



Message from Headteacher

Thank you!

Your children have returned to school looking so happy and smart. All of the pupils I have spoken to have been so excited to share some news from the school holiday. It is wonderful to welcome them back this week.

Thank you again for all of the Christmas messages, cards and gifts for our staff team. Your support and generosity is very much appreciated by us all.

Can you help us?

Over the last two terms, we have provided a document called an Individual Learning Plan to all pupils. The Individual Learning Plan (ILP) outlines the child's targets, details of any additional support being offered in school to support achievement of the target and how families may support their child at home.

Your child should have brought home their Individual Learning Plan and shared it with you. The last ILPs were sent out in the first half of last term, around the end of September. We are always keen to improve school systems to ensure that they work efficiently and make a difference.

We are reviewing the Individual Learning Plan system in school. If you have a few minutes, please would you complete a short survey to give us your views and feedback to inform our review. The survey is available via School Spider. Please complete this by 5pm on Tuesday 13th January. Thank you for your continued support and collaboration.

Smart watches and jewellery

I have noticed children an increase in children wearing jewellery this week. I understand that lots of these will be Christmas gifts. Please can I ask for your cooperation in ensuring that children do not come to school wearing their precious things like bracelets, necklaces or rings.

Many children will have received new watches as well. Please ensure that your child does not come to school wearing a watch which can record videos, images or audio.

Your support with this is absolutely vital for safeguarding reasons. Thank you for your help.

Message from Headteacher

Mrs Mourant is poorly at the moment. We hope that she will be back soon. Thank you to the many parents/carers who have enquired about her. Your good wishes have been communicated to her. I am sure that Carol would be cheered up by any cards or pictures that children could make her. Please hand these in at the school office and we will make sure that Carol gets them.

Reading

We love reading and believe every child can become a fluent reader! Reading opens doors and inspires imagination. Learning to read fluently means a child can access the full curriculum and will help them become independent learners. The fundamental tool for reading is Phonics. At Hoole CE Primary School, we follow the Little Wandle Letters and Sounds Phonics Scheme, with children in Reception through to Year 2 having daily phonics sessions to embed these skills. We also want children to have a love of reading which is why we have plenty of opportunities for shared reading and listening to stories across the school.

We teach phonics for around 30 minutes a day in Key Stage 1, building from shorter sessions at the beginning of Reception. In Year 2, phonics sessions will become more spelling focused as the year goes on. Reading Practice sessions in Reception and Year 1 happen 3 times a week. These are taught by a fully trained adult to small groups of approximately six children. Books are matched to the children's secure phonic knowledge and are monitored closely by the class teacher. Children will take the book used in these sessions home to read with their parents and celebrate their reading.

Children will exit the Little Wandle Phonics Scheme during Year 2 with lessons moving on to a spelling focus. Children will continue to take part in Guided Reading lessons planned for by their class teacher each week. Children who are still progressing through the Little Wandle Phonics Scheme will continue to do so with support outlined by your child's class teacher.

Children at Hoole CE Primary will no longer have a coloured book band for their reading books. To promote a love of reading, children from year 2 onwards (once finished Little Wandle Phonics) will select their own reading book from their very own class library. Children will be supported in selecting their book if and when required. This is a research backed approach to support the development of fluency, confidence and a love for reading.

If you have any questions regarding the changes to reading, you are invited to drop in and see Mrs Jeffs (Early Reading Leader) and Miss Buckley (English Leader) on Monday 20th January at 3:30pm.



Reading Reward System

We are so pleased with how many of our children are reading the expected number of times at home and want all children to be rewarded for their efforts! Starting this term in Key Stage 2, you will see 'superstar reader' stickers in the back of their reading record. We will still stamp in the front. The children will be able to 'spend' their stickers in blocks of five in our 'Sticker Swap Shop'. They will also have the chance to save their stickers to get an item worth ten or 15 stickers.

