

14TH MARCH  
2025



## Message from Headteacher



### Minibus

We are so excited to have our own minibus. In the current financial climate, this would not be possible without a successful charity bid and the support of our amazing Parent Teacher Association.

Every penny raised by the PTA goes towards enriching school life and extending opportunities for our pupils.

I would like to thank the PTA and all of the volunteers who have supported at events over recent years. The PTA are tireless in researching and implementing new ways to raise funds to support our school. We are so grateful for their energy, enthusiasm and commitment.

# Message from Headteacher

Over the last five years, the PTA have enabled us to reduce the cost to families of trips and residential visits by subsidising coach travel. They have supported investment in ICT resources and the development of our Forest School outdoor classroom.

The PTA are in the process of organising the **Summer Fair**, which will take place on Friday 4th July. Any volunteers to join the working party to support planning this event are welcomed. If you can help, please complete the Volunteer Survey on School Spider.

## Requests for Time Off During Term-Time

Families will be aware that the financial penalties for time out of school during term-time increased in August 2024. Fines apply per parent, per child. This means, for example, that if you are taking a child out of school for a holiday, where applicable, both parents would be fined. Our school factsheet relating to time off during term-time is included with the newsletter.

I would urge parents and carers to submit requests for time off during term-time to us well in advance. We try to work with families to avoid penalties for time out of school wherever we can. If the request for time off is received too late, our options to help are very limited as often the arrangements have already been made.

Please submit requests for time off well in advance and ideally before making any booking so we can work with you where possible. This will help families to try to avoid financial penalties for time out of school during the school term.



## Rock Kidz

The school was alive with the sound of rock on Thursday! We enjoyed a fantastic day with the Rock Kidz who provided a memorable day of activities to promote perseverance and determination.

Thank you to all of the children and staff who did us proud coming in their best rock star attire. Thanks to Mrs Stirk who arranged this day to remember!

## Congratulations

Huge congratulations to Tamsyn Boaden, a member of our Teaching Assistant team. Miss Boaden has been accepted onto a teaching training programme starting in September 2025. Miss Boaden will remain with us until the end of this academic year. I am sure you will join me in wishing her every success in the future.



# 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](http://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)



# British Science Week



Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 enjoyed a trip to Hoole Food Market earlier this week to learn all about seasonal produce as part of a balanced diet!

We looked at all the delicious produce and loved seeing all the different colours and finding the more unusual fruit and vegetables. Each child was given 25p to buy a piece of fruit. Once they had paid for their fruit, they were able to take it back to school to eat at snack time.



# 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.

## Pupil Forum

Solomon and Maddie in Year 5 are part of our local pupil forum and are in the process of arranging a sports festival at King George V Sports Hub in Blacon on July 9th. The aim of the festival is to promote all the sports that are on offer in Chester and to encourage children to take part in more sports. They are looking for local sports clubs who can come on the day and demonstrate what they have to offer, giving children the chance to find out what they do and to have a go at the sport.

If you are part of a sports club and would be able to take part in this or know someone who might, please can you contact Solomon and Maddie via the school office so that they can make contact and organise the details?

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The School Hall was transformed on Thursday into a full School of Rock experience!

What an amazing day we had for the whole school and HETTY! From start to finish, it was full of fun, dance-offs, jumping, and plenty of self-esteem raising, riotous laughter!

The energy, the music, the dancing was infectious - everyone got involved and it was incredible to see the school and nursery rocking together!

A huge thank you to Rock Kidz for bringing the fun- The energy was through the roof!





# EASTER EGG

## DRAWING COMPETITION

Our fabulous Art Ambassadors invite you to take part in their Easter Egg Competition!

Decorate your egg in the style of a famous artist - Miss Foy, Miss Wilson and Miss Taylor chose Van Gogh, Picasso and Britto for their designs. Who's style will you choose?

Entry Forms were sent home earlier this week - hand your completed design in the School office by Wednesday 2nd April to be in the draw for a special treat!





# SPORTS NEWS



## Football

Last Friday, we took three incredible teams to Dee Point to play in a football tournament, our Year 3-4 team, our 5-6 boys team and our Year 5-6 girls team.

All the children played really well and were a credit to the school.

Unfortunately the results didn't go our way this time but as the matches went on the teams got stronger as they got used to playing together - we will be ready for the next ones!



## County Hockey Finals

On Wednesday, our hockey team ventured to Alderley Edge to take part in the county finals against teams from across Cheshire.

We played really well and scored some excellent goals. The event was a great experience for all the children and the new minibus got its first run out!



## UPCOMING EVENTS

- |          |                         |
|----------|-------------------------|
| 21 March | Curling County Finals   |
| 24 March | Cross Country           |
| 25 March | Y5-6 Netball Tournament |

LETTING THEIR

LIGHT SHINE!

Heath won the trophy for effort and endeavour for his football team Upton JFC!

Sofi has achieved her Level 2 gymnastics award whilst Ivy completed her Level 1 and 2 and both Sofia and Esme, Level 3!

Connie not only achieved her level 5 swimming but also swam 100 metres! Phew!



