



Message from Headteacher

Parentalk – Behaviour Management Support

We held the first Parentalk session this week. It was attended by a number of mums and dads from our school and from HETTY Nursery.

During the sessions, parents/carers have the opportunity to discuss and reflect on positive strategies to manage behaviour at home. Sessions are facilitated by materials from Parentalk, including videos and resources which offer quality guidance and support.

Feedback from those who attended the first session was highly positive.



Parents/carers do not need to come to every session. The programme is shown below and so families may select the sessions which they feel will be most helpful to them.

This is a very supportive, non-judgmental environment to help parents and carers to consider alternative perspectives and build a toolkit of approaches for managing behaviour at home. Sessions are from 4-5pm. The programme is as follows:

- Tuesday 29th April – It's not just me
- Tuesday 13th May – Love them and let them know
- Tuesday 10th June – It's good to talk
- Tuesday 8th July – Creating a sense of belonging

Please feel free to join any of these sessions. The flyer included in this week's newsletter provides further information on Parentalk sessions and how to register. However, you are always welcome to come even if you have forgotten to book.

Message from Headteacher

Proposed Academy Conversion

I wrote to parents/carers this week following collation of the questions from the consultation process.

All of the information sent out this week is available in the Academy Conversion section of the school website.

In addition, a summary containing responses to all of the questions asked by all of the schools involved in the consultation to join Chester Diocese Learning Trust is also available in the Academy Conversion section of the school website.

My letter contained a link to a feedback form for parents/carers to submit further comments once they have read the information sent out this week. If you wish to submit a comment, please do so as quickly as possible so this feedback can be collated for an extra-ordinary meeting of the governing board in April.

Goodbye Mrs Stokes

Last Friday, we were joined by a very special person in our school family. Mrs Sue Stokes has been our head cook at Hoole for over twenty-seven years, serving generations of families who have passed through our school.

Mrs Stokes has been absent for some time due to ill health and has now taken the decision to retire from her position at school.

Last Friday, she joined us for our Friday worship and, after a wonderful presentation from 5S, we said goodbye to Mrs Stokes, thanking her for all of her work over so many years.

I am sure you will join me in wishing Mrs Stokes a long, happy and healthy retirement.

Running Club

Our Family Running Club got off to a flying start this week. Thanks to Mrs Jeffs and Mrs Johnson for starting our first ever family club.

Please note that families can come any week they wish to, as long as the club form has been completed. If this is something that families would like to dip in and out of, you may do so you don't have to come every week. The more, the merrier!

Forms are available from the school office. They are quick to complete and once you have done them, you can join in with the club at any time.



Message from Headteacher

World Book Day

A huge thank you to all of our children, staff and families for their tremendous effort for World Book Day. I was amazed by the creativity, imagination and resourcefulness which went into costumes, reflecting a fantastic range of vocabulary. Thank you all for helping to make this a day to remember!



Special Delivery Next Week!

Next week, we will take ownership of our very own school minibus! This will make a difference in enabling us to transport pupils to events and activities.

This is a very exciting development for our school, particularly in the current economic climate. School budgets are squeezed more tightly than ever. The purchase of the school bus has only been made possible by a successful bid to a national charity and support from our fantastic PTA. Without this fundraising, we would never have the funds to be able to do this.

A huge thank you to our School Business Manager, Kara Newton, who worked hard to secure us this funding. Look out for the bus next week!

School Food Group

Our School Food Group met with governor, Christine Darwen, this week to give their views on the lunchtime experience in school. They had so many interesting suggestions and their opinions will be combined with the pupil survey feedback and parent/carer views.

If you have not already done so, please complete the parent/carer survey which is available via School Spider. The survey closes on 17th March.

Headlice

We have had some issues with headlice in school over recent weeks. Some guidance for parents/carers has been included with this week's newsletter.

