



28TH FEBRUARY
2025



Message from Headteacher

Ofsted

I wrote to parents/carers earlier this week with a copy of the Ofsted report following our recent inspection.

Thank you for the feedback we have received from so many families who have enjoyed reading the report.

Our school is a strong, dynamic and ambitious place! Please be assured that every effort will be invested into continuing to enrich what we do for the benefit of our school family and the local community.

If you did not receive a copy of the Ofsted report, please contact the school office. It is also available via the Ofsted website which is available via the link www.reports.ofsted.gov.uk/

Thanks again so much for your support for our school.

Shout out for Year 3 & 4

I wanted to commend Year 3 and 4 pupils this week. On Wednesday, they were due to travel to The Storyhouse to enjoy a performance of 'The Parent Agency.' Children set off on the walk into Chester full of enthusiasm. School then received a phone call from the theatre informing us that the play had been cancelled due to several staff members being ill.

A few frantic phone calls later, we managed to make contact with the group to tell them to turn back to school.

The attitude shown by the children was exemplary. Although they were disappointed, they returned to school without complaint. Every pupil showed the resilience, perseverance and positive attitudes we promote in our school community.

I am so pleased that they were invited back to see the show on Thursday. What a fantastic group of children!

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Congratulations

Huge congratulations to Miss Buckley, our very own Literacy Champion! Miss Buckley has been appointed to work as a writing moderator for the Local Authority. This means that she will visit other schools across Cheshire West and Chester in the summer term. Miss Buckley will be responsible for checking that children's writing has been accurately assessed by other teachers. I am so proud to have such expertise on my staff team. I am sure you will join me in congratulating Miss Buckley on her achievement.



Support for Parents/Carers - Behaviour Management

As a school, we take a proactive approach to supporting our families with issues which may impact on family life and wellbeing.

We are aware that managing children's behaviour at home can sometimes be challenging. During periods of difficulty, parents/carers can feel isolated and struggle with the answers to the challenging behaviour they may face.

I am writing to inform you about two courses which are running in school over coming weeks aimed at supporting parents and carers.

Parent Talk in the Primary Years

This course is being run by staff from our school and HETTY Nursery (Mrs Jeffs, Mrs Bowes, Mrs Chester and Miss Cooper).

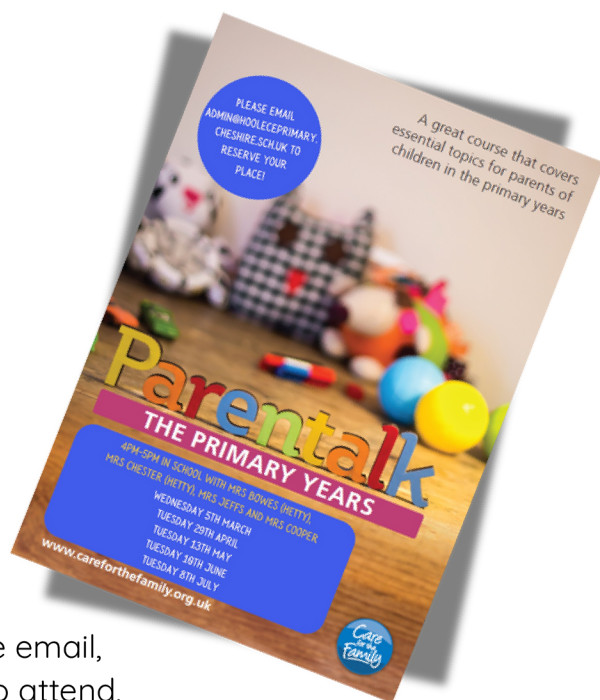
It will be an informal opportunity for parents/carers to engage with a range of topics related to managing behaviour in a supportive environment, with opportunities for discussion with staff and other families.

Sessions take place in school on the following dates:

- Wednesday 5th March
- Tuesday 29th April
- Tuesday 13th May
- Tuesday 10th June
- Tuesday 8th July

The course will cover areas including setting boundaries, building communication and preparing children for the outside world.