We hope this incentive will encourage all of the children to read the expected number of times for their year groups to collect their stickers.

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| Year 3 | 10 minutes four times per week |
| Year 4 | 10 minutes four times per week |
| Year 5 | 15 minutes three times per week |
| Year 6 | 15 minutes three times per week |

Friday Assembly

Parents and carers are invited to Friday Assembly when their child's class is presenting. If you are able to join us, please refrain from parking in the visitors car park as the gates will close during the assembly.

| Day | Time | Class |
|----------------------|--------|---------------------------|
| Friday 17th January | 2.25pm | 1H (Miss Hildebrandt) |
| Friday 24th January | 2.25pm | 2EI (Mrs Elston/Mrs Inns) |
| Friday 31st January | 2.25pm | 3U (Mr Underhill) |
| Friday 7th February | 2.25pm | 4C (Miss Cotgreave) |
| Friday 28th February | 2.25pm | 5S (Mrs Salisbury) |
| Friday 7th March | 2.25pm | 6M (Mrs Millington) |
| Friday 14th March | 2.25pm | RW (Mrs Walsh) |
| Friday 21st March | 2.25pm | RM (Miss McDonald) |
| Friday 28th March | 2.25pm | 6B (Miss Buckley) |



NOW THE SECRET IS OUT WE CAN SHARE ALL ABOUT OUR SPECIAL VISIT TO WESTMINSTER ABBEY WITH YOU!



As many of you know, we sing alongside our older and younger friends from Belong Care Home as the Sankofa Songsters. During our rehearsal for our inter-generational choir concert at All Saints Church, we received a very special letter with an invitation inside!



Princess Catherine of Wales had spotted our wonderful inter-generational choir online and wanted us to be a part of her Together at Christmas concert. She invited us to travel to London and perform to a large congregation at Westminster Abbey.



At 10:30am on Friday 6th December, we hopped on the train and headed to London. We were all in awe at the size and the beauty of Westminster Abbey. Our day was filled with joyful rehearsals in the abbey along with pizza and spending time with our older and younger friends from Belong. We met many famous faces throughout the day including Paloma Faith who spoke to us on three occasions. We received big waves and beautiful smiles from Princess Catherine and Princess Charlotte along with a big smile and nod from Prince William. We sang our hearts out and filled Westminster Abbey with our beautiful voices and there were many happy tears shed. Despite a few delays on the train and many games of eye spy, we made it back to Chester long after bedtime!



The carol concert was aired on Christmas Eve on ITV and is available on ITV player (46 minutes in), after Adam Peaty's reading.



Spring Term Timetables

| Year Group | Class | PE Day | Information | Forest School Day | Information |
|------------|-------|------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|--|
| R | RW | Thursday | Wear PE Kit to school | N/A | N/A |
| | RM | Thursday | Wear PE Kit to school | N/A | N/A |
| 1 | 1H | Wednesday and Thursday | Wear PE Kit to school | N/A | N/A |
| | 1W | Wednesday and Thursday | Wear PE Kit to school | N/A | N/A |
| 2 | 2EI | Monday and Friday | Wear PE Kit to school | Tuesday | Wear Forest School clothes to school. Bring a change of footwear. |
| | 2C | Monday and Friday | Wear PE Kit to school | Tuesday | Wear Forest School clothes to school. Bring a change of footwear. |
| 3 | 3U | Tuesday and Thursday | Wear PE Kit to school | Wednesday | Wear Forest School clothes to school. Bring a change of footwear. |
| | 3SJ | Tuesday and Thursday | Wear PE Kit to school | Wednesday | Wear Forest School clothes to school. Bring a change of footwear. |
| 4 | 4K | Tuesday and Thursday | Wear PE Kit to school | Alternate Wednesdays | Wear Forest School clothes to school. Bring a change of footwear. Check www.hooleceprimary.co.uk/events for dates |
| | 4C | Tuesday and Thursday | Wear PE Kit to school | Alternate Wednesdays | Wear Forest School clothes to school. Bring a change of footwear. Check www.hooleceprimary.co.uk/events for dates |
| 5 | 5R | Wednesday and Friday | Wear PE Kit to school | N/A | N/A |
| | 5S | Wednesday and Friday | Wear PE Kit to school | N/A | N/A |
| 6 | 6B | Monday and Friday | Wear PE Kit to school | N/A | N/A |
| | 6M | Monday and Friday | Wear PE Kit to school | N/A | N/A |

