

Message from Headteacher

Making a Difference

One of our aims for pupils at our school is that they let their lights shine as tolerant and responsible citizens, willing to contribute to their local community and the world around them.

We received a wonderful letter and certificate from the Hospice of the Good Shepherd. The letter was sent to thank pupils for taking part in the festive fun run in December and commending them on raising over £1235.

In Monday's worship, in addition to celebrating this wonderful collaborative fundraising efforts, we also gave thanks to two children for their personal efforts to support other people.

Ivy, in Year 2, arrived at school on Monday sporting a new short haircut. Her long plait had disappeared! Ivy had been growing her hair to donate it to the Little Princess Trust. The Trust uses donated hair to make wigs and hair pieces for children who have lost their own hair due to cancer. She raised £1355!

We are so proud of Ivy for showing such compassion and her commitment to helping children who are suffering.

Ben, in Year 6, told us about his efforts to raise money for Alder Hey Children's Hospital. Ben decided of his own volition that he was going to walk over forty-five miles in aid of the charity. On doing this, he raised over £450 for the hospital.

Earlier this year, Ziggy in Year 2 completed a charity challenge recently and showed his super medal.

Jacob in Year 4 showed us his photograph of him wearing his Santa suit when he ran the Liverpool Santa Run.



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Ethan in Year 6, set himself a challenge. He packed his rucksack with weights totalling two stone and walked around his garden thirty-two times a day (equal to a mile) every day for a week. Ethan raised over £380 for the Claire House Hospice. Like Ben, Ethan did this because he wanted to make a difference, not for external validation or reward.

I know that there are so many of our children who have participated in local charity sports events, taking positive action to help others.

We are so proud of every single light in our school family. Together and individually, they shine so brightly, spreading compassion, joy and love in our school and beyond. Thank you for entrusting us with your wonderful children.

School Food Group

Thanks to the pupils who applied and have been appointed to the School Food Group. The Group met to receive their first mission on Tuesday. Their first job is to collect some feedback from their classmates to support us in evaluating our school food. I thank them for their diligence and commitment to contributing to the ongoing improvement and success of our school.

Parents' Evenings

We look forward to welcoming you to our Parents' Evenings after half term. If you have not already booked an appointment with your child's teacher, you may do so via the School Spider app.

Safeguarding Concern

Over recent weeks, we have seen an increase in children talking about viewing or playing inappropriate games, including the TV programme Squid Game, Grand Theft Auto and Call of Duty, all of which are unsuitable for children.

We regularly have pupils talking about Fortnite and I know that this is widely played by pupils, even though this has a recommended age limit of 12+ by PEGI.

I am duty bound under my safeguarding obligations to inform families that where children are watching violent programmes/films or accessing games with an 18+ rating such as Grand Theft Auto or Call of Duty, this will be taken seriously and a safeguarding referral will be considered.

Loyal Mail



Team 2C have looked out for acts of kindness this week and posted their messages into the Loyal Mail post box.

Our happiness heroes will deliver the messages to the classes.



Arianwen came second overall for the Year 4 girls' event!

Logan came third overall for the Year 5 boys' event!

Niall came 1st overall for the Year 5 boys' event!

Alice came third overall for the Year 6 girls' event!



Over the winter months, many children turned up on a Saturday morning to take part in the 2024-2025 West Cheshire Schools Cross Country Series. The overall results are now in and we are very proud to have many winners!

SPORTS NEWS

We are so very proud of all the runners who turned up each week- thank you for making it a fun event to watch!

We won the Year 6 Girls' Team event!

The Year 5 Girls' Team came second overall!

We won the Year 5 Boys' Team event!



School Bank - Credit Union

As part of our financial education, we are keen that all children know the choices they have with money as well as the power of saving money. We believe that children having their own accounts which they themselves pay into helps empower them to be financially responsible throughout life.

To this end, you will have seen us promoting our school bank which works with the Credit Union. Children are able to have their own accounts which they can deposit money into in school.

As a school, we are now giving each child who opens an account £2 to start their savings journey! (Any children who have already received the £1 contribution will also have an additional £1 paid in).

