

Message from Headteacher

I have written to families today regarding a consultation process regarding the future of our school.

On Monday 20th January, we will begin a four week period of consultation with parents/carers to gain your questions and views about our school converting to become an academy with Cheshire Diocese Learning Trust, a new multi-academy trust linked to the Diocese of Chester.

You will have received a letter providing more information, including a frequently asked questions document. Questions or comments may be submitted electronically via CDLTConversions@craftededucation.co.uk.

If you wish to attend the Consultation meeting at school on Wednesday 29th January at 6pm, please register your attendance with the school Administration team by telephoning 01244 323890, emailing admin@hooleceprimary.cheshire.sch.uk or speaking to them directly.

Smartphone Free Childhood Parent Forum

Just a reminder that we are hosting the second meeting for parents/carers in school on Thursday 23rd January. This is a follow up to the first meeting we held last term. If you were unable to attend, please feel free to come into school for a coffee and a chat with like-minded parents/carers.

If you are concerned about the impact of technology on children's mental health and wellbeing, or facing challenging discussions with your child who is desperate to own a mobile phone, come and chat with this supportive group to share approaches and strategies for managing this. All are welcome!

Congratulations

Our school family has grown this week. Mrs Claire Maurice, teaching assistant, welcomed the arrival of Evie Autumn last Sunday. Mrs Maurice and her husband are thrilled with the wonderful addition to their family. I am sure you will join me in sending congratulations from us all.

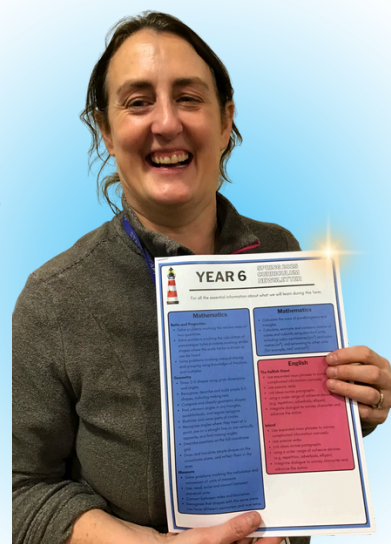
Curriculum Newsletters

Curriculum newsletters have been sent out to all families this week, to inform you about the Spring Term's learning topics for all year groups.

This information is also 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.



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)

Collective Worship

In our commitment to develop children's critical literacy skills, we have teamed up with Picture News to help develop their understanding and appreciation of the news. Having age-appropriate conversations with your child about the news keeps them interested and informed about what's happening in the world. They move from wanting to know what happens in MY world to what is happening in THE world and their place in it. By having regular conversations about the news, you are able to share a whole range of topics and together make more sense of different events, issues and stories.

Every two weeks, class based collective worship will focus on a current affairs topic, helping inform the children in an age appropriate way and will link to our Christian values and a Bible story.

This week, children learnt about the Prime Minister's announcement that he intends to build 370,000 new houses every year. They discussed what is important to consider when building new homes. In considering protected characteristics, children discussed that local areas should include something for everyone.

Children then explored the Bible story Jesus told of the houses built on sand and on rock. Children were reminded that if we build our lives on a firm foundation, such as faith and our school values, we will be stronger in the storms of life.

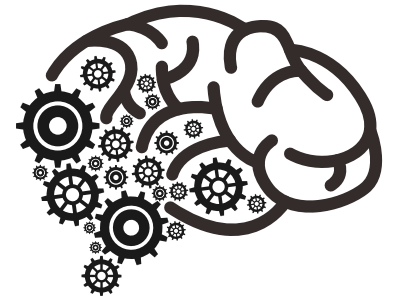
Questions you may want to ask your child:

What sort of buildings do you like?

What buildings should we have more of near us?

Is there anything else we need in the local area?

What do you like in our area and what would you like to change?



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.



The Night Sky

We love the stars and night sky here at Hoole Primary School and over the next few weeks, on a clear night, you can see so many stars and planets! Mrs Jeffs was star-spotting on Monday night around 5:30pm, and not only could she see the full moon, but to the right was Jupiter, then she spotted Venus and to the left of Venus was a faint Saturn! Then she discovered that between the moon and Venus you could see Mars! Let us know what you spot when you're looking up at the sky!