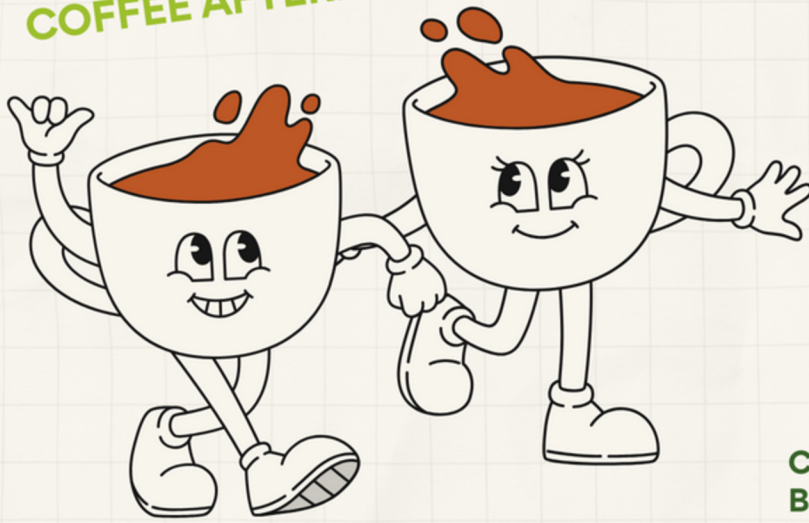
Please continue to check your child's/children's hair carefully and to treat headlice quickly if they are detected.

Parent 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!



British Science Week



British Science Week

7th -14th March

Adapt and Change

Science

**What is a balanced
diet for us and our
planet?**

Keep an eye on our social media
to see what we get up to!



National Assessments

It is the time of year when we are planning for national assessment for some year groups.

Thank you for avoiding holidays in term-time during the school year. It is particularly vital that children are not absent from school during national tests.

The year groups involved and the dates for national examinations are shown below.

Year Group	Date	Test
Year 6	Week beginning 12th May	National SAT Tests
Year 4	Week beginning 2nd June	Multiplication Tables Test
Year 1	Week beginning 9th June	Phonics Screening Test
Year 2	Week beginning 9th June	Any Year 2 pupils who did not pass the phonics test in Year 1 last year, will resit this test.
Year 2	May 2025	During May, Year 2 pupils will sit optional tests to inform teacher assessment of children's reading, grammar and mathematics levels.

Fixed Penalties for Irregular School Attendance

What does irregular school attendance mean?

Irregular school attendance is where children have frequent absences from school. These absences may be one day, two days or a few days on a regular basis which mean that children do not complete full weeks of school.

Broken weeks (where a child is absent for part of the school week) mean that children's work is disrupted and they miss parts of sequences of learning.

A school week means any week where there is at least one day where school is open for pupils. Over time, this can have a serious impact on children's academic and social development.

When do penalties apply?

Where a child has missed a minimum of 10 sessions of school due to unauthorised absence, a penalty for irregular school attendance may apply.

Each school day is 2 sessions of school, so 10 sessions is equivalent to 5 days.

The 10 sessions apply over a rolling period of 10 school weeks. For example, if your child has unauthorised absence in Week 1, Week 3 and Week 10 of any 10 week period, a fine may apply. The local authority will issue a **Notice to Improve** and this is a final opportunity for a parent/carer to engage with support to improve attendance.

A Notice to Improve is a set period of time given for an improvement in attendance to be shown. If there is further absence during a Notice to Improve period, a penalty may apply.

Attendance at our school is tracked on a daily, weekly, half termly and rolling ten week basis.



What constitutes authorised and unauthorised absence?

Authorised absence is where the child is absent due to illness, attends a medical appointment, leave has been granted by the Head Teacher for exceptional circumstances, religious observance.

Unauthorised absence applies where the following apply:

- Parents have not contacted school to inform of their child's absence and school have been unable to establish the reason for absence. (O code)
- Pupils arrive after the register closes at 9:20am (U code)
- Unauthorised leave of absence (Holidays G code)
- School have requested medical evidence and this has not been provided (O code)

Please note that both the above authorised and unauthorised lists are not exhaustive.



When do penalties apply?

Fixed penalties can be issued for Irregular attendance and Unauthorised leave of absence (Holidays) For Unauthorised leave of absence (Holidays) Fines will apply per parent per child. Please see our information sheet relating to absence due to holidays.

For Irregular attendance fines will apply per parent in respect of the child who has accumulated 10 sessions of unauthorised absence in a rolling ten week period.

A penalty may apply where there is combination of absence due to a holiday and other unauthorised absence. For example, in a ten week rolling period, a child has 3 days unauthorised absence due to a holiday in Week 2, then 1 day unauthorised absence in Week 6 and a further 2 days unauthorised absence in Week 9, a penalty may apply.

The rolling period of 10 school weeks can also span different terms or school years.

What are the penalties?

In cases where attendance has not improved following the local authority's notice to improve the following may apply:

The first penalty notice issued to parent/carers in respect of a particular pupil will be charged at £160 if paid within 28 days. This will be reduced to £80 if paid within 21 days.

A second penalty notice issued to the same parent/carers in respect of the same pupil is charged at a flat rate of £160 if paid within 28 days.