In addition to this, between now and summer, there will be a **monthly prize draw of a £10 voucher for the family of each child who has a school bank account**. Every month, all those who have a school bank account will be entered into the prize draw, so the sooner an account is opened, the more chances you have of winning.

If you would like to open an account for your child, please collect an application form from the School Office.



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 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)

Parents' Evening

Year group	Class teacher	Date of Parents' Evenings
Reception	Mrs Walsh – Team RW	Tuesday 25th February Thursday 27th February
	Miss McDonald – Team RM	Tuesday 25th February Thursday 27th February
Year 1	Mrs Jeffs – Team 1J	Monday 24th February Tuesday 25th February
	Miss Hildebrandt – Team 1H	Monday 24th February Tuesday 25th February
Year 2	Miss Carter – Team 2C	Monday 24th February Tuesday 25th February
	Mrs Inns & Mrs Elston – Team 2EI	Tuesday 25th February Thursday 27th February
Year 3	Mrs Jones and Mrs Stirk – Team 3SJ	Tuesday 25th February Wednesday 26th February
	Mr Underhill – Team 3U	Monday 24th February Tuesday 25th February
Year 4	Mrs King – Team 4K	Monday 24th February Tuesday 25th February
	Miss Cotgreave – Team 4C	Tuesday 25th February Wednesday 26th February
Year 5	Mrs Salisbury – Team 5S	Tuesday 25th February Thursday 27th February
	Miss Rennocks – Team 5R	Tuesday 25th February Thursday 27th February
Year 6	Mrs Millington – Team 6M	Tuesday 25th February Thursday 27th February
	Miss Buckley – Team 6B	Tuesday 25th February Thursday 27th February

Our Spring Term Parent's Evenings will take place after the Spring half-term.

Parents Evening slots can be booked through our website, www.hooleceprimary.co.uk or the School Spider App.

Parents and Carers will need to login to the school website or the app to be able to book a slot. If you have forgotten your login details, please click on the "forgotten password" link to reset it.

The slots are available on a first come first served basis. We emailed step-by-step instructions of how to book a slot to all parents and carers last week.

If you would prefer a telephone consultation at the time you have booked, please make contact with the School Office via email to admin@hooleceprimary.cheshire.sch.uk, so we can check contact details and update records where needed.

Unless we hear from families, we will assume that parents or carers are attending in person.

Easy Fundraising for our PTA



Do we need your support?
App-solutely!

The easiest way to support our PTA is to sign up to easyfundraising!

Easyfundraising partners with over 8,000 brands who will donate part of what you spend to a cause of your choice. It won't cost you any extra.

It's simple, shop with 8,000+ online retailers and we'll receive a free donation. This month only, with their Free £2 App-eal, if you register to support us via their app, we'll get £2, plus when 10+ of you register they'll unlock more bonus funding!

3rd-28th Feb



- 1 Open your phone's camera
- 2 Scan the QR Code
- 3 Get the app

Get the app now and choose to support Hoole CofE Primary School's PTA once installed!

Knit For Nowt!

Knit-for-Nowt is a charitable service based in Yorkshire. It appeals for knitted, crocheted, or sewn hand puppets and "worry monsters", which are used in schools by ELSA staff to help children struggling with a range of social and emotional problems.

They are made by a dedicated team of volunteer knitters/makers and then donated to schools and Children's therapists right across the UK.

Here at Hoole Primary, Miss Taylor was lucky enough to be sent a variety of puppets to help children who need them after contacting the charity. These will have such an impact on the children who need a little extra support and a nice snuggly hug. We are so grateful.



Times Tables Rockstar Champions

The exciting Times Table Rockstars Competition continues!

This week's winners are:

Individual winners:

1st - Fawaz

2nd - Arjun

3rd - George P

Battle Winners
this week
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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

HOOLE CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

HAVE FUN AND LEARN USING THE LATEST TECHNOLOGY!