Upcoming Menu Changes

We will be cooking up a storm on

THURSDAY 30th JANUARY

Chicken/Quorn Fried Rice
and seasonal vegetables

Honey and Banana Slice

*Jacket Potatoes and Sandwiches
will also be available

If your child would like to order a school lunch for this event, there's no need to pre-book; just let us know on the day. The usual £2.85 cost applies or free for those children in receipt of Free School Meals and for Reception/Key Stage 1.



Next Week's Menu

Week 3

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Pork/Quorn Sausages with Mashed Potato, Seasonal Vegetables and Gravy	Beef/Quorn Spaghetti Bolognese with Garlic Bread and Seasonal Vegetables	Roast Chicken/Quorn Fillet served with Roast/Mashed Potatoes, Seasonal Vegetables & Gravy	Fruity Chicken/Quorn served with Rice, and Seasonal Vegetables or Hot Pizza Baguette with carrot & cucumber sticks	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 & Cinnamon Muffin	Chocolate Cookie	Fresh Fruit Salad	Jelly & Fruit	Golden Crunch Cookie

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
- Sunday 13th | Trophy | 5.30pm | Newcastle
- Sunday 20th | Trophy | 5.30pm | Carlisle
- Friday 25th | Trophy | 7.30pm | Manchester

TROPHY Group Stage

November

- Sunday 1st | League | 5.30pm | Sheff
- Sunday 10th | League | 5.30pm | London

December

- Sunday 1st | League | 5.30pm | Leicester
- Sunday 8th | League | 5.30pm | Carlisle
- Sunday 15th | League | 5.30pm | Birmingham
- Sunday 29th | League | 5.30pm | Carlisle

January

- Sunday 1st | League | 5.30pm | Sheff
- Sunday 12th | League | 5.30pm | Newcastle
- Sunday 19th | League | 5.30pm | Newcastle

February

- Sunday 1st | League | 5.30pm | Bristol
- Sunday 16th | League | 5.30pm | Sheff

March

- Sunday 1st | League | 5.30pm | London
- Sunday 16th | League | 5.30pm | Manchester

April

- Sunday 1st | League | 5.30pm | Sheff
- 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:



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Many happy returns to all our birthday buddies!

We hope you enjoy your birthday book!



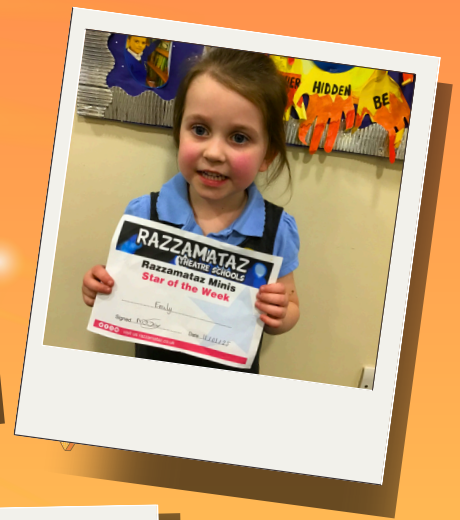
Troy,
Borislav,
Mikey,
Oliver, Sam,
Emily and
Ralph

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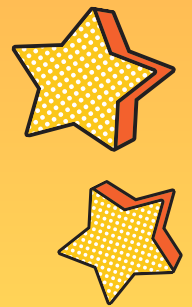
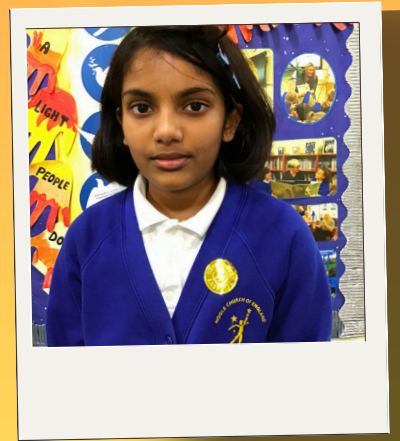
LETTING THEIR LIGHT SHINE!



Hivda has progressed to the next stage of her swimming lessons!

Emily was made Star of the Week at Razzmatazz!

Hanika has been selected by Cheshire Cricket Club to take part in an Excellence Course!