PE Lessons

Children should come to school in their PE kit, plus their school branded jumper or cardigan, on the days they have PE lessons. Please see the timetable above.

Thank you for supporting us in ensuring that your child's school uniform, PE kit and school shoes are in line with our school uniform code.

Our PE kit is as follows:

Indoor: plain white t-shirt, black/navy shorts, pumps or trainers.

Outdoor: plain tracksuits (navy/royal blue or black). No hoods.

Forest School

Children should come to school in suitable outdoor clothes on the days they have Forest School sessions. Forest School will start from the first day back. Please see the timetable above.

Suitable outdoor clothes include:

Long trousers such as leggings, jogging bottoms or waterproof trousers etc.

School Branded Jumper or Cardigan

Waterproof coat (not just "showerproof")

Wellies/Outdoor shoes

Gloves/hats if the weather is cold

This timetable will run up to the end of January 2025.

Attendance

Members of the Punctuality & Attendance Crew (PAC) held a very productive meeting on Wednesday after school. The PAC has lots of amazing ideas for promoting and improving attendance in our school.

There will be lots of exciting competitions and announcements coming soon! Thank you to Mrs Williamson for leading the PAC and to our Attendance Governor, Christine Darwen, for working with the team to ensure that we work hard towards meeting our attendance target of 97%. The PAC certainly let their lights shine brightly with fantastic ideas and suggestions for the rest of this school year. Thanks to you all!

Curriculum

Curriculum newsletters will be available next week, to inform families about this term's learning topics for all year groups.

This information will also be available in the Curriculum section of the school website, www.hooleceprimary.co.uk/pages/curriculum.

We hope that details of the topics your children are studying this term will be helpful to parents and carers in supporting learning at home.

Parents' Evenings for this term will take place in February. Further information to follow.

Suggestion Box

Did you know about the Suggestion Box by the School Office?

We really welcome your suggestions as your insights and opinions are highly valued by us. Your feedback will help us to improve our school so if you have any ideas, please feel free to share your thoughts by completing a suggestion slip and popping it in the box! Thank you in advance for your time and contribution.



Clubs News

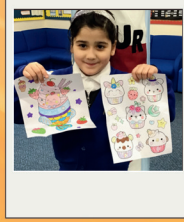
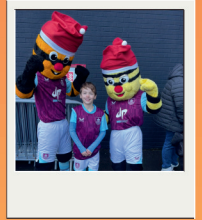
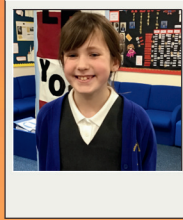
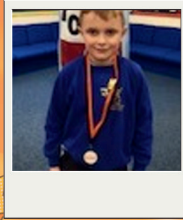
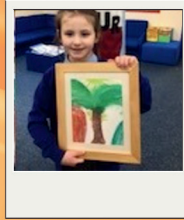
We are delighted that we are once again able to offer a wide variety of after school clubs. We are so fortunate at Hoole to have a range of external partners to work with to offer exciting activities. Confirmation of club places have been emailed to families this week. Please contact the School Office if you have any queries or would like your child to be placed on a waiting list for a club, in case a pupil changes their mind.

Please see below for information of the dates that clubs start and where to collect your children.

