Richmond who works at Holbeach Primary after returning from enjoying time with her daughter, leaves at the end of term. She has led classes of pupils at both sites, Music, RE and other areas during her time with us.

We thank our acting CEO for all his hard work and continued commitment to our Holbeach primary academies of Primary and Bank and to all the academies within the Trust. His hard work and caring attitude are very much valued. I am sure he will continue to be keen to know all about Holbeach Bank academy.

Finally, we are saying goodbye to our Chair of Governors who is Holbeach Bank through and through! Mrs Worth leaves to become a member on a board at the UoLAT and so will be very much keeping in touch with Holbeach Bank academy. She has devoted so many hours to the work and fun of Holbeach Bank academy which we all and I very much sincerely thank her for.

Mrs Alison Smith has kindly agreed to take up the position of our new Chair of Governors who will lead the team and additional new members from the start of the new term. It was lovely that she was able to join the recent Graduation at St Lukes in Holbeach Hurn church.

Finally on behalf of our Governing Body, pupils and staff have a lovely summer and have fun, keep safe and we very much look forward to seeing everyone in September and welcoming new pupils to our Early years and other year groups.

Good luck to our year six pupils and we welcome your return to visit us.

Mrs Sue Boor

Executive Principal/ Director of Primaries.

# A Message from your Academy Lead

In what seems like the blink of an eye we find ourselves not only at the end of the summer term, but the end of this academic year also.

As I reflect upon the year, it truly has been incredible, filled with so many amazing events which we have been able to share with you all. We are thankful for our strong community links- especially with St Lukes Church in Holbeach Hurn, where we are able to hold so many special celebrations. The children have worked so hard this year and it has been a pleasure to get to know all of them, and of course, all of you as well. I look forward to many more fantastic moments at Holbeach Bank.

As we begin to think forward, we wish our Year 6 all the very best as they move on to embark upon the next stage of their educational journey. As an academy, we wish them well and hope to see them in the future and hear of their successes. As we look to the new academic year in September, we will welcome our new Reception children into the Holbeach Bank Academy community. However, we will be saying 'see you soon' to Miss Yaxley who has made the decision not to return to her role as Teaching Assistant but instead will be spending more precious time with her little one. I'm sure you join us in wishing her well for her future.

All that there is left for me to say is firstly thank you for welcoming me into the academy and making me feel so supported in my first year with you all- I look forward to many more! Secondly, I hope you all have a wonderful summer break- stay safe and I look forward to welcoming you all back safely on Thursday 04<sup>th</sup> September 2025.

*Miss Cunningham*

## We are HBA!

Here are just some of the things we have been up to within the Academy this term.



Excitement is in the air at our school as Glen class had a wonderful summer 1 term filled with fun and learning! Sports Day was a smashing success, with our little athletes showing great enthusiasm and team spirit in all the games. We also had fun dressing up in red, white and blue for VE day, where we had a tea party in the hall and took part in some traditional games in the afternoon.



Our classroom also took a fascinating imaginary trip to Africa, where children enjoyed exploring different cultures and animal habitats. We also created some African jewellery and made some paper plate lions. One of our stories included a recipe for African pancakes, so we just had to make and taste them, one of the ingredients comprised of chilli flakes!

The Holbeach library visit was another highlight, as the children were captivated by tales of adventure and discovery, sparking their imaginations and love for reading. We had a chance to look around and learnt how to scan books in and out with a library card.



It has been a busy, but wonderful, few weeks in Witham Class this term! One of our highlights was our learning about The Great Fire of London. The children have loved finding out about the key events including how the fire started and why it spread so quickly. Everyone has shown great enthusiasm towards this topic which has only been further supported by a live session with National Archives where we got to explore and analyse the information from different artefacts from their collection.



To kick off our 'Seven Seas' topic in Summer 2, we had an unforgettable Pirate Day. Everyone came dressed as pirates, complete with pirate hats, eye patches and even some treasure. Across the day we created our own terrifying pirate flags and planned out where we would bury our treasure on an 'ancient' map. To complete the day, we completed a pirate proficiency test to check if we had the skills we would need to be pirates through the use of an obstacle course and challenges.



