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## Message from Headteacher

On behalf of our whole school family, I send huge congratulations to **Keith Bartlett** on a very special accolade he has been presented with.

Keith has always been a huge friend and supporter of our school. As the local PCSO, he took a proactive role in working with us to promote the safety and welfare of our pupils. Since retiring, Keith has remained associated with us, running a Monday afternoon club in school and joining our Board of Governors. Keith's local knowledge, friendly approach and the esteem in which he is held in our school family mean that he continues to be a huge source of support for our school family.

This week, Keith was awarded with the Honorary Freeman of the City of Chester award. This is the highest award that a resident of Chester may be granted.

Keith visited Chester Town Hall to receive his award from the Councillors who bestowed this on him.

I would like to thank Keith again for his years of service, not just to our school but to other local schools and the wider community. He has certainly let his light shine brightly!

### Advent Calendars

We hope that children were pleased to receive their advent calendars this week in preparation for the 1st of December on Sunday. This is such an exciting time for children and we hope that this will help them to get into the festive spirit and enjoy the fun activities we have going on in school over the next three weeks. (We sent information about all of the Christmas events and activities recently - you can find a copy of it on the School Website on the letters page).

Thank you to our PTA who supported us with ensuring that every child has a calendar.



# Message from Headteacher

## Christmas Fair

Our Christmas Fair is approaching fast. If you are able to help in any capacity, please let us know via the school office or by completing the volunteer survey on School Spider.

Thank you in advance for your support with our fund-raising efforts. Every penny we raise is spent enriching our school and the opportunities we can provide for our pupils.

## Out of the Mouths of Babes...

I wanted to share this with you because it underlines the warmth and love within our school family. In a recent worship session, we were distributing birthday books to those children who were celebrating birthdays that week.

After singing and signing Happy Birthday to the recipients of the books, I asked the children, "Why do we give you a birthday book when it is your birthday?" Many hands shot up to answer. A little girl in Year one responded, "You give us book because you know it is our birthday and want us to have a happy birthday." She was then asked, "Why do we want you to have a happy birthday?" Her response was immediate. "Because you love us."

Thank you to all staff for the love and care they show our children.

## Festive Fun Run



We were visited by a very special Elf in Monday morning's assembly to tell us all about the Festive Fun Run this Christmas!

We will be raising funds for the Hospice of the Good Shepherd.

A sponsorship envelope was given to pupils earlier this week to gather as much sponsorship as possible to support our local Hospice. They will be provided with a free set of festive boppers to wear during the fun run that they can keep after the event.

This is a great opportunity for us to show our support to a wonderful local charity and we do hope this is something you will be able to get behind.

As you may already know the Hospice of the Good Shepherd care for more than 1,600 patients each year from Chester, Deeside, Ellesmere Port and surrounding areas.

The Hospice aims to improve the lives of people with life-limiting conditions and care and support patients at the Hospice or in their own homes. It helps people to live as actively as possible after diagnosis to the end of their lives, however long that might be.

It is because of events like this that they are able to continue to provide this vital care to local children and families. Thank you in advance for your support; it really is very much appreciated.



# Sports News



## Netball

On Tuesday, the Year 3-4 and 5-6 squads took to the courts to play in a match against Mickle Trafford Village School.

There were nail biting moments on each court as the ball was passed down the court from end to end. The Year 3-4 netball squad have only been playing since September and did incredibly well remembering their positions, marking their players and showing their awareness of the footwork rule. Unfortunately, the final score was 0-4 to Mickle Trafford. Mrs Salisbury is so proud of the way that the children conducted themselves, showing great sportsmanship and resilience.

It was a close game for the Y 5-6 squad. It was goal for goal throughout the match with Hoole taking the lead and then Mickle Trafford clawing it back. The final score was 10-10. Again, the sportsmanship from the players was brilliant and they were fantastic representatives of our school. We are looking forward to a rematch in February!

## Basketball

On Thursday, our school sent a team to play in a Year 5-6 Basketball tournament at EPSV. The children showed some real basketball talent with some excellent passing, dribbling and shooting on display.