Copies of the external club booking letters can be found on the school website, www.hooleceprimary.co.uk/page/clubs or paper-copies can be collected from the School Office.

| DAY | CLUB | INFORMATION |
|-----------|-----------------------|--|
| MONDAY | R-2 Choir | Starts 20th January. Runs 3.15pm-4pm. Delivered by staff for free. Collect children from school office unless they are in hetty. |
| | R Art | Starts 20th January. Runs 3.15pm-4pm. Delivered by staff for free. Collect children from school office unless they are in hetty. |
| | 1-2 Lego | Starts 20th January. Runs 3.15pm-4.10pm. Delivered by staff for free. Collect children from school office unless they are in hetty. |
| | 5-6 Netball | Starts 20th January. Runs 3.20pm-4.20pm. Delivered by staff for free. Collect children from gate unless they are in hetty or have permission to walk home. |
| | 5-6 Boys Football | Starts 20th January. Runs 3.20pm-4.20pm. Delivered by staff for free. Collect children from gate unless they are in hetty or have permission to walk home. |
| | 5-6 Cross-stitch | Starts 20th January. Runs 3.20pm-4.20pm. Delivered by staff for free. Collect children from gate unless they are in hetty or have permission to walk home. |
| TUESDAY | 3-4 Lego | Starts 21st January. Runs 3.20pm-4.20pm. Delivered by staff for free. Collect children from school office unless they are in hetty. |
| | 3-4 Netball | Starts 21st January. Runs 3.20pm-4.20pm. Delivered by staff for free. Collect children from gate unless they are in hetty |
| | 5-6 Zentangle | Starts 21st January. Runs 3.20pm-4.20pm. Delivered by staff for free. Collect children from school office unless they are in hetty. |
| WEDNESDAY | 3-4 Arts & crafts | Starts 22nd January. Runs 3.20pm-4.20pm. Delivered by staff for free. Collect children from school office unless they are in hetty. |
| | 2-6 Beacons | Starts 22nd January. Runs 3.15pm-4.20pm. Delivered by All Saints' Church for free. Collect children from school office unless they are in hetty. |
| | 1-6 Streetdance | Starts 15th January. Runs 3.15pm-4.20pm. Delivered by Inspire Dance at a cost. Collect children from gate by play park unless they are in hetty. |
| | 5-6 Science | Starts 22nd January. Runs 3.20pm-4.20pm. Delivered by staff for free. Collect children from school office unless they are in hetty or have permission to walk home. |
| | 5-6 Girls Football | Starts 22nd January. Runs 3.20pm-4.20pm. Delivered by staff for free. Collect children from school office unless they are in hetty or have permission to walk home. |
| THURSDAY | R-1 Mindfulness craft | Starts 23rd January. Runs 3.15pm-4pm. Delivered by staff for free. Collect children from school office unless they are in hetty |
| | 3-4 Mixed Football | Starts 23rd January. Runs 3.20pm-4.20pm. Delivered by PK Sports at a cost. Collect children from gate unless they are in hetty |
| | 3-4 Dance | Starts 23rd January. Runs 3.20pm-4.20pm. Delivered by staff for free. Collect children from gate by playpark unless they are in hetty |
| | 3-4 Shakespeare | Starts 23rd January. Runs 3.20pm-4.20pm. Delivered by staff for free. Collect children from School Office unless they are in hetty. |
| | 5-6 Imaginative art | Starts 23rd January. Runs 3.20pm-4.20pm. Delivered by staff for free. Collect children from School Office unless they are in hetty or have permission to walk home. |
| FRIDAY | 2-6 AmaSing | Starts 17th January. Runs 3.15pm-4.20pm. Delivered by AmaSing at a cost. Collect children from School Office unless they are in hetty or have permission to walk home. |
| | 4-6 Dodgeball | Starts 24th January. Runs 3.20pm-4.20pm. Delivered by PK Sports at a cost. Collect children from School Office unless they are in hetty or have permission to walk home. |
| | 5-6 Shakespeare | Starts 24th January. Runs 3.20pm-4.20pm. Delivered by staff for free. Collect children from School Office unless they are in hetty or have permission to walk home. |

LETTING THEIR LIGHT SHINE!



