

SPRING TERM NEWSLETTER

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Message from the Director of Primaries

Dear Parent & Carers

As this term draws to a close, it has once again been a full and busy term. We are all looking forward to sending our pupils off for a lovely Spring break.

We return for an equal range of learning activities and events in the Summer term including our confident year six pupils taking their tests and our newest pupils coming along for their visits.

I will continue to be part of Holbeach Bank Academy until the end of the academic year but I will then be stopping to enjoy family time and the start of new adventures.

I have been very fortunate to have led and been part of the journey of Holbeach Bank Academy but now, only for positive reasons, it is my turn to stop.

Miss Kerryann Cunningham takes the lead as Principal of our amazing academy and Miss Nicola Kenyon, the Principal of Holbeach Primary Academy. The two academies will continue to work closely together and we continue to recognise the value of our supportive Holbeach Bank parents and carers.

Miss Nicola Kenyon and Miss Kerryann Cunningham will be supported by Assistant Principals Mrs Jo Lovell, Mrs Emma Fawcett and Mr Darran Fiddler, with Miss Stacy Clayton, KS1 Leader, across Holbeach Primary and Holbeach Bank Academies. With these colleagues, the two sites will continue to work closely together and will continue to be inclusive to all.

As Director of Primaries, I am fortunate also to work across the other primaries in the Trust and know Holbeach Bank Academy has the respect it deserves as an academy of first choice.

I will still very much be around prior to retirement starting, but in the meantime thank you to our families for your continued support, our staff, Governors, Chief Executive Officer and Trustees.

Now for a Spring break for our families and we look forward to seeing your amazing children next term.

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Message from the Principal

The warm spring sunshine has been a welcome addition this term, along with the new children and families we have welcomed to the academy this term.

Our community is growing and we couldn't be prouder to be Holbeach Bank!

Across this term I have seen great engagement from all children with their learning and there has been such a 'buzz' in all classrooms. The children in Glen and Witham have enjoyed a visit to the spring lambs at Grove Farm and we are looking forward to more local excursions across the rest of this year. Attendance has been a focus for the academy and this is celebrated weekly within assembly with the class with the highest attendance recognised. I'd like to thank all families for working with us as we know attendance is integral for children's education as so much learning can be lost by just one day's absence! We continue to promote and maintain high attendance at the academy next term.

It has been wonderful to welcome parents and carers into the academy this term whether it be for information sessions, craft afternoons or to join us at our services. The children always enjoy showcasing their learning and achievements, and we love to share the rich learning experiences with you all too! As we look forward to the Summer Term, we will be enjoying more time outside in the academy gardens and evolving those as well as practicing our sports skills and teamwork in preparation for sports mornings and continuing to grow academically, socially and emotionally through our learning. We will continue to work collaboratively with Holbeach Primary and more widely across the Trust to strengthen our links and opportunities for all.

I hope you all enjoy a restful Easter break with family time and recuperation and I look forward to welcoming you all back into the Academy on Tuesday 21st April.

Miss Cunningham

Principal

We are HBA!

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

World Book Day 2026



Glen Class News

What a wonderful and busy term it has been in Glen class! Over the past twelve weeks, the children have explored two exciting topics that helped them learn more about the world around them—both past and present and all about farms.

During the first half of the term, we looked closely at how everyday items have changed throughout history. The children loved comparing old and new toys, noticing how materials, colours and features have developed. We also explored household objects from long ago and today, discovering how technology has made many tasks quicker and easier. Vehicles were another favourite, and the children enjoyed spotting the differences between early forms of transport and the modern versions they see on the roads now. This topic sparked lots of curiosity, discussion and wonderful questions! We even made our own maps of our local area, showing our way to school.

In the second half of the term, we moved onto our farm topic. The children learned about different farm animals, the jobs that farmers do, and where some of our food comes from. A highlight was certainly our special visit to see the sheep and lambs. The children were so excited to watch the animals up close and talk about how they are cared for. This experience really helped to bring our learning to life and will no doubt stay with them for a long time. The children have worked incredibly hard and shown fantastic enthusiasm throughout the term. We are very proud of all they have achieved and look forward to even more adventures next term!



Witham Class News

Witham Class have had a fantastic term exploring our topic, Wonderful World. The children have been learning all about Brazil and especially enjoyed comparing a typical school day there with their own experiences. As part of our journey around the globe, we cooked delicious couscous from Morocco and had great fun making traditional pretzels from Germany. We also visited Grove Farm to build on our learning about the seasons and spring, where we were lucky enough to see new born lambs and enjoy a guided tour of the farm. We had the chance to ask lots of questions. In DT, we demonstrated great team work to follow plans to create Ferris Wheels to match a design criteria which included the wheel being able to turn using an axle mechanism.