There is no charge for this course. To book a place, please email, telephone or speak to the school office. All are welcome to attend, even if you only wish to attend one or two sessions.



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Understanding Behaviour that Challenges Course

I am writing to remind families that we have a brilliant course running in school every Friday starting from Friday 28th February.

The course is designed to increase skills in understanding and managing challenging behaviour. Learning will focus on investigating underlying reasons that can affect behaviour and strategies for promoting positive behaviour.

The course is delivered in a comfortable space with refreshments available. Please do not feel anxious or daunted by learning alongside others as the environment is very relaxed and friendly. The course runs from 9.30am - 2.30pm every Friday.

If you are interested in joining, please get in touch with the school office for further information.

Early Help Navigator Service

Our local Early help Navigator, Zuzanna, will be in school next Thursday morning (6th March).

Early Help Navigators are able to help parents/carers navigate what help and support is available in the local area; offer help, support and advice on a variety of issues; signpost to local and national services or help families to complete forms. They offer a listening ear and have knowledge of what services are available in the local area.

If you are interested in arranging a specific appointment with Zuzanna, please speak to the school office. If you want to just have a quick chat on Thursday, you may do this by visiting school. We can also arrange telephone consultations if this is more convenient.

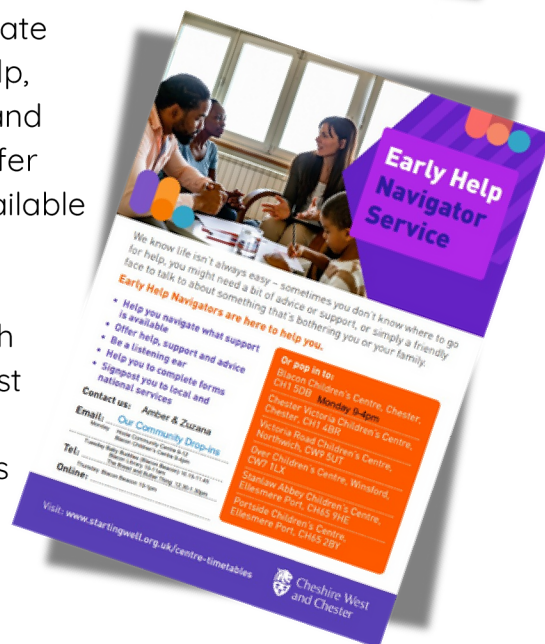
Proposed Academy Conversion - Parent/Carer & Community Consultation

You will be aware that we recently held a four-week consultation period for parents/carers and community partners to give their views on a proposal for the school to convert to an academy with Chester Diocese Learning Trust.

The formal consultation period ended on 21st February.

Parents/carers will shortly receive information collated as a result of the consultation process. This will include all of the questions asked with responses provided.

This is being formulated at present and will be sent out in due course.



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School Bank

The bank opens every Thursday for children to come and pay into their savings account. Our school bank is a great way of encouraging children to develop positive habits with money management. A school bank is an account which your child could take ownership for, paying in a small amount each week, or saving a little chunk of birthday or Christmas money. An account can be opened with as little as £1 and pays a very competitive rate of interest.

We are providing £2 for every child who do not yet have an account to open one. Any child who already has an account opened will receive a £1 boost to their savings.

This has been wholly subsidised by a grant we obtained as part of our work towards a Financial Excellence Award.

We have also launched a monthly draw for families with children who have an open account to win £10.

We understand that many children have savings accounts and investments. Often, though, these are managed by adults on the child's behalf and they have little understanding of how savings can grow over time.

All parents/carers need to do to support their child opening an account is to fill in a short form and show your child's passport or birth certificate and show your own passport, driving licence or birth certificate, a bank statement or household bill

We need your feedback!

Our School Food Group are conducting some research into our children's views about school meals and lunchtimes in school.

Next week, the School Food Group will meet with our Food Standards Governor, Christine Darwen, to discuss their own views and to review the questionnaire results.

To support the work of the School Food Group, we are now asking families to complete a short survey about food and lunchtimes in school.