Niall and Logan attend West Cheshire Athletics Club and their team came 2nd overall in the Cheshire County Athletics Championship!

Ruby has made progress in her swimming lessons, moving from Seals to Sharks!

Ziggy won a medal walking a HUGE 100 miles for charity. He raised an incredible £540 for Alder Hey Children's Hospital!

Seth won a medal for being awarded Man of the Match at Kixx Football Club after scoring 4 goals!

Olivia and Mysha have been working hard on their artwork producing some wonderful work!

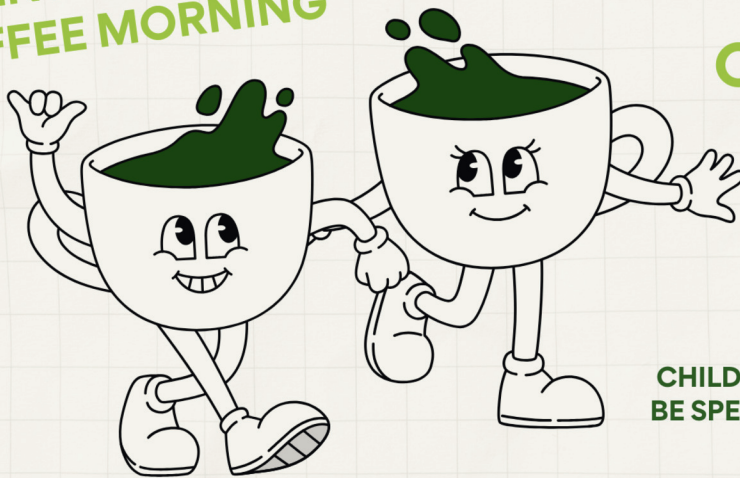
William was a mascot for the Burnley versus Watford football match just before Christmas!

Coffee Morning

PARENT AND CARER
COFFEE MORNING

IN SUPPORT OF

Smartphone
Free
Childhood



CHILDHOOD'S TOO SHORT TO
BE SPENT ON A SMARTPHONE!

THURSDAY
23RD JANUARY
FROM 9AM

IN THE SCHOOL HALL

Feeling the pressure to get your child a Smartphone? Join us over a hot drink and chat to other parents about tackling the problems with smartphones and social media exposure in childhood.



Cheshire Phoenix Season Ticket

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 | Sunderland **Booked**
 Sunday 14th | Trophy | 5.30pm | Newcastle **Booked**
 Sunday 20th | Trophy | 5.30pm | Carlisle **Booked**
 Friday 25th | Trophy | 7.30pm | Manchester **Booked**
TROPHY Group Stage

November
 Sunday 1st | League | 5.30pm | Sheffield **Booked**
 Sunday 8th | League | 5.30pm | London **Booked**

December
 Sunday 1st | League | 5.30pm | Leicester **Booked**
 Sunday 8th | League | 5.30pm | Carlisle **Booked**
 Sunday 15th | League | 5.30pm | Bristol **Booked**
 Sunday 29th | League | 5.30pm | Carlisle **Booked**

January
 Sunday 1st | League | 5.30pm | Manchester **Booked**
 Sunday 12th | League | 5.30pm | Leicester **Booked**
 Sunday 19th | League | 5.30pm | Newcastle **Booked**

February
 Sunday 1st | League | 5.30pm | Bristol **Booked**

March
 Sunday 1st | League | 5.30pm | London **Booked**
 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

SLB SUPER LEAGUE BASKETBALL

Times Tables Rockstar Champions

The exciting Times Table Rockstars Competition continues!

This week's winners are:



HAPPY BIRTHDAY


Many happy returns to all our birthday buddies!

We hope you enjoy your birthday book!



Inci, Logan,
Zofia, Vova,
Finlay,
Tobias,
Lucy and
Norah!