This term we have also had an exciting trip to Holbeach Library. We spent a busy morning exploring our own school library to find out about the different genres of books and authors that we can choose. When we went to Holbeach Library we found out how the library works with a demonstration of the machine to check books out. We listened to the librarian tell us an interactive story and spent time exploring the shelves to see which books we might want to borrow.



This term, Nene Class embarked on an exciting journey through history and creativity. Our theme was Anglo-Saxon and Viking Britain, and we delved into this fascinating era using drama to bring historical battles and daily life to the present. The pupils became young historians and actors, exploring the lives and legends of these ancient peoples.



A highlight of our term was visiting Ayscoughfee Museum, where our pupils consolidated their learning. They were thrilled to see artefacts and exhibits that painted a vivid picture of life in the past, sparking curiosity and deepening their understanding of history.



Back at school, Nene Class participated in our exhilarating Sports Day. With both enthusiasm and teamwork, they showcased their athletic skills, ensuring everyone enjoyed a day full of fun and exercise.

Adding a musical note to the term, the class practised tirelessly for our school's music concert. Their performance of 'The Cup Song' from Pitch Perfect was a resounding success, demonstrating their rhythm and musical talents. Their hard work and dedication truly shone on stage.



This term has been a fantastic tapestry of learning, creativity, and fun. We are incredibly proud of Nene Class's achievements and look forward to their future adventures in learning.

Throughout this term, the children have been extremely busy, learning about Global Trade in Geography. They learnt what the difference between local, national and global trade was and how different companies trade with other companies. They developed their learning further through our trip to DGM growers and our online lesson with M&S.

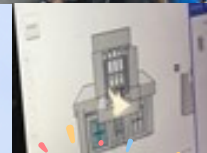
In music, the children have been learning to play the glockenspiel. They have learnt how to play the theme song from Pirates of the Caribbean. The children have really engaged with this topic and have created a beautiful piece.



Linking to our Science topic (living things), the children have learnt how to classify animals and plants, they have worked hard to use 'Mrs Gren' to understand if something is alive and learn about microorganisms, through Science experiments. This term, the children have shown fantastic skills with our computing units, thinking hard about perspective as well as the purpose and audience of a design. They have used Tinkercad and have become architects to create some brilliant building designs - focusing on where their building would be, how to join the objects together and how to create a new structure.



Year 5 taster day at UAH: this day was packed with year 7 style lessons. The year 5s learnt about leaf cells using microscopes, had a music lesson based on Pompeii by Bastille and finished the day with an art lesson focusing on contour lines.



This term has been so busy, but Welland has produced some amazing work. We also congratulate those who went on Bikeability as they did a fantastic job learning how to cycle safely and we wish our Year 6 students who are leaving us, best of luck in year 7- you will be missed.



# Key Dates for Next Academic Year

## Term Dates for Academic year 2025-2026

Term 1	Thursday 04 <sup>th</sup> September 2025 to Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October 2025 <b>Autumn Half-Term</b>
Term 2	Monday 03 <sup>rd</sup> November 2025 to Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> December 2025 <b>Christmas Break</b> Bank holidays:- Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> & Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> December 2025 Thursday 01 <sup>st</sup> January 2026
Term 3	Tuesday 06 <sup>th</sup> January 2026 to Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> February 2026 <b>Spring Half-Term</b>
Term 4	Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February 2026 to Thursday 02 <sup>nd</sup> April 2026 <b>Easter Break</b> Bank holidays:- Friday 03 <sup>rd</sup> & Monday 06 <sup>th</sup> April 2026
Term 5	Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> April 2026 to Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May 2026 <b>Summer Half-Term</b> Bank holidays:- Monday 04 <sup>th</sup> May & Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> May 2026
Term 6	Monday 01 <sup>st</sup> June 2026 to Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July 2026



### Autumn Term 1 2025

Thursday 04<sup>th</sup> September 2025- School Term Begins (Breakfast & Wrap open as usual)

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2025- Jeans for Genes Day

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2025- MacMillan Cake Sale  
European Languages Day

Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> September 2025- Academy Open Morning