CONTROL ROBOTS



BECOME ANIMATORS



EXPLORE VR



MAKE & PLAY GAMES



OUR ACTIVITIES
DEVELOP KEY SKILLS IN
MATHS, COMPUTING,
SCIENCE, ART & DT.

BUILD & CODE LEGO



WE'RE DELIGHTED TO BE RETURNING TO RUN OUR LATEST DIGITAL WIZARDS CLUB FROM 3:25-4:25 PM ON THE FOLLOWING DATES:

Fridays

28TH FEBRUARY
7TH MARCH
14TH MARCH
21ST MARCH
28TH MARCH

TO BOOK
CLICK HERE



digitalwizards.org.uk/hoole

LIMITED PLACES AVAILABLE

BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS - CHILDREN'S PARTIES - HOLIDAY CLUBS



Choir News



Last Friday, members of our choir were invited to sing at Belong's annual presentation night. Singing with their older and younger friends, they opened the evening with some fantastic renditions of classic songs such as Wise Men Say and Downtown. The audience joined along with them and adored their performance.

We were also invited to sing at Belong's evening of celebration after their recent Ofsted inspection. The children also read out poems to the large audience with huge smiles. A beautiful moment was when we watched the performance from Westminster Abbey over Christmas and celebrated the achievements of the Sankofa songsters from the last year. We are looking forward to continuing our work together with Belong, Amanda Wrigley from Live the Beat and the Sankofa Songsters over the coming months with more performances and exciting things to come!

Let's Rock!



On Thursday 13th March, we will have a jammed-packed day welcoming Rock Kidz into our school. Their aim is to raise aspirations and educate, entertain & empower children all over the world through music. Throughout the school day, the whole school will be transformed into Rockstars and inspire them to be the best they can be.

We are asking all pupils to come to school in their best rock star outfit as every year group has a workshop rocking out to an original song based on one of our PSHE themes and school values!

After school, Rock Kidz will have a merchandise table of t-shirts, caps and hoodies for sale promoting the positive message the children have learnt about that day.

If you'd like to find out more, check out www.rockkidzuk.com

H O O L E C E P R I M A R Y S C H O O L

W E L C O M E S

ROCK KIDZ

**TO OUR SCHOOL FOR SOME
FUN AND ACTIVE WORKSHOPS!**

THURSDAY | 13 MARCH 2025

**GET YOUR BEST ROCK STAR OUTFIT AT
THE READY, AS EVERY YEAR GROUP HAS
A WORKSHOP ROCKING OUT TO AN
ORIGINAL SONG BASED ON ONE OF OUR
PSHE THEMES AND SCHOOL VALUES!**



It is Safer Internet Week this month. Thousands of organisations get involved to promote the safe, responsible and positive use of digital technology for children and young people. Over the next fortnight, we will be providing families with guidance to help ensure your all safe when using the internet or playing online games. See below for some top tips!

What parents & carers need to know about ...

PLAYSTATION 5

The PlayStation 5 is the next-generation video game console from Sony. It offers improved graphics, sound and much quicker loading times. It also has a new controller with motion- and force-feedback features for a more immersive experience. Parents should note that there are two different versions available that support discs or digital downloads.

Safely setting up your Playstation 5

PlayStation 5 Blu-ray

PlayStation 5 Blu-ray is the larger of the two consoles, although not by a lot. It enables you to play games on disc or by digital download. Although all new games are available digitally, the disc drive is still useful to watch movies from discs as well as play most existing PlayStation 4 games you own. It also enables you to purchase second-hand games on a disc, which is often much cheaper.

PlayStation 5 Digital

PlayStation 5 Digital is slightly smaller as it doesn't contain a Blu-ray drive. This means the console is cheaper but can only run games you download via an internet connection. Unlike the Xbox Series X and the cheaper Series S, the digital-only PlayStation 5 is just as powerful as its more expensive disc-and-download counterpart.

Family Settings

Both PlayStation 5 models offer important family controls that should be set up before your family starts using the system. Although this can take a little time, it ensures that children have their own accounts and sets limits on spending, interactions and age ratings. If done correctly, children cannot circumvent these controls that require the parent's password to alter.

