

# Summer Newsletter 2024

**This is a full round up of Summer Term  
(Terms 5 & 6)**

This academy year ends with mixed weather but very positive reasons to once again feel proud of all our pupils at Holbeach Primary Academy.

This year has flown by with so many exciting events and opportunities across the year. Our D-Day remembering event was very special, our musical concert was so clever and full of talent and so many exciting days of learning to remember.

Well done to all pupils and staff for all the success with results in national tests.

We say goodbye to our year six pupils who we wish an excellent start to their new schools and academies.

We say goodbye to Miss Penney who we know will be great in her new job. Well done and enjoy a new school and new children to meet. Mrs Dawson leaves us too. Goodbye and enjoy new experiences in your new life. Mr Abrams is heading off for new experiences. Well done and enjoy.

We thank you team for all your hard work, support of our pupils and their team approach to working with us all.

We look forward to seeing everyone in September and welcoming our new pupils.

We all return on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2024. Have a really lovely Summer break. Thank you for all your support. Take care and keep safe.

Mrs Sue Boor  
Executive Principal

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## A Message from the Academy Lead

As we draw to the close of the academic year it is a time for reflection. For our Year 6 pupils it is a time to say goodbye and thank you for all their hard work and the special memories they leave us with. We wish them every success as they graduate from Holbeach Primary Academy ready to begin the next step in their educational journey and know they will continue to make us proud. We anticipate being ready to welcome our new classes of Early Years children as they embark on their next steps and look forward to them joining the academy family.

We also say goodbye to Mrs Dawson and Miss Penney who have been valued members of our academy and wish them every success as they move on with the next stage of their journeys.

Reflecting on the Summer Term, it has certainly been a busy one packed with fun experiences such as D Day commemoration, trips out to Natureland, exhibiting at the Lincolnshire Show, Sports Days, World Music Day and even a beach themed day across Ash, Willow and Oak classes to close the term. The children continue to amaze us with their talents and hard working attitudes, serve as ambassadors to the academy and make us proud.

We all hope that you enjoy the summer break and look forward to welcoming you all back on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September. It has been a pleasure across the year to watch the children all grow and achieve with the invaluable support of all our wonderful parents and carers. A huge thank you.

Miss Kenyon

*Mrs Brookes has decided to hang up her mop and buckets following 30 years' dedicated service. Mrs Brookes began at Holbeach Primary School as a Teaching Assistant, she has covered the roles of midday supervisor assistant, heading up the lunchtime team, administration assistant, caretaker and more recently taking her career to Holbeach Bank Academy as a valued member of the cleaning team.*

## Term Dates 2024/2025

**Term 1: Wednesday 4th September 2024 to Friday 18th October 2024**

**Term 2: Tuesday 29th October 2024 to Thursday 19th December 2024**

*Full term dates available on the school website under the Parents tab*



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## Maple and Chestnut Summer Learning

This term Chestnut and Maple class have been learning about the fascinating world of the British seashore. They have recreated rock pools and found out about other coastal habitats. We have read non-fiction books and found out lots of interesting facts, discovering which animals live in a rock pool and what they eat. The children have been

really creative making sea creatures and painting coastal landscapes.



We have been talking about moving on and how we have changed over the school year. The children have been amazing this year and should be proud of their achievements. We wish them all the best as they move into Year 1 and Year 2.

## Summer Term Learning for Ash, Willow and Oak Classes.

Oak, Ash and Willow Class have been exploring the different coastlines of Great Britain this term through 'Beachcombers'. They have researched the achievements of lifeboat pioneer Grace Darling through drama and the impact of the RNLI today. As Geographers, they have identified coasts in our local area and beyond such as the saltmarsh of Freiston and the sandy beach of

Hunstanton. This has linked

well in Science where their understanding of microhabitats extended to exploring rock pools. Overall, this term has been filled with stories of lighthouses and sea creatures, photos and maps of coastal areas and artwork of coral reefs and sea-life textures.



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## An overview of learning from Cherry, Walnut and Elm Class

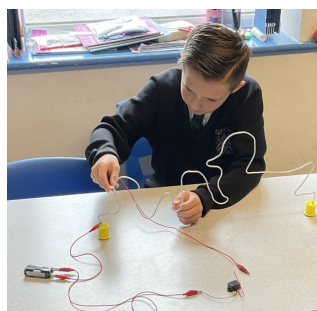
Year 3 & 4 have had a busy summer term, starting with the exciting topic "Road Trip USA." They explored both the physical and human features of the USA and honed their map-work skills. Working in groups, the children designed and made their own cars using woodworking skills, integrating science by creating circuits to make the cars move. They thoroughly enjoyed reading their class book, "The Land of Roar".



For the final term of the year, the focus shifted to food. The students read "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory" and designed their own chocolate bars, even writing recipes for their creations. They explored where our food comes from, further developing their map skills. In PE, the students participated in the Sports2Day inter-school athletic competition.

