



25TH SEPTEMBER 2026

HOLTSMEERE END INFANT AND NURSERY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER AUTUMN TERM 1 2026

Dear Holtsmere families,
I hope that you have all had a good week.

Macmillan - After School Cake Sale

We hope that you can join us for the cake sale after school, raising funds for the Macmillan Cancer charity. It will be held outside Oak class and cash or card are accepted.

Parent representatives

Thank you to everyone who volunteered. I will send out a separate letter regarding your class/year group representative ahead of our first meeting in case you have points which you would like to raise.

Census Day - 1st October

Census day is on Thursday 1st October it is an important day for the school because the number of children on roll and those choosing a school meal on that day determines what funding we will receive next year. We would therefore be extremely grateful if you could encourage your child to choose a school meal on that day. Please see the menu below. Thank you for your support.

National Survey

We receive many reminders from the Children's Commissioner to take part in the national 'Big Survey'. Our school has only submitted 9 responses. We would be really grateful if you could take part. It doesn't take long. The link is:

<https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigfuture>

Sleep workshop

Please see information below about a sleep workshop which we are running in the school hall on 7th October. If you have any questions about your child's sleep/ routines please come along. We are certain that it will be helpful. Tea and coffee provided and maybe even some biscuits!! See you there.

Have a lovely weekend.

Nicola

Nicola O'Connell Headteacher



Well done to Pine class - this week's best attendance - 99% 🎉



Thank you to every parent who has made sure that their child is in school, on time, each day. We really appreciate it.

Attendance

Chestnut	Maple	Hazel	Oak	Beech	Pine
96% 🎉	93%	98% 🎉	95%	94%	99% 🎉

You **MUST** inform us if your child is absent from school, by calling or emailing the office, **each day of absence**.

Lateness - the number of children who were late in each class

Chestnut	Maple	Hazel	Oak	Beech	Pine
1	0 🎉	1	1	0 🎉	0 🎉

If your child is late- Missing 15 minutes per day adds up to 2 weeks of school across the year!



Happy Birthday!



Winning house

Blue

Upcoming dates

Day	Date	Time	Event
Friday	25 th Sept	After school outside Oak class	 Macmillan Cake Sale
Tuesday	29 th Sept	2.40	Reception phonics meeting
 Date change!! Wednesday	7 th Oct	2.40	Year 1 'How we learn'
Wednesday	7 th Oct	9am	Sleep workshop - All welcome

ATTENDANCE

Thank you for supporting good attendance. By working together, we can help every child be a HERO – Here Every day, Ready, On time!



HERO our attendance bear is awarded to the class with the best attendance each week

Attendance Ladder



How can you help your child achieve the best attendance possible?

- Allow plenty of time to get ready in the morning and have breakfast before leaving for school.
- Allow plenty of time to get to school - if you are late please bring your child to the School Office.
- Have a bedtime routine so that they have a good night's sleep.
- Please do not keep your child off school if they have a minor ailment such as a cough, cold, runny nose, sneezing or sore throat.
- Children should be kept home for 48 hours from the last episode of vomiting and diarrhoea.
- If they are unable to attend school, please ring the school office by 9.15am to give details of the absence, otherwise your child's absence will be recorded as unauthorised.
- If making a routine appointment for the dentist/doctor, please make it out of school hours, or during school holidays.
- If parents/carers have an appointment, please try to arrange for another suitable adult to collect your child(ren) so they stay at school till the end of the school day.
- Talk to us. We are here to help. If you are having any difficulties that are affecting your child's attendance at school, please come and talk to us as soon as possible so we can help you.
- Take your family holidays in school holiday time, missing valuable learning time can have a big impact on your child's education.

We cannot authorise term time holidays.

Our term dates are published a year in advance. They can be found here:
<https://www.holtmereinfants.herts.sch.uk/Term-Dates/>

We appreciate that holidays are cheaper in term time, we can't go either!! We are committed to our roles as you should be to your child's education.