Unfortunately they just came up short of reaching the semi-final play offs. However, they can still be proud of their experience and effort.



## Football

Members of the Vicars Cross Dynamos Under 10s Girls Football team joined Chester FC as their mascots last weekend!

The team braved the cold and rain, and their support paid off as Chester FC won the match, 3 - 0 against Chorley! Well done teams!





**HOOLE CE  
PRIMARY SCHOOL  
CHRISTMAS  
FAIR**

JOIN US FOR CRAFTS, MUSIC, AND  
DELICIOUS TREATS!

6TH DECEMBER, 3.30-5.30PM

SCHOOL HALL  
ALL WELCOME!



# PTA News



We are asking Parents and Carers to donate any previously loved (but useable) teddy bears or soft toys as we will be holding a Teddy Bear Raffle at this year's Christmas Fair!

If you are able to help, please ensure your donation is nice and clean and in a good state of repair.

Any donations can be dropped off at the School Office.



Parents and carers can now buy a **Christmas Fair Voucher Card** to use at the special event, in advance!

Voucher Cards contain different amounts (eg 20p, 50p and £1) which will be stamped by the Stall Holders and will save you or your child having to carry the cash around during the fair. The voucher card can be used on any of the stalls.

Voucher Cards can be pre-purchased on School Spider (under the Bookings and Payments tab) until 12 noon on the day of the Christmas Fair. After that, Voucher Cards can be purchased from the School Office on the afternoon and throughout the Christmas Fair.



If any of our school family works for a company that runs a **match-funding scheme**, please do get in touch with the school office or one of the PTA committee members.

Thank you for all of your hard work over the year. Having not come from Hetty's we were a little worried about how (our child) would settle but she has thrived in her reception year!



(My child) had loved her first year in school. She has made lots of friends and had lots of fun. She settled very well, probably because it's not such a big change from Hetty. As a parent the transition and first few weeks were really good, lots of communication and support.



(My child) has loved Reception class this year. We feel he wasn't quite ready for school at the start and struggled to settle in. But the teachers and teaching assistants have worked tirelessly to help him settle in and we have seen him improve so much. We are delighted with how they have helped (my child) overcome any issues he had. He is really excited to go into school each day now.

(My child) has loved reception. I am amazed with the progress he has made academically, emotionally and socially. His transition from pre school has been seamless.

I have been impressed by the school and my daughter has enjoyed her first year. The teaching standard seems very high and the communication has been good.



(My child) has flourished this year and he has matured so much since last September. He's made lots of new friends and he's amazed us with his reading skills and learning to write. He's never once said he doesn't want to go to school in the morning which shows how much he enjoys his time there. He feels safe and cared for and loves his teachers.

Overall though a massive thank you, (my child) has developed so much this year through all your hard work and attention. It is a joy to see her grow and flourish.

I am happy that my children have been enrolled to this school. (My child) didn't know any English. He is now communicating in English quite well. He enjoys reading and doing his homework. He has made significant improvement in his studying.

Transition from Hetty preschool to reception was very smooth and (my child) seemed quite confident going to reception from the start! He's made so much progress, developed and changed so much throughout this year, and school had a massive impact.

**Our school vision 'Let your light shine' is lived out every day. We are so proud of the feedback we receive from our school family. We thought we would share our recent Parent and carer feedback with you so that you can celebrate this too.**





Roll up, roll up!



**PTA**  
**CHRISTMAS**  
**JUMPER**  
**EXCHANGE**

AT THE  
CHRISTMAS  
FAIR!

BRING YOUR OLD CHRISTMAS JUMPER AND  
EXCHANGE IT FOR A NEW ONE!

(CHRISTMAS JUMPERS WILL ALSO BE ON SALE IF  
YOU HAVEN'T GOT ONE TO EXCHANGE)

Our amazing PTA have organised a preloved Christmas Jumper table for the Christmas Fair.