The survey is available via School Spider. Please give your feedback by 5pm on Monday 17th March.

Woolly Appeal

Do you have any forgotten balls of wool nesting in the back of your cupboards? If so, we would love to put them to good use!

Please drop any donations off at the School Office for attention of Mrs Flanders.



Holidays during term time: What the new rules mean for me



From September 2024, the new National Framework for issuing penalty notices will apply.



As a school, we fully appreciate the financial difficulties that some parents face when booking holidays, particularly during school holidays.

However, school is duty bound to comply with the regulations set by the local authority and national protocols.

A Fixed Penalty Notice (FPN) is a fine which may be issued for taking children out of school during term time for the purpose of leisure or recreation.



Second Offence

(Within 3 years of the first offence)

Where it is deemed appropriate to issue a second Penalty Notice to the same parent for the same pupil within 3 years of the first notice. The second Penalty Notice will be charge at:

£160 per parent, per child paid within 28 days (Unpaid Penalty Notices after 28 days may result in a prosecution)

Example: We are a family of 2 children and 2 parents.

Child 1	child 2	Parent 1	Parent 2	
£160	£160	£320	£320	= £640

The 10 school week period may span different terms or school years (e.g. 2 sessions of unauthorised absence in the Summer Term and a further 8 within the Autumn Term).

First Offence

The first time a Penalty Notice is issued for a Term Time Holiday or Irregular School Attendance, the Penalty Notice will be charged at:

£160 per parent, per child paid within 28 days. Reduced to £80 per parents, per child if paid within 21 days

Example: I'm a single parent of 2 children and we want to go on holiday for a week in term time.

Your holiday will not be authorised and you should speak to school before booking because your child will miss 5 school days, you will be issued a penalty notice fine.

Child 1	child 2	Parent
£160	£160	£320



The initial fine is £320 but if paid within 21 days it will be reduced to £160

Third Offence

(Within 3 years of the First Offence)

The third time that an offence is committed for either a term time holiday and/or irregular attendance, a Penalty Notice will not be issued. The case may be proceeded straight to prosecution/court.

The 3 year period can cover primary and secondary school periods eg: first offence in year 5 of primary and 2nd offence in year 7.



