



AUTUMN TERM NEWSLETTER

December 2025

Message from the Academy Lead

The Autumn Term is always a long term when the weather changes and the mornings are darker and evenings are longer than ever! However, it is the term where we start anew, embrace change, build relationships and challenge ourselves. It is safe to say that every child at Holbeach Bank has done just that across this term. We have welcomed our new CEO, Mr Anderson to the Trust and he has visited us here at Holbeach Bank across the term, as well as joining us for our festive services, alongside our Director of Primaries, Mrs Boor, who continues to be involved within the academy.

This Term has been incredibly busy at Holbeach Bank Academy. The positive attitudes shown by all within the academy contributes to the learning and achievements we've seen already this term.

We started the term with some local visitors to enhance our learning. We welcomed Mr Gratton along with his miniature steam engine linking to learning around the industrial revolution in Years 5 & 6, and sound in EYFS. We deepened our musical understanding following the visit from the travelling orchestra in the Summer Term with a visit from the Holbeach Town Band. Seeing the instruments up close and hearing about their origins and how they're played was amazing. We were fortunate enough to have the opportunity to play them as well- even the adults had a go! Read on to see some pictures. We have enjoyed participating in community events for Remembrance as well as an exciting visit to the Spalding Council Offices for our Academy Councillors along with other children.

Amongst all of the exciting events which have taken place this term, we have sadly said 'goodbye and good luck' to some members of the team. Miss Patrick, Miss Creek and Miss Appleby have moved on from Holbeach Bank to follow different paths. We wish them the very best for their futures and will miss them around the academy. However, we welcome Miss Thorpe, Ms Bollons and Mrs Hunt to the Holbeach Bank family and know that they are all looking forward to working with the children and all of you! We send warm congratulations to Miss Phoenix who welcomed a beautiful baby girl in September.

I would like to thank you all for your continued support for our academy making it even more amazing for our wonderful children!

From everyone here at Holbeach Bank, we hope you have a magical Christmas and enjoy some precious family time over the festive period. We look forward to welcoming you all back in the New Year!

Miss Cunningham
Academy Lead



We are H.B.A!

Here are just some of the things we have been up to in the academy this term!



Nick Gratton visited us with his miniature steam engine and steam-powered organ which played beautiful music.



Holbeach Bank Academy have raised a fantastic amount towards the following charities:

Macmillan Cancer

Support
£189.50



BBC Children In Need
£44.91
BBC Children
in Need



The Royal
British Legion
£86.15



Hello
Yellow
£55.75
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YOUNGMINDS

A WHOPPING £441.31 IN TOTAL!
Thank you!

Jeans 4
Genes
£65.00





gkn Class News

As we come to the end of our Autumn Term, we are delighted to share all the exciting learning experiences your children have enjoyed.

After the children settled into our daily routines, our journey began with the topic "Making waves." Children explored how sounds are made and how they travel through different materials, everyday noises, listening games to sharpen auditory skills and musical instruments to create and compare sounds. The children loved experimenting with sound and discovering how it shapes the world around us.

After half term we turned our attention to "Night Sky." Highlights included learning about the solar system, including the Sun, Moon, and planets, understanding why we have day and night and how the Earth moves, observing stars and constellations through stories and creative art projects, discovering nocturnal animals and their special adaptations. This topic sparked curiosity and wonder, and the children showed great enthusiasm for exploring space and the creatures of the night. We also need to mention how well the children performed in both the harvest festival and our nativity, they were great at learning the songs.



Thank You!



We are so proud of the progress the children have made this term. Thank you for your continued support and encouragement at home. We look forward to more exciting learning adventures in the Spring Term!

Witham Class News

Witham Class have been digging into the past exploring our topic 'Dinosaur Detectives'.

Year 1 and 2 have learnt about the life of Mary Anning in History, finding out about her discoveries which she initially called curiosities before later finding out that they were fossils. We had a go at being palaeontologists exploring and digging for our own fossils.

In English, we have created carefully planned riddles which used adjectives to describe various dinosaurs and wrote our own dinosaur adventure stories where we were the main characters.

In Music, we have had a fantastic time learning how to play rhythms on djembe drums, across the term we have learnt to play five songs including two Christmas songs.



Nene Class News

This term, Nene Class have been busy creating some truly wonderful work!

We wrote our own amazing versions of The Iron Man by Ted Hughes, using powerful descriptions and imaginative ideas to bring the story to life. In art, we learned how to paint like Claude Monet, experimenting with light, colour and brushstrokes to create beautiful impressionist-inspired pieces.

During Parliament Week, we learned all about how Parliament works and even created our own political parties, sharing ideas, debating and voting just like real MPs. We also prepared for the Christmas Service at St. Luke's, learning and performing a variety of festive songs and stories. The children worked incredibly hard and shone brightly during the celebration—well done, Nene Class!



Welland Class News

Throughout the autumn term, Welland have worked with enthusiasm and focus across the curriculum. In History, the children explored the Industrial Revolution, considering whether it was a significant turning point in British history. This learning was enhanced by a visit from Nick Gratton, who shared a model steam engine and helped deepen pupils' understanding of early locomotives as well as how these were influential during the Industrial Revolution.

During our Science lessons, the focus was on Materials, with children learning how to classify materials and investigate solutions, reversible changes and irreversible changes. They worked hard to create hypotheses and investigate whether their hypothesis was correct or not. Alongside this, pupils continued to build their Computing skills, successfully using spreadsheets and creating detailed vector drawings. In Music, the class learned to play the ukulele, developing confidence with different chords and performing a range of pieces, including Thunder and several Christmas songs.

Welland also took part in several enrichment activities this term. On European Languages Day (26th September), pupils sang French songs, participated in a French café role-play and produced artwork inspired by the Eiffel Tower. During Parliament Week, some pupils visited Spalding Council offices to learn about local government and debates. This experience led to a lively class debate on whether school uniforms should be banned.

Overall, Welland have shown excellent engagement in their learning and have produced high-quality work across the curriculum throughout the Autumn term.





Other News & Information

We are aware that parking around the academy at busy times is limited and we are continuously looking at ways to support with this, working with Lincolnshire Road Safety Partnership and local Police as well. As part of this, we ask that you support ensuring safety around the academy by not parking on the yellow zig-zag lines as this is illegal. We also ask that you park respectfully with regard for others, the children and our academy neighbors too. We really appreciate your support in keeping everyone safe.

Reminders

Don't forget to book for Breakfast Club and The Wrap Club as spaces fill-up quickly.

Check the class pages on the website for information about P.E. days and what children will be learning next term.

Spring Term Dates

- Spring Term 1 starts Tuesday 06th January 2026.
- Spring half-term Monday 16th- Friday 20th February 2026.
- Spring Term 2 ends Thursday 02nd April 2026.

Spring Term PE & Swimming

Weekly lessons will take place on the following days for each class:

Glen & Witham- PE on Tuesday & Thursday.

Nene- Swimming on Wednesday, PE on Friday.

Welland- PE on Tuesday & Wednesday.

PE kit must be worn to the academy on these days. Swimming kit needs to be brought in a separate bag and a swimming hat is required.

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From everyone at Holbeach Bank Academy...

Merry
Christmas
AND HAPPY NEW YEAR