Next Week's Lunch Menu

| WEEK 2 | | | | |
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| MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY |
| Beef/Veggie Burger in a Bun with Potato Wedges, Seasonal Vegetables or Baked Beans | Cheese and Tomato Pasta Garlic Bread and Seasonal Vegetables | Beef/Quorn Cottage Pie with Seasonal Vegetables |  <p>Hotdog Day!</p> | Battered Fish (MSC) or Vegetable Bake with Chips and Peas or Baked Beans |
| Jacket Potato with either Tuna, Cheese or Baked Beans | Jacket Potato with either Tuna, Cheese or Baked Beans | Jacket Potato with either Tuna, Cheese or Baked Beans | Jacket Potato with either Tuna, Cheese or Baked Beans | Jacket Potato with either Tuna, Cheese or Baked Beans |
| Tuna, Ham or Cheese Sandwich | Tuna, Ham or Cheese Sandwich | Tuna, Ham or Cheese Sandwich | Tuna, Ham or Cheese Sandwich | Tuna or Cheese Sandwich |
| Apple Pie & Custard | Iced Wacky Chocolate Cake | Fresh Melon Wedge | Fruit Mousse | Vanilla Biscuit |

Key Dates

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| 14th January | Passion for Learning Club Starts |
| 15th January | Y1-6 Streetdance Club starts |
| 16th January | House of Hoole Meeting 8.30am |
| 16th January | Hotdog Day |
| 17th January | Y2-6 AmaSing Club starts |
| 17th January | Team 1H Assembly |
| 20th January | YR-2 Choir Club starts |
| 20th January | Y1-2 Lego Club starts |
| 20th January | Y5-6 Boys Football Club starts |
| 20th January | Y5-6 Cross-stitch Club starts |
| 20th January | Y5-6 Netball Club starts |
| 20th January | YR Art Club starts |
| 21st January | Y3-6 Choir Club starts |
| 21st January | Y3-4 Netball Club starts |
| 21st January | Y3-4 Lego Club starts |
| 21st January | Y5-6 Zentangle Club starts |
| 22nd January | Y3-4 Arts & Crafts Club starts |
| 22nd January | Y2-6 Beacons Club starts |

Key Dates

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|---------------|--------------------------------------|
| 22nd January | Y5-6 Science Club starts |
| 22nd January | Y5-6 Girls Football Club starts |
| 23rd January | YR-1 Mindfulness & Craft Club starts |
| 23rd January | Y3-4 Football Club starts |
| 23rd January | Smartphone Free Coffee Morning 9am |
| 23rd January | Y3-4 Dance Club starts |
| 23rd January | Y3-4 Shakespeare Club starts |
| 23rd January | Y5-6 Imaginative Art Club starts |
| 24th January | Team 2EI Assembly |
| 24th January | Y4-6 Dodgeball Starts |
| 24th January | Y5-6 Shakespeare Club starts |
| 27th January | Year 1 Trip |
| 30th January | House of Hoole Meeting 8.30am |
| 31st January | Team 3U Assembly |
| 7th February | Team 4C Assembly |
| 10th February | Year 5 Viking Day |
| 11th February | Year 5 Viking Day |
| 14th February | INSET Day (School closed to pupils) |



CHESTER
CATHEDRAL

BE A CHORISTER FOR A DAY

GIRLS | SATURDAY 18 JANUARY | 1.30 – 5PM
BOYS | SATURDAY 25 JANUARY | 1.30 – 5PM

Does your child love to sing?

Chester Cathedral is seeking boys and girls aged 5-11 to join the prestigious Cathedral Choir.

Enjoy a fun-filled afternoon of singing games and rehearsals culminating in a service of Choral Evensong at the end of the afternoon.

All welcome, no experience necessary.

For more information and to register for this free event, please contact Dan Mathieson on dan.mathieson@chestercathedral.com