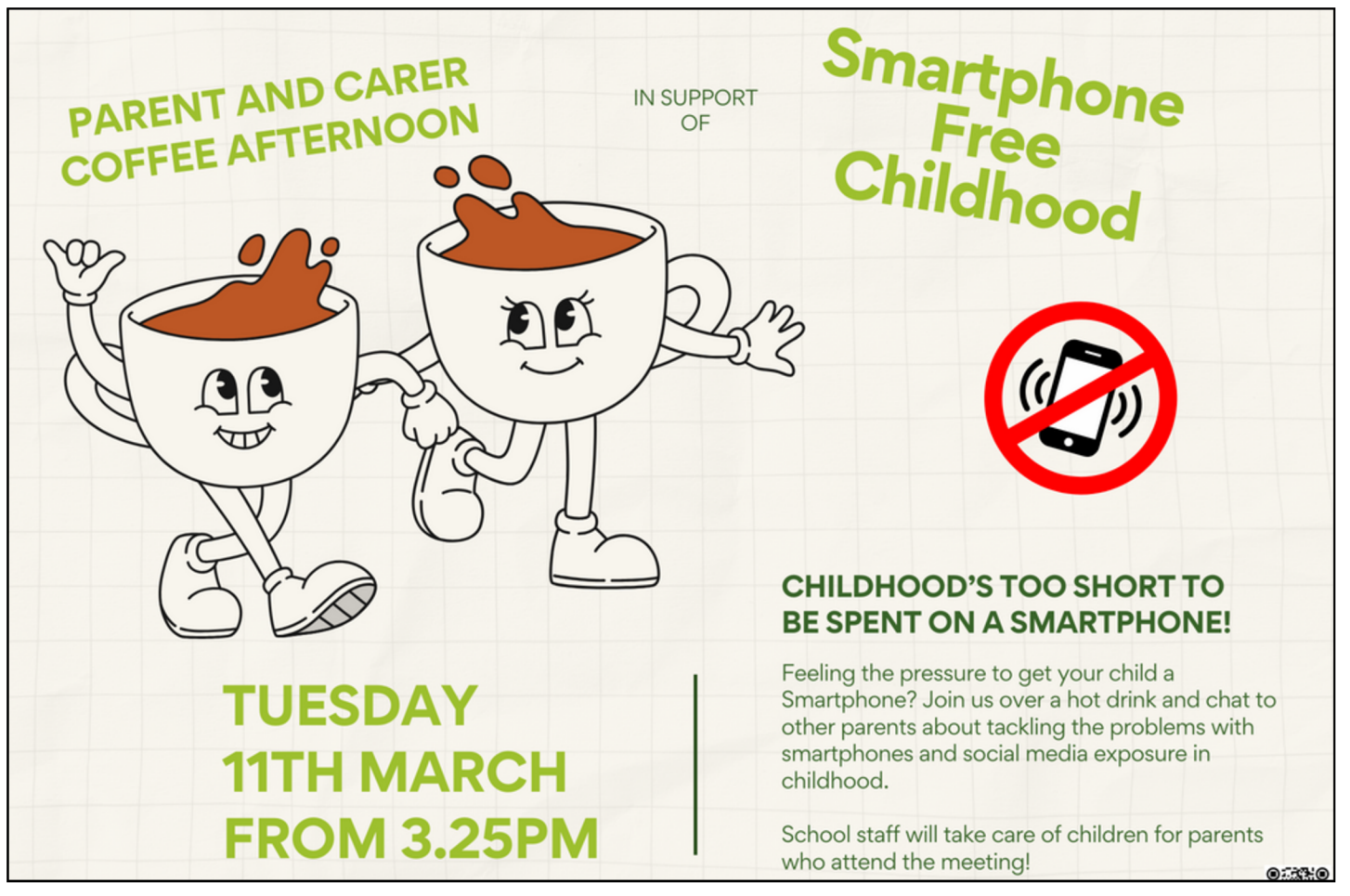
For more information:

www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/residents/education-and-learning/early-years-and-childcare/education-welfare-service/fixed-penalty-notices/taking-children-on-holiday-during-term-time



Smartphone Free Meeting

Join us to chat to other parents about the struggles with smartphone and social media exposure and how it is affecting our children and society.



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!

Let's Rock!



HOOLE CE
PRIMARY SCHOOL
WELCOMES

**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!

We are incredibly excited to welcome Rock Kidz to our school in March for a full School of Rock experience!

We are asking all children to come to school dressed up a rock stars on the day! Rock Kidz 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 and inspired to be the best they can be.

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, visit www.rockkidzuk.com.

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LETTING THEIR LIGHT SHINE!



Dylan passed his stage 2 swimming!

Kian won a trophy and a medal at 1st kick football Club for his positive attitude and great help to the leader!

Martha was awarded a certificate and badge for passing her level 1 in swimming!

Pepe was made Player of the Week at 1st kick football Club!

Evie D was Star of the Week at A-Star Sports!

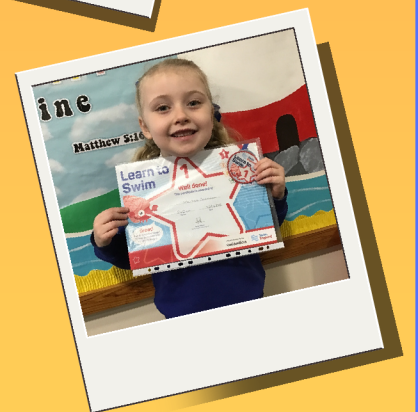
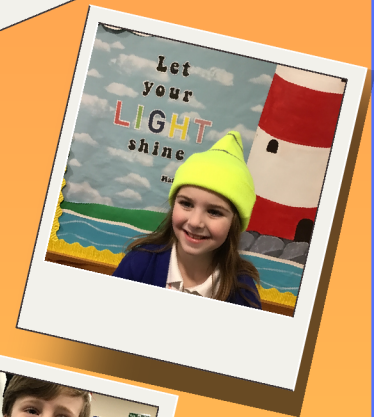
Clara won this funky hat in the Road Safety Competition!