Sports News

A team of determined athletes represented our school in a competition at the Ellesmere Port Sports Village on Monday afternoon. Pupils participated in a variety of indoor athletics events including sprint races, relays, hurdles races, standing long jump and javelin against schools from across Cheshire West and Chester area.

Our athletes performed well, showing the positive sporting attitudes and perseverance we are always so proud of. The competition was stiff but every participant gave their best and worked hard to try to excel in their events to build up the school's overall score. A huge thank you to the families who supported with transport for this event – we would not have been able to participate without your assistance. The biggest thanks, of course, goes to our team who represented us so admirably and wish such resilience and enthusiasm.

Coming Soon!

Coming soon for 2025...Art from the heart!

Mrs Elston and a brand-new team of Art Ambassadors will be introducing an artist focus for every half term. This will encourage children across the whole of our school family to get creative, experiment with new ideas and most importantly reflect on what they have learnt. There will be a new, bright display of all the children's work in the hall.

Watch this space for more information!

Let's Celebrate!

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

Phoebe T

Jessica B

Ernie S

Nancy P

Norah H

Seth S

Phoebe W

Lawson S

Henry C

Ryder P

Lena Z

Casi N

Amelie W

Sophia H

Georgi G

Poppy P

Coffee Morning

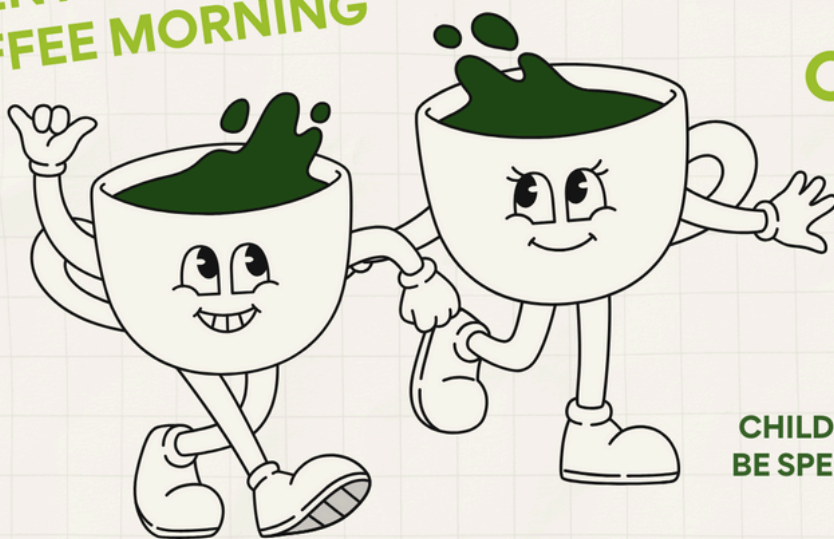
If you are having battles at home about children wanting mobile phones or spending too much time gaming or using technology, come along and chat with like minded parents/carers!

We plan to organise regular coffee sessions to try to support families with managing these challenges so please feel free to pop along.

**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.



Key Dates

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
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

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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)
17th - 21st February	School Holidays
24th February	Ethos Ambassadors Meeting 3.30-4.30pm
27th February	Year 4 Trip
28th February	Team 5S Assembly
28th February	Digital Wizards Club Starts
7th March	Team 6M Assembly

West Cheshire Athletic Club Schools Cross Country Race Series 2024/25

**At Ellesmere Port Sports Village, Stanney Lane,
Ellesmere Port,**

**Registration from 9.30am for school years 3 & 4
And from 10am for school years 5-8.
First Race Starts at 10am.**



Saturday, January 18

**Race Order for the following Girls and Boys year groups:
Year Three, Year Four, Year Five, Year Six, Year Seven, Year Eight.**

Medals will be presented to the first three finishers in each race.

**The first three finishers from each school in each race will count as a team
towards a team score based on their positions, and the team event will be
held over four rounds.**

**Awards will also be presented to the top three finishers overall in each age
group after four rounds.**

**Each pupil from each school will be provided with a race number which
should be attached to the front of their T-shirt/vest.**

**Each participating school should provide
a representative/parent/team manager at each round.
Further details from Dennis Wall at West Cheshire AC.
Tel: 07968 643038. Email: dennis.wall1@ntlworld.com**