A third penalty notice cannot be issued to the same parent in respect of the same child within 3 years of the date of issue of the first. In a case where the national threshold is met for a third time (or subsequent times) within those 3 years, alternative action should be taken instead. This will often include considering prosecution, but may include other tools such as one of the other attendance legal interventions.

Who can help with issues relating to attendance

We are aware that families can face challenges which impact on school attendance and punctuality.

We are fully committed to supporting families with punctuality and attendance issues to avoid issues developing that lead to parents/carers facing fines or legal interventions.

If you are concerned about your child's attendance, require any advice or have questions relating to the national changes relating to financial and legal penalties for school attendance, our Attendance Officer, Colette Williamson, is available to help you.



You may contact Ms Williamson on 01244 323890 or by email: colettewilliamson@hooleceprimary.cheshire.sch.uk

School Bank

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.

Art from the Heart



Thank you so much to those pupils that took the time and effort to be inspired by Henry Fraser and paint in his style! Their beautiful artwork can be seen on our display wall in the hall. Please take time to go and have a look.

The Art Ambassadors and Mrs Elston are really excited to introduce Pablo Picasso as the new focus artist. To find out more about him,

click here: www.bing.com/videos/riverview/relatedvideo?q=kids+info+on+pablo+picasso&mid=A580629CCFF2E06A5F9FA580629CCFF2E06A5F9F&mmscn=stvo&FORM=VCGVRP

What you need to do...

- Reflect on Pablo Picasso's art and create your own piece of artwork in response to this.
- You might want to try and recreate a piece of art that he has painted, experiment with his style by painting a picture of yourself or even your pet.
- You might be inspired to write a poem or song about what you've found out about him.
- Hand in your art for Pablo Picasso by Thursday 3rd April.

Work will be displayed on our new Art from the heart wall and there might even be a prize or two!

My Happy Mind



**WE ARE THRILLED TO LET YOU KNOW THAT WE ARE APPLYING TO
BECOME A MY HAPPY MIND ACCREDITED SCHOOL!**

The accreditation recognises schools that are embedding the My Happy Mind curriculum into their whole culture and taking real action to improve the mental health and wellbeing of the school community. If we succeed, we will become a Bronze Accredited My Happy Mind school and receive some amazing resources for the children to use in school.

As part of the application, we are asked to provide feedback from parents, so we would love your support! If you could please click the below link and provide myHappyMind with some feedback on the programme. We would really appreciate it.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeighG4NpfU2xr07Gs-Vs1eVDlcvvOfT-f9T5Q5Fyi_8cFNQA/viewform

And the winner is...

Good news!

As mentioned in an earlier update, we are now running a prize draw each month for all children who have a Credit Union bank account. Our first winner is of the £10 Amazon voucher is...

EVELYN D IN YEAR 3!

Well done Evelyn. Our next draw will take place at the start of April.

Good news too for everyone hoping to open an account. We have now agreed with the Credit Union that we ourselves can complete the identity checks, so you are able to open an account by bringing your application form and relevant ID to school. We can verify these at school so there is no delay in opening an account.

Reception Read With Their Buddies!



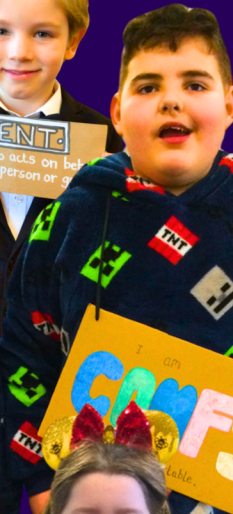
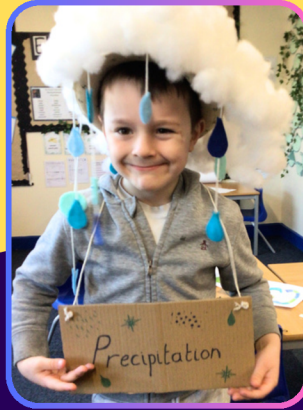
Reception children really enjoyed meeting with their Year 5 buddies on World Book Day!

They shared their favourite stories with each other and talked about why these stories were their favourite. How lovely!