Monday 06<sup>th</sup> to Wednesday 08<sup>th</sup> October 2025- Year 6 Residential

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2025- Hello Yellow Day

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2025- Harvest Services at St. Lukes Church, Holbeach Hurn

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2025- Bright Bites Visits

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2025- End of Term 1



### Autumn Term 2 2025

Monday 03<sup>rd</sup> November- School Term Begins (Breakfast & Wrap open as usual)

Thursday 06<sup>th</sup> November 2025- Outdoor Classroom Day

Sunday 09<sup>th</sup> November 2025- Remembrance Service at Holbeach Hurn War Memorial

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2025- Anti-Bullying Week & Odd Socks Day

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2025- Remembrance in the Academy

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2025- Children in Need

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2025- Parliament Week

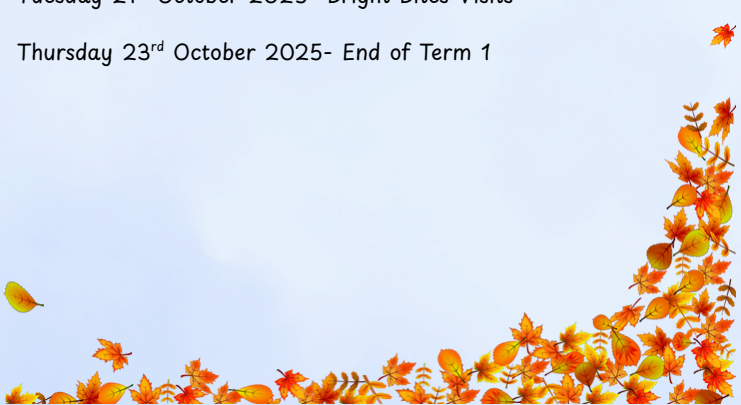
Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2025- No Pen Day

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2025- Willoughby Christmas Lunch

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2025- Nativity & Carol Services at St. Lukes Church, Holbeach Hurn

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2025- Winter Crafts Day

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2025- End of Term 2



# Academy Reminders

## Uniform Expectations

Wearing a uniform represents the pride the pupils have in our academy community and shows the unity between us. It is both practical and smart. We appreciate the support of all parents and carers in maintaining the high expectations we have in our dress code.

### Early Years & Key Stage 1

White polo shirt  
Grey or black trousers or shorts  
Grey skirt or pinafore dress  
Black shoes, white or grey socks of grey tights  
Black v-neck jumper or cardigan with green stripe  
White P.E. top  
Black or Navy shorts

### Key Stage 2

White shirt  
Grey or black trousers or shorts  
Black shoes, white or grey socks of grey tights  
Black v-neck jumper or cardigan with green stripe  
Green and black tie  
White P.E. top  
Black or Navy shorts  
Summer uniform: green and white check dress of grey shorts

### Jewellery

Jewellery should not be worn to the academy. All children will be asked to remove stud earrings for P.E. lessons and swimming lessons. Pupils who are unable to remove earrings should bring tape to cover them during lessons.

Any jewellery worn to the academy will need to be removed and kept safe in the academy office where it can be collected at the end of the day.

## P.E. and Swimming Timetable

Below are the days each class will have P.E. in Autumn 1.



On Monday, we are very excited to welcome back Emily from Chance to Shine who will be running cricket sessions for all classes. These will mainly take place outside so please ensure suitable P.E. kit is worn, especially as the weather begins to turn.

Glen & Witham- Monday & Thursday

Nene- Monday, Swimming Wednesday

Welland- Monday & Thursday



Swimming kits will need to be bought into the academy for swimming sessions. In Autumn 1, this will be Nene class. Don't forget, swimming hats need to be worn for swimming sessions.

## Attendance



At Primary school, pupils who attend school nearly every day in Year 6 (95-100% attendance) are 30% more likely to reach the expected standard in reading, writing and mathematics compared to similar pupils who attend 90-95% of the time. Therefore, we aim for 97% attendance for all our pupils Holbeach Bank Academy.

Holbeach Bank Academy attendance for 2024 - 2025 was 93.98%  
7% of HBA children achieved 100% this academic year with  
28% overall achieving more than our target of 97%.