If you have a Christmas Jumper that you have grown out of or don't want anymore, please donate it to the school office 🎄

## Lantern Parade



Mrs Elston, Mr Attwood and nearly thirty children (plus their parents) from years two to six, braved the cold conditions to represent our school at this year's Chester lantern parade.

The children carried their lanterns proudly and were a real credit to our school family. We want to say a huge thank you to all of them, in addition to the extra year two children that came along to join in with all of the fun.



# Friday Assembly

Parents and carers are invited to Friday Assembly when their child's class is presenting.

If you are able to join us for an afternoon session, please refrain from parking in the visitors car park as the gates will close during the assembly.

<b>Day</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Class</b>
<b>Friday 6th December</b>	<b>9am</b>	<b>3SJ (Mrs Stirk/Mrs Jones)</b>
<b>Friday 13th December</b>	<b>2.25pm</b>	<b>2C (Miss Carter)</b>
<b>Friday 10th January</b>	<b>2.25pm</b>	<b>1J (Mrs Jeffs)</b>
<b>Friday 17th January</b>	<b>2.25pm</b>	<b>1H (Miss Hildebrandt)</b>
<b>Friday 24th January</b>	<b>2.25pm</b>	<b>2EI (Mrs Elston/Mrs Inns)</b>
<b>Friday 31st January</b>	<b>2.25pm</b>	<b>3U (Mr Underhill)</b>
<b>Friday 7th February</b>	<b>2.25pm</b>	<b>4C (Miss Cotgreave)</b>
<b>Friday 28th February</b>	<b>2.25pm</b>	<b>5S (Mrs Salisbury)</b>
<b>Friday 7th March</b>	<b>2.25pm</b>	<b>6M (Mrs Millington)</b>
<b>Friday 14th March</b>	<b>2.25pm</b>	<b>RW (Mrs Walsh)</b>
<b>Friday 21st March</b>	<b>2.25pm</b>	<b>RM (Miss McDonald)</b>
<b>Friday 28th March</b>	<b>2.25pm</b>	<b>6B (Miss Buckley)</b>



# RECEPTION NATIVITY

Wednesday 11th December

10am - 11am in the School Hall

TICKETS  
only



## Year 1 & 2 Christmas Service



All Saints' Church  
Hoole Road

18th December  
1.45pm

EVERYONE  
Welcome



# Christmas Services

## Year 3 & 4 Christmas Service

All Saints' Church  
Hoole Road

17th December  
1.45pm

EVERYONE  
Welcome



## Year 5 & 6 Christmas Service

EVERYONE  
Welcome

All Saints' Church  
Hoole Road

19th December 1.45pm



# School Market Place

We are aware that many of our parents and carers have craft or similar initiatives which they run to generate additional income for their families. To support these initiatives we would like to invite parents to hold a stall at our Makers Markets.

On **Thursday 5th December**, the car park at the front of school will be set up to run from 3pm – 4pm. Stall holders will be able to set up to sell their items from 2.30pm on both dates.

Any parents or carers wishing to book a table to sell their wares should speak to the School Office to confirm your booking. Please do this quickly as there is limited space and tables will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. All that we ask for is a donation of £10 per table. This will go towards school funds. Every penny of this donation will be used to enrich opportunities and experiences for children in our school family.

If the weather is not kind on the days we have planned, the market will need to be re-arranged to the next available day. We will, of course, let stall holders know as soon in advance as we are able to if it is likely to be postponed on either of the dates planned.

# Sing Along-Shine-Along



Join us for Miss Carter's biggest singalong yet -the fun-filled festive community sing-along will be on Thursday 12th December at 2pm in the School Hall.

Please let us know on School Spider if you would like to come along and add the names any extra family members or friends you want to bring. Children of the families that sign up will also attend the session, along with some of our school choir.

The more the merrier!





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If you would like to  
have your own stall,  
please contact the  
School Office!