We also celebrated several special event days this term. For World Book Day, the children loved dressing up as their favourite book characters and spent time writing thoughtful book reviews to recommend their favourite stories to others. More recently, we took part in Red Nose Day, enjoying the chance to come together as a class to raise awareness of the important charity work that supports lots of people.

Nene Class News

Nene Class has had a busy and exciting few weeks filled with learning, creativity, and discovery across a range of subjects.

We thoroughly enjoyed celebrating World Book Day, where everyone had the chance to share their love of reading. It was wonderful to see the variety of costumes and to hear pupils talking enthusiastically about their favourite books and characters. This has linked closely with our class text, *Stig of the Dump*, which we have been reading together. The story has sparked great discussions, thoughtful predictions, and some fantastic descriptive writing.

During Neurodiversity Week, we explored how everyone's brain works in different and unique ways. The children showed great maturity and kindness as we discussed the importance of understanding and respecting each other's strengths and differences. It was a valuable opportunity to promote inclusion and celebrate individuality within our classroom.

Science Week brought lots of hands-on investigations and curiosity. Pupils worked collaboratively to ask questions, test ideas, and think like scientists. It was fantastic to see their enthusiasm as they explored new concepts and carried out practical activities.

In History, we have been learning about the Stone Age, Bronze Age, and Iron Age. The children have been fascinated by how people lived in the past, including how tools, homes, and daily life changed over time. They have compared these periods and developed a strong understanding of how human life has evolved.

We are very proud of the effort and enthusiasm Nene Class continues to show in all areas of learning. Well done, everyone!



Welland Class News

Throughout this term, the children have been extremely busy across the curriculum. In Geography, they explored how Scandinavia compares to the UK, developing their map skills by using google maps, locating countries and cities, and understanding both human and physical features. They also built on their orienteering skills in PE, working collaboratively to apply their knowledge in practical contexts. In English, the class worked hard on a range of writing outcomes linked to *Pig Heart Boy*, including persuasive letters, explanation texts, and newspaper reports. They showed great creativity and independence in their writing, particularly during assessment week and Science Week. In Maths, the children focused on area and perimeter before moving on to decimals, fractions, and percentages, building confidence in number skills such as multiplying and dividing by powers of 10.

Science learning centred on the circulatory system, where pupils investigated how the heart works, how nutrients are transported, and how to maintain a healthy lifestyle. This linked closely with PSHE, where they explored making healthy choices and understanding wellbeing. The children also enjoyed developing their creativity through Art, producing detailed anatomical drawings, which all the children are extremely proud of. In Spring term 1, the children used their skills to create their own version of Maya Masks.

Music lessons focused on Samba, where pupils developed rhythm and teamwork. Additionally, they used their composition skills to create a new groove, focusing on using different beats and instruments to create something unique and different from other pieces.

Alongside their classroom learning, the children enthusiastically took part in special events including World Book Day, Red Nose Day, and Number Day, showcasing both their creativity and their enthusiasm for learning. Overall, it has been a busy and productive term, and Welland class should be very proud of all they have achieved.

Other news & Information

Breakfast Club

As shared this term, we are proud to be able to offer free breakfast to all children within the academy. To help us ensure this runs smoothly, we are now asking that bookings are made online using the link below. Please complete an individual for each child.



<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScnOuYIMLDIE6Dj-QNnFprB350Ov5MnhDlSf-T-V5JscNmBUw/viewform?usp=dialog>

We require a minimum of 72 hours notice for sessions booked please.

Term Dates

Academy Term Dates : - Summer Term
Term Five starts on Tuesday 21st April 2026
Monday 4th May - Bank Holiday
Monday 11th May - Y6 SATS Week
Friday 22nd May - End of term 5
Term Six starts - Monday 1st June
Academic year 2026 - 2027 starts on
Thursday 3rd September 2026

PE Days

Glen - Tuesday and Thursday
Witham - Tuesday and Thursday
Nene - Wednesday and Friday
Welland - Tuesday and Thursday

Please remember that PE kit is white or navy tee shirt, black or navy shorts and a plain black or navy tracksuit. Stud earrings taped.

Uniform Expectations

Summer uniform may be worn during the warmer months. No items of jewellery should be worn during the academy day. Earrings to be stud style only and these must either be taped up or removed during PE lessons. Please ensure that your child has a water bottle and a sun hat. Sun cream should be applied before coming into the academy, thank you.

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From all at Holbeach Bank!