Alex was made Star of the Week at his Karate Class!

Arianwen's netball team, Chester Falcons, played in the Year 5/6 leagues in Warrington against teams two years older and finished the winter league in second place! They have now been promoted to the next league up in the year 5 and 6 leagues. They are currently top of that league after 2 games.

Daryna performed an incredible figure skating dance in Slough and took 4th place!

Leila was awarded Player of the Week at her football club, Vicars Cross Dynamos!





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TUESDAY 29TH APRIL

TUESDAY 13TH MAY

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World Book Day Menu

Our lovely Catering Crew will be cooking up a storm on Thursday 6th March, with a special menu to celebrate World Book Day!



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 children in Reception or Key Stage One.

Please note that the usual selection of sandwiches and jacket potatoes will also be available.

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.



**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.

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 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)
Friday 25th April	2.25pm	5R (Miss Rennocks)
Friday 2nd May	2.25pm	4K (Mrs King)
Friday 9th May	2.25pm	3SJ (Mrs Jones/Mrs Stirk)
Friday 16th May	2.25pm	2C (Miss Carter)
Friday 6th June	2.25pm	1J (Mrs Jeffs)
Friday 13th June	2.25pm	6M (Mrs Millington)
Friday 27th June	2.25pm	4C (Miss Cotgreave)
Friday 4th July	2.25pm	3U (Mr Underhill)
Friday 11th July	2.25pm	2EI (Mrs Elston/Mrs Inns)
Friday 18th July	2.25pm	1H (Miss Hildebrandt)

Times Tables Rockstar Champions

The exciting Times Table Rockstars Competition continues!

This week's winners are:

Individual winners:

- 1st - Mateo
- 2nd - Fawaz
- 3rd - Ariel

Battle Winners
this week
35J



Next Week's Menu

WEEK 2

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	WORLD BOOK DAY Crispy chicken or veggie fingers wrap and twister fries!	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

CURRICULUM SHOWCASE

at All Saints' Church

Join us to discover what we've been learning and share in a unique opportunity to explore the diverse and exciting projects we have been working on this year!

Come and enjoy your child shining brightly, taking pride in their learning and achievements.

Parents and carers are invited to our spectacular year group Showcases at All Saints' Church (Hoole Road) *

RECEPTION 3rd July 2.15pm
(* in school)

YEAR 1 11th June 1.45pm

YEAR 2 19th March 1.45pm

YEAR 3 7th May 1.45pm

YEAR 4 14th May 1.45pm

YEAR 5 30th April 1.45pm

YEAR 6 18th June 1.45pm

**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY**

Many happy returns
to all our
birthday buddies!

We hope you enjoy
your birthday book!

Ruby-Amorette,
Oliver, Max,
Theo, Billy,
Henry, Heidi,
Honey, Zlata,
heath, George
and Arianwen!



Let's Celebrate!

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

Phoebe T

Alejandro R-P

Rae D

Ihsaan A

Isla H

Faya E

Arthur M

Alice R-P

Maisy L-F

Tee-Jay W

Joanna M

Kian B

Sophia D

Thamid T

Key Dates

5th March	Parentalk Course 4-5pm
6th March	World Book Day
6th March	World Book Day Special Menu
7th March	Team 6M Assembly
10 - 14th March	British Science Week
11th March	Smartphone Free Parent Meeting 3.30pm
13th March	Rock Kidz Day
14th March	Team RW Assembly
19th March	Year 2 Showcase at All Saints' Church 1.30pm
19th March	Reception Vision and Hearing Tests
21st March	Team RM Assembly
21st March	Non-uniform day for Comic Relief
27th March	Singalong Shine-along 2pm
27th March	Makers Market 3pm
28th March	Team 6B Assembly
31st March	Ethos Ambassadors 3.30-4.30pm
2nd April	Easter Service
7th - 22nd April	Easter Holidays (School closed)



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