# LOCAL MARKET PLACE



Join us at our Market Place after school to  
support local businesses!  
Stalls will be set up outside at the front of school

**5TH  
DECEMBER**

**3PM-4PM**



# Cheshire Phoenix Season Ticket

Booked

We have been very kindly gifted a school season ticket for Cheshire Phoenix Basketball matches.



If you would like to loan the ticket to get admission free for your family into one of the Phoenix home matches at the Ellesmere Port Sports Village, please contact the School Office to check for any dates the ticket has available for this season.

**2024/25 Home Fixtures**

**October**

- Sunday 1st | Trophy | 5.30pm | **Sheffield**
- Sunday 13th | Trophy | 5.30pm | **Newcastle**
- Sunday 20th | Trophy | 5.30pm | **Cardiff**
- Friday 25th | Trophy | 7.30pm | **Manchester**

**TROPHY Group Stage**

**November**

- Sunday 3rd | League | 5.30pm | **Sheffield**
- Sunday 10th | League | 5.30pm | **London**

**December**

- Sunday 1st | League | 5.30pm | **Leicester**
- Sunday 8th | League | 5.30pm | **Cardiff**
- Sunday 15th | League | 5.30pm | **Bristol**
- Sunday 29th | League | 5.30pm | **Cardiff**

**January**

- Sunday 7th | League | 5.30pm | **Manchester**
- Sunday 14th | League | 5.30pm | **Leicester**
- Sunday 21st | League | 5.30pm | **Newcastle**

**February**

- Sunday 18th | League | 5.30pm | **Bristol**
- Sunday 16th | League | 5.30pm | **Sheffield**

**March**

- Sunday 2nd | League | 5.30pm | **London**
- Sunday 16th | League | 5.30pm | **Manchester**

**April**

- Sunday 6th | League | 5.30pm | **Surrey**
- Sunday 27th | League | 5.30pm | **Newcastle**

\*Fixtures Subject To Change

**All Games To Be Played At Ellesmere Port Sports Village**

**SUPER LEAGUE BASKETBALL**

# Times Tables Rockstar Champions

The exciting Times Table Rockstars Competition continues!

This week's winners are:







# LETTING THEIR LIGHT SHINE!



Dillan plays football for the Blacon youth team and was made Man of the Match and Captain!

Molly plays football for Upton Juniors and was made Player of the Day!

Daniel started swimming lessons in April and has now gained two Duckling Awards and will be moving up to stage 1 in December!

Mateo completed level 1 and swan 10 meters!

Rae completed her Silver Rainbow Award!



# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Many happy returns  
to all our  
birthday buddies!

We hope you enjoy  
your birthday book!

Arlo, Rory,  
Dillan,  
Maisy,  
Henry,  
Elsie and  
Gabriel!

## Let's celebrate

The following children received a class honour for letting their light shine this week!

Francesca H-E

Elissa C

Chris G

Oscar-David L

Maisy RP

Elsie M

Martha J

Oscar S

George L

Ruby Amorette JW

Niall B

Seth L

Logan P

Lily P

Jac W

Adam E

Dylan R

Melina O

Aiden R

Esme P

# Key Dates

4th December	Ethos Club Meeting 3.20-4.30pm
5th December	Makers Market Place 3pm
6th December	PTA Christmas Fair 3.30-5.30pm
10th December	Year 4 Marvellous Multiplication Musical 4pm
10th December	Year 4 Marvellous Multiplication Musical 6pm
11th December	Reception Classes Nativity Service 10am
11th December	Christmas Dinner
11th December	Christmas Jumper Day
11th December	Year 1 Christmas Party
12th December	Sing-along Shine-along 2pm
16th December	Year 2 Christmas Party
17th December	Year 3-4 Christmas Service (All Saints' Church)
17th December	Reception Christmas Party
18th December	Year 1-2 Christmas Service (All Saints' Church)
18th December	Year 5 Christmas Party
19th December	Year 4 Christmas Party
19th December	Year 5-6 Christmas Service (All Saints' Church)
20th December	Year 6 Christmas Party