## An overview of learning from Magnolia, Acer and Sycamore Class

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Year 5 and Year 6 have had an enriching few terms. The Year 6 students put in significant effort preparing for their SATS exams. During the first half of the summer, they delved into the book 'Wonder', engaging in writing speeches and exploring the story's themes. Meanwhile, Year 5 focused on writing from different perspectives using the same book and enjoyed drama activities to support their learning. After the

half-term break, the entire school celebrated the 80th anniversary of D-Day. Some Year 6 students were selected to attend a service at All Saints, where they laid flags, and Kasia read out a poem. Both Year 5 and Year 6 researched the D-Day landings and read a book titled 'D-Day Dog'. They also crafted model tanks similar to those used to deceive the Germans during the war. Additionally, the students have been studying Evolution and the discoveries of Charles Darwin through their English and Geography lessons, adding a scientific dimension to their learning.





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### Lincolnshire Show—School Challenge

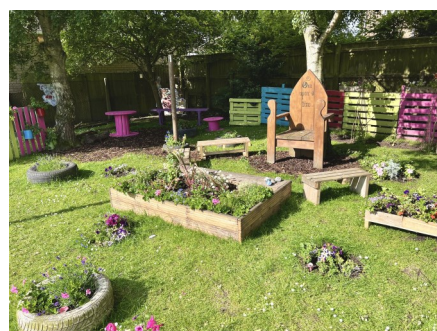
This year Cherry class decided to take part in the school's challenge at the Lincolnshire Show. Our project involved creating a bee friendly garden. Lots of companies are trying to promote the importance of bees and the positive impact that they have on our environment. As part of our project, we designed an area of our school grounds to become a safe space for children to use as well as to attract bees. We wanted to

promote the importance of bees to others in school, somewhere they could go to read as a class or enjoy some quiet time. We received some generous donations from Branch Bros, Boyes, B&Q and Fulney Sand and Gravel.



All of the children worked extremely hard to create a wonderful space in the school environment as well as learning all about bees. We had such a great time when Barry the bee man came into our class to show some live bees in their hive and to talk

to us about the life cycle of bees. The time came to present our project. The children were all AMAZING and showed everyone there just how fantastic they are. We



had such a fantastic two days, showcasing our garden and work we have done.

Well done to all of Cherry Class!



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## D Day Memorial Commemoration - Thursday 6th June 2024



Children from Holbeach Primary Academy and Holbeach Bank Academy



joined member of the British Legion, All Saints Church and other local schools to take part in the 80th Anniversary of the D Day Landings in 1944. The children represented both academies proudly and there were children from each academy that shared poems they had written commemorating the event. Each child also laid a D Day flag to commemorate those that lost their lives in the D Day landings 80 years ago. We could not have been more proud of the children who showed great respect in representing the academies and being part of this event. The children had been learning about the D Day landings as part of their curriculum work and were able to share facts with members of the British Legion.

## World Music Day – Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> June – Music Through the Decades.

This year, our academy organised a special event on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> June that allowed the children to showcase their musical talents and revel in the joy of live performance. We invited a local live band, who graciously agreed to accompany our young musicians during their performances. It was indeed a thrilling opportunity for the children to experience the dynamics of performing live music alongside professional musicians. Each class had the chance to perform a piece that they had been practising diligently over the past weeks. The enthusiasm and energy in the performances was delightful, as the children's hard work and dedication shone brightly through their performances. An esteemed panel of judges was present to evaluate the performances, and their task was undeniably challenging given the impressive talent displayed by all the children. After much deliberation, the judges announced that Willow and Acer classes had delivered the standout performances of the day, earning them the title of winners for this year's World Music Day celebrations. The joy and pride on the faces of the children from Willow and Acer classes were moments to cherish. Overall, the day was a resounding success and a marvellous example of the vibrant and creative spirit of our academy community. We are immensely proud of all our students for their hard work, enthusiasm, and the sheer joy they brought to this event.





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## All Saints Flower Festival

Holbeach Primary Academy and Holbeach Bank Academy have joined forces to share a display in All Saints church for the Flower Parade. The academies were given a hymn to base their display around. The hymn that we were given was 'Shine Jesus Shine'. The children have shared a QR code where you can listen to them singing the hymn. Some poems were crafted on water droplets reflecting grace and mercy within the hymn. The Early Years children made some sunshines and stain glass window hearts hand from the tree to complete the display. We hope that you are able to visit the church across the weekend to see it is all its glory for yourselves.



## PE Days



Maple – Monday and Tuesday  
Chestnut - Monday and Tuesday  
Ash – Monday and Tuesday  
Willow - Monday and Tuesday  
Oak - Monday and Tuesday  
Cherry – Monday and Wednesday  
Walnut – Tuesday and Friday  
Elm – Wednesday and Friday  
Magnolia – Tuesday and Friday  
Acer – Wednesday and Friday  
Sycamore - Wednesday and Friday

### PE Kits

Children can come in their PE kits on their PE days.

PE kit is:

- plain **white or navy** T-shirts (no Football tops, logos, crop tops)
- **Black** shorts, leggings or jogging bottoms
- **Black** jumpers (no logos or other colours). School jumpers are fine to use
- Trainers or plimsols
- No jewellery

**Term1 starts– Wednesday 4th September 2024**