THURSDAY 1st
OCTOBER 2026

CENSUS DAY MENU

Chicken
nuggets



Quorn
nuggets



Chips



Tomato
sauce



Jacket
potatoes



Tomato
pasta



Cheese, ham
or tuna sandwich



Ice cream or
fruit



Promoting Healthy Sleep for Your Child

Date	Wednesday 7 th October 2026
Time	8.50 to 10.00 am
Location	Holtsmere End Infants School

Supporting your child with a good bedtime routine

A **free** workshop for parents:

- Why is sleep important?
- Impact of poor sleep on children/young people
- How to create a good sleeping environment
- Tips for a positive bedtime routine



To book your free ticket please email our School Office :

admin@holtsmereinfants.herts.sch.uk

DSPL8

Delivering Special
Provision Locally

DSPL8 SEND Parent & Carers Information Fayre

Tuesday 13th October 2026

9.30am until 12.30pm

At the the Grove Hill

Adventure Playground

Redbourn Road, HP2 7BA

BOOK YOUR SPOT

*This **FREE** event is for Parents and Carers of Children
with SEN or Disabilities; we will have local
services/providers information stands, activities for
children & refreshments!*





ADD-vance
The ADHD and Autism Trust



FREE ONLINE AUTUMN 2026 WORKSHOPS FOR HERTS PARENTS/CARERS

Online Workshops funded by Hertfordshire County Council	Day	Date	Time
Identifying ADHD and/or Autism	Mon	7.9.26	19:00 - 20:30
Understanding Autism	Wed	9.9.26	10:00 - 11:30
Understanding Autism for Parents/Carers of Girls	Mon	14.9.26	19:00 - 20:30
Understanding ADHD and Autism in the Early Years	Wed	16.9.26	10:00 - 11:30
Understanding PDA	Mon	21.9.26	19:00 - 20:30
Understanding ADHD	Wed	23.9.26	10:00 - 11:30
Understanding Neurodivergent Teens	Mon	28.9.26	19:00 - 20:30
Supporting Siblings	Wed	30.9.26	10:00 - 11:30
Understanding Challenging Behaviour	Mon	5.10.26	10:00 - 11:30
Tips & Tools to Manage Anger	Wed	7.10.26	10:00 - 11:30
Understanding Sensory Differences	Mon	12.10.26	19:00 - 20:30
Tips & Tools to Manage Sensory Differences	Wed	14.10.26	10:00 - 11:30
Preparing for Adulthood (14+)	Mon	19.10.26	19:00 - 20:30
Understanding Self-Harm	Wed	21.10.26	10:00 - 11:30
Half Term			
Support for Dads and Other Male Carers	Mon	2.11.26	19:00 - 20:30
Applying for an EHCP	Wed	4.11.26	10:00 - 11:30
Understanding Anxiety	Mon	9.11.26	19:00 - 20:30
Tips & Tools to Manage Anxiety	Wed	11.11.26	10:00 - 11:30
Tips & Tools to Manage School Absence	Fri	13.11.26	10:00 - 11:30
Working in Partnership with School	Mon	16.11.26	10:00 - 11:30
Tips & Tools for Toileting	Wed	18.11.26	10:00 - 11:30
Tips & Tools to Support Communication	Mon	23.11.26	19:00 - 20:30
Tips & Tools to Support Social Skills	Wed	25.11.26	10:00 - 11:30
Tips & Tools to Build Self-Esteem	Mon	30.11.26	10:00 - 11:30
Tips & Tools to Support Emotional Development	Wed	2.12.26	10:00 - 11:30
Tips & Tools for Positive Behaviour	Mon	7.12.26	19:00 - 20:30
Tips & Tools to Manage Everyday Changes	Wed	9.12.26	10:00 - 11:30

"What a fantastic workshop - thank you so much!
I've taken away a wealth of information"

"Absolutely incredible workshop, it has
been extremely beneficial to my child"

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🌐 <http://www.add-vance.org/>

Book your FREE ticket on <http://add-vance.eventbrite.com/> or visit our website

These workshops are funded by Hertfordshire County Council's Targeted Parenting Fund and are open to residents of Hertfordshire only

Recordings are sent to all registered participants to view for 7 days, even if you don't attend live.