# Key Dates

20th December	Year 3 Christmas Party
21st December - 5th January	School Holidays
6th January 2025	INSET day (school closed to pupils)
7th January	Spring Term Starts
9th January	Y3-4 Football (catch-up session from Autumn)
10th January	Y4-6 Dodgeball (catch-up session from Autumn)
16th January	Y3-4 Football (catch-up session from Autumn)
14th February	INSET day (school closed to pupils)
15th -23rd February	School Holidays
24th February	Spring Term Resumes



**All Saints Church Hoole** as

# Christingle Service

**24th December 2024**

**3pm & 4:30pm**

**Book your FREE tickets at**  
[allsaints.church/christmas](https://allsaints.church/christmas)  
**or scan one of the QR codes below**

All donations will go to the Children's Society







**3PM** **4:30PM**



# Tell Tale Kids.

THE DRAMA SCHOOL WITH A PERSONAL TOUCH

## WHEN

Every Sat between 9.30 to 11.30

Book a one or two hour slot:

<https://tell-tale-kids.classforkids.io/>

## WHERE

**Hoole Church of England Primary School**

Hoole Lane, Chester, CH2 3HB  
For more info or booking DM:  
Instagram: [telltalekids\\_chester](https://www.instagram.com/telltalekids_chester)  
Or email:  
[infotelltalekids@gmail.com](mailto:infotelltalekids@gmail.com)



AGES 7-11

## FEES

Reduced trial rate (£5 for 1 hour, £7.50 for 2)

Reduced rates for block booking. All info and pricing here:

<https://tell-tale-kids.classforkids.io/>

## WHAT WE DO

- Develop quality drama & communication skills
- Build your confidence
- Help you make new friends
- Develop your interpersonal skills, empathy and emotional intelligence

## WHO WE ARE

Emma Whitley, our co-founder and director, is a highly experienced Drama practitioner, director and teacher with over 20 years experience working in the arts and education. She founded Tell Tale Theatre in 2009 – a community adult theatre company based in Liverpool. She worked as Director of Education at Liverpool Everyman and Playhouse theatres for 10 years and now heads up the Drama faculty in a local secondary school. Emma also has a Level 3 counselling qualification.




**Ellesmere Port Original Pantomime Company CIC Presents:**

# SNOW WHITE


## AND THE SEVEN LITTLE FRIENDS

Ellesmere Port Civic Hall

16th January 2025		7:00pm
17th January 2025		7:00pm
18th January 2025		2:00pm
18th January 2025		7:00pm
19th January 2025		2:00pm

[www.ticketsource.co.uk/epopc](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/epopc)

Script by Christopher Jones



# CHRISTMAS SING ALONG

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2:30pm people from Upton Dene, Oak Grange & Pinetum



Amanda  
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SCAN TO BOOK

## ALL SAINTS HOOLE CHRISTMAS 2024



# LONGING FOR THE KING

## This December

<b>1st</b> 9am & 10:45am	<b>Toy Service</b> There will be an opportunity during both services to place gifts under the Christmas Tree
<b>2nd, 3rd &amp; 5th</b> 2nd & 5th, 8:45am-2pm 3rd, 8:45am-5:30pm	<b>Christmas in Heart &amp; Soul Café</b> Open cafe, Christmas stalls (from 10am), carols and festive fun
<b>15th</b> 10:45am	<b>The 'all-in' Nativity Service</b> Dress up and join in with the Christmas story
<b>22nd</b> 6:30pm	<b>Traditional Carol Service</b> Join us for readings, carols and refreshments
<b>24th</b> 3pm 4:30pm	<b>Christingle Service</b> Celebrate the Light of Christ this Christmas time Book your FREE tickets: <a href="https://allsaints.church/christmas">allsaints.church/christmas</a>
<b>25th</b> 10am	<b>Christmas Day Service with Holy Communion</b> The best way to start Christmas Day!
<b>29th</b> 10am	<b>Morning Service with Holy Communion</b> A chance to reflect and thank God for the last year

PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR ADDITIONAL SERVICE INFORMATION DURING DECEMBER

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