Downloading the PlayStation App

The PlayStation 5 uses the same PlayStation app as the PlayStation 4. This is a super-easy way to tweak the user settings for your family without having to log on to the console. It's also a good way to keep track of what different people are enjoying on the system. The app can also be used as an easier way to log-on by scanning the QR code.

Setting Limits on Play Time

You can specify how long, and at which times of day, the console can be used to play without needing a password. Talk to your children and agree how long is appropriate, then set this on their profile, so it's something they understand and accept. You can set different time limits on each of the users on the system.

Creating Guest Account Password

An important step during the PlayStation 5 set-up is specifying the default settings for guest accounts as well as a passcode for your own account. This ensures that all users need to access the system with their own account and related limits and settings.

Managing Spending

You can set a limit on spending via Parental Controls. This means that any additional purchase requires your password. Another alternative is not to put credit card details into your account and instead add credit as they need it using the book token-like cards in-store or online. A nice feature on the PlayStation is setting an amount of pocket money to spend on games each month.

Managing Online Interactions

Another important area of the Parental Controls is specifying how and who your child can interact with online. Modern consoles enable players to share text, voice, images and video with each other. You can set whether they can do this, and also apply a password before they can add new friends.

Setting Age Ratings

You can set a limit that stops any older-rated games being played without a password being entered. This is not only a good way to ensure children are playing appropriate content but is a good chance to talk about the games they are playing.

Game Subscriptions

In addition to buying individual games digitally or in-store, you can also subscribe to services that offer access to hundreds of games for a monthly fee. PlayStation Plus is needed to play games online with other people and offers a set of games you can immediately download for the new system. PlayStation Now enables you to stream (and download) a wider set of games.

Types of Accounts

Set up Parent Accounts

Setting up a parents' account is important so you can manage the console for your family. After plugging your console in, connect to the internet and wait for updates to finish. Once updated, create a parent user account with an email address you regularly check and password specified.

Set up Child Accounts

Setting up child accounts are important to be able to limit play time, spending and apply age ratings automatically. Separate accounts for each child user can be set up. It's a good idea to specify a password for the guest account so children cannot access this also.

Meet our expert

Andy Robertson is a freelance family technology expert who often works for the BBC. He runs the Family Gamer TV YouTube channel and contributes to a range of national media on the topic of video games and family.

National Online Safety
#WakeUpWednesday

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Many happy returns
to all our
birthday buddies!

We hope you enjoy
your birthday book!



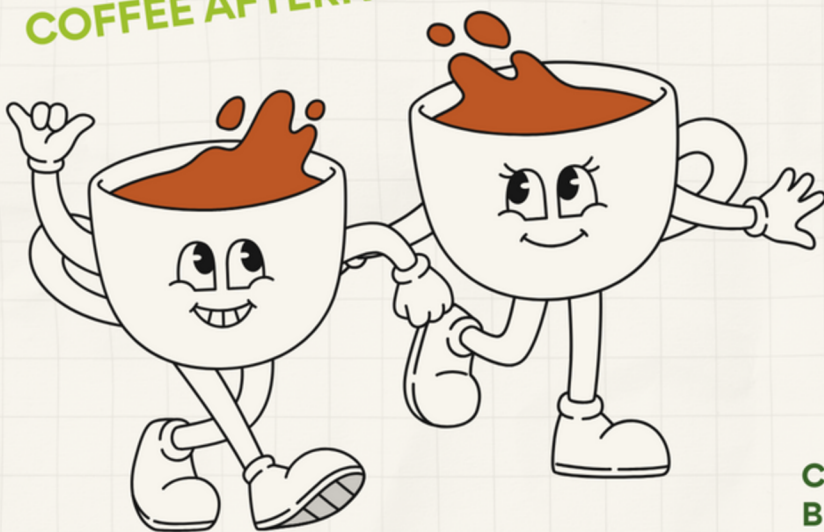
Ayan, Faya,
Zayn, Alice,
Oscar-David,
James P, James L,
Bartu, Megan and
Matthew!