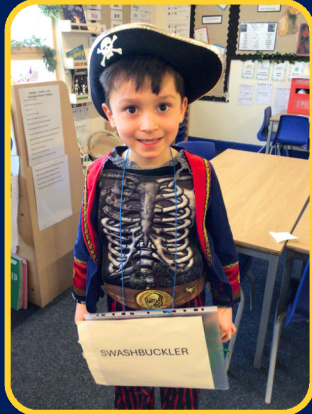
WORLD



BOOK DAY



VOCABULARY PARADE



Class Based Worship

This week we looked at the news from The Times newspaper which reported that only 4 out of 10 people in their survey of Millennials said that they were proud to be British and that less than half the people surveyed said that they felt Britain was a welcoming country.

Children discussed the British values of mutual respect and tolerance and our value of compassion. We discussed how important it is to welcome everyone - and to celebrate our similarities and our differences.

We looked at the Bible verse 1 Peter 2:9

But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out.

Questions you could ask your child:

What is special about living here?

What does it mean to be part of a community?

What different communities are you part of?

You may discuss that being part of a community does not mean everyone is the same, but that we share something in common.

How can we be more welcoming to other people?



Let's Rock!



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 as 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 with 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.

Head lice and nits are very common in young children and their families. They do not have anything to do with dirty hair and are picked up by head-to-head contact.

The only way to be sure someone has head lice is by finding live lice. You can do this by combing their hair with a special fine-toothed comb (detection comb). You can buy these online or at pharmacies.

Head lice can make your head feel itchy and like something is moving in your hair.

THE FACTS OF LICE



Treat head lice as soon as you spot them. You can treat head lice without seeing a GP. You should check everyone in the house and start treating anyone who has head lice on the same day.

There's nothing you can do to prevent head lice but you can help stop them spreading by wet or dry combing regularly to catch them early.

Medicated lotions or sprays kill head lice in all types of hair, and you can buy them from pharmacies, supermarkets or online.

Head lice should die within a day. Some lotions and sprays come with a comb to remove dead lice and eggs.

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!**



LETTING THEIR

LIGHT SHINE!



Harrison was Streetdance Dancer of the Week!

Thea visited Paris at half-term and created an incredible momento booklet to document her travels!



Jayden completed his Level 5 swimming stage and performed at the Pauline Quirk Academy production of Musicals Through the Ages!



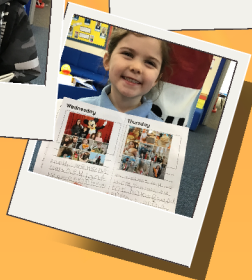
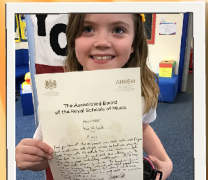
Ana completed her Piano exam and received a wonderful evaluation from her assessor!

Ivy plays for Upton Juniors and scored a hat-trick! She was awarded a trophy!

Matthew has had a very busy week, - he was awarded 2 medals!

for man of the Match and 3 from the First Kick Football club!

Charlie went to a Leyton Orient F.C match and all the players signed his shirt!



Grandparents,
Parents, and
Carers, you are
invited to join us
for a good old
sing-song!



Our Sing-Along-
Shine-Along
sessions are a new
event aimed to
bring communities
and generations
together for some
fun and smiles!

SING-A-LONG
SHINE-A-LONG
with Miss Carter

THURSDAY
27TH MARCH
2PM



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Parentalk

THE PRIMARY YEARS

4PM-5PM IN SCHOOL WITH MRS BOWES (HETTY),
MRS CHESTER (HETTY), MRS JEFFS AND MRS COOPER

~~WEDNESDAY 5TH MARCH - BEHAVIOUR AND BOUNDARIES~~

TUESDAY 29TH APRIL - IT'S NOT JUST ME

TUESDAY 13TH MAY - LOVE THEM AND LET THEM KNOW

TUESDAY 10TH JUNE - IT'S GOOD TO TALK

TUESDAY 8TH JULY - CREATING A SENSE OF BELONGING

www.careforthefamily.org.uk



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 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 - George P
2nd - Ariel
3rd - Fawaz

Battle Winners
this week
5R



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

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!

**Muna,
Daniel,
Lois and
Phoebe!**



Let's Celebrate!

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

Ffion M

Myah G

Amelia R

Arlo A

Jayden

Arthur M

Isaac M

Gleb N

Eleanor B

Ollie F

James

Billy S

Key Dates

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
20th March	Make and Take (selected pupils only)
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
31st March	R-2 Choir Parent Showcase 4pm
2nd April	Easter Service
3rd April	Make and Take (selected pupils only)
7th - 22nd April	Easter Holidays (School closed)
23rd April	School reopens - children return to school



JUNIOR BAKE OFF



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JUNIOR BAKE OFF

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2025 AT 3PM | THE GROVES
CHESTER

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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