Smartphone Free Coffee Afternoon

**PARENT AND CARER
COFFEE AFTERNOON**

IN SUPPORT
OF

**Smartphone
Free
Childhood**



**TUESDAY
11TH MARCH
FROM 3.25PM**

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

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.

School staff will take care of children for parents who attend the meeting!

LETTING THEIR LIGHT SHINE!



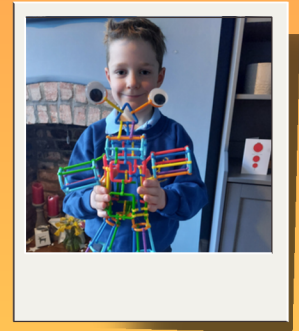
Ernie and Ralph both won medals at a football themed birthday party!

Clara achieved her bronze award at Rainbows!

Connie received her certificate for swimming 10 metres unaided!

Harvey has been busy building an incredible Click Sticks monster, plus he moved to his next level class at swimming, after completing his 10 meters swim!

Oscar achieved 4 new Beavers badges - planets, healthy eating, art and a years commitment!



Non-uniform Day

We are supporting Comic Relief on Friday 15th March, raising funds for families less fortunate than ourselves. Children are invited to wear their own clothes and we are asking families to donate on the School gateway app if they can.

The Comic Relief logo, featuring the words "COMIC RELIEF" in a bold, black, sans-serif font. The letter "O" in "COMIC" is replaced by a red circle with a white crescent shape inside, resembling a smile. The logo is set against a white circular background with a blue border.

**COMIC
RELIEF**

Non-uniform Day Friday 21st March

Children are invited to wear their own clothes in return for a donation to Comic Relief. Please make a donation via the School Gateway if you can.

Let's Celebrate!

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

Lyra B

Daniel W

Isaac F

Anna L

Eadie F

Samuel T-F

Sion A

Riley A

Harrison M

Louis M

Demi R

Arel U

Keep On Running!

Join Mrs Jeffs and Mrs Johnson every Monday after half-term, for our new Family Running Club!

The Family Running Club is aimed at all children from Reception to Year 6 and their families and will run after school.

Children will need to be accompanied by a parent or family member.

We will start with much shorter distances and hopefully build it up over the weeks - we are hoping for it to be similar to a Park Run!

Families can take part by walking, run-walking or running the whole thing. A mile is a mile no matter how you do it or how long it takes!

If you would like to participate, sign up on School Spider today!

JOIN US FOR

FAMILY RUNNING CLUB

STARTING
MONDAY
3RD MARCH

SIGN UP ON
SCHOOL SPIDER

HOOLE CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Key Dates

10th February	Year 5 Viking Day (Team 5R)
11th February	Year 5 Viking Day (Team 5S)
14th February	INSET Day (School closed to pupils)
17th - 21st February	School Holidays
24th February	Ethos Ambassadors Meeting 3.30-4.30pm
24th - 27th February	Parents' Evenings
26th February	Year 3-4 Trip to Storyhouse
27th February	Year 4 Roman Trip
28th February	Team 5S Assembly
28th February	Digital Wizards Club Starts
6th March	World Book Day
7th March	Team 6M Assembly
10 - 14th March	British Science Week
14th March	Team RW Assembly
19th March	Year 2 Showcase at All Saints' Church 1.30pm
21st March	Team RM Assembly
21st March	Non-uniform day for Comic Relief
27th March	Singalong Shine-along 2pm

ACTIVITIES FROM
12 NOON

CHESTER

DUCK

RACE

SATURDAY | RIVER DEE
5 APRIL | THE GROVES
2025 AT 3PM | CHESTER



Providing MORE for our patients

TIMES

12 NOON

VIEWING OF
DRESSED DUCKS TO RACE
COLOURING COMPETITION

HOOK A DUCK
DUCK MERCH ANDISE
FACE PAINTING
& MORE ACTIVITIES

3PM

DUCK RACE
RAFFLE DRAW

4PM

PRIZES AWARDED



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SMOKEHOUSE

THE SOUTHERN TASTES
OF AMERICA

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