## Community Sing-Along

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



Hoole CE Primary School

# CBT GROUP INTERVENTIONS FOR PARENTS OF ANXIOUS CHILDREN

SPRING/SUMMER 2025 GROUP

**FREE NHS**  
group  
interventions  
for parents.

## *Triple P Fear-Less*

For parents/carers of school aged children 6 to 14 years with moderate anxiety issues. Triple P Fear Less is an evidence based intervention delivered over 6 weeks and includes understanding about anxiety, learning to encourage your child's coping skills to manage their anxiety; building on problems solving skills and gaining confidence as a parent supporting your child.

### How?

Face to Face Group  
2 x hrs a week for  
6 weeks

### When?

23/04/25 28/04/25 07/05/25  
12/05/25 19/05/25 02/06/25

**10.30am - 12:30pm**

### Where?

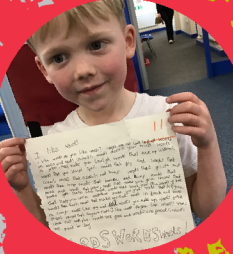
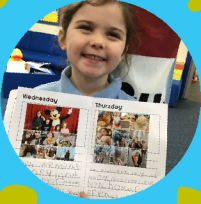
Blacon Children's Centre,  
Carlisle Road,  
Chester, CH1 5DB

Please let your child's school know if you are interested in the Triple P Fear-Less group and school can then complete a referral form into MHST.

Parents/carers **MUST** then attend one of the registration sessions. Information about the registration will be sent to Parents/Carers following schools referral.

Support,  
Friendly  
non-  
judgemental

# Why Don't You..



**MAKE A POM-POM!**

**DO A LATCH-HOOK PROJECT**

**WRITE A SHORT STORY**

**DRAW A PICTURE**

**PAINT A MASTERPIECE**

**READ A BOOK**

**TAKE A NATURE WALK**

**TAKE SOME PHOTOGRAPHS**

**TRY A RECIPE**

**VOLUNTEER TO HELP SOMEONE**

**GO FOR A HISTORY WALK**

**GO FOR A BIKE RIDE**

**TRY A NEW SPORT**

**JOIN A SPORTS CLUB**

**LEARN A DANCE**

**SPRING CLEAN YOUR BEDROOM**

**DESIGN A BOARDGAME**

**LEARN A MUSICAL INSTRUMENT**

**START JOURNALING**

**FLY A KITE**

**GO FOR A HIKE**

**MAKE A DEN**

**DO SOME GARDENING**

**HELP OUT WITH SOME CHORES**

**TRY SOME NEW FOOD**

**TALK TO YOUR FRIEND**

**LOOK IN AN ATLAS**

**SPEND TIME WITH YOUR PET**

**HAVE A BUBBLE BATH**

**PLAY A BOARD GAME**

**LEARN TO CROCHET OR KNIT**

**DO A WORDSEARCH**

**DO A SUDOKU**

**DO A JIGSAW**

**SOLVE A CROSSWORD PUZZLE**

**VISIT A LIBRARY**

**VISIT A MUSEUM**

**VISIT AN ART GALLERY**

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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](http://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 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 1				
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Breaded Chicken/Quorn Goujons, Potato Wedges and Seasonal Vegetables	Mac and cheese served with Garlic Bread and Seasonal Vegetables	Roast Gammon/Quorn with Roast/Mashed Potatoes, Gravy and Seasonal Vegetables	Chicken/Quorn Tikka Masala Curry with Rice, Naan Bread and Seasonal Vegetables or Hot Cheese & Ham Wrap with cucumber and carrot sticks	Cheese and Tomato Pizza served 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
Sticky Toffee pudding with custard	Chocolate Mudslider	Trio of Melon	Strawberry Ice Cream Cake	Shortbread Finger

# 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!

Elise, Harrison,  
Oliver, Can,  
Amy-Lou,  
Daisy, Ethan,  
Chris, Ruhaani  
and River!



## Let's Celebrate!

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

Evelyn T

Sophie D

Lily M

Alice L F

Bodhi G

Genevieve B

Alex W

Layla J-W

Matthew A

Xander H

Isaac M

Elise K

Teo M-C

Yusuf

Ranim A H

Noah B

# Key Dates

19th March	Year 2 Showcase at All Saints' Church 1.30pm
19th March	Reception Vision and Hearing Tests
20th March	Make and Take (invited 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 (Pupils only)
3rd April	Make and Take (invited pupils only)
7th - 22nd April	Easter Holidays (School closed)
23rd April	School reopens - children return to school
25th April	Team 5R Assembly
29th April	Parenttalk Workshop 4pm
30th April	Year 5 Showcase at All Saints' Church 1.45pm
2nd May	Team 4K Assembly



Half Term

# Children's Yoga & Sensory Retreat

Same household discount

GF / V  
Nut Free  
Snacks &  
Pressed Juice

Wednesday 9th April 2025  
Upton Village Hall  
Ages 6-8  
9am-3pm  
£40

Calm & welcoming environment including lights, sounds & scents



Chelsea is a fully qualified primary school teacher and outstanding tutor. social media: @misshallatutoring

Cleo is a trained yoga teacher, holistic therapist and sound facilitator. social media: @hcalwithcleo

### What we'll be doing:

#### Move Into Springs

Spring themed book  
Story time yoga with blankets & teddies



#### Creation Station

Mindful crafts to stick and glue  
Create own visual story with natural resources & glitter  
Show and tell

#### Learning Time

What happens in Spring?  
How do plants grow?  
Decorating their very own plant pot  
Planting seeds of their choice

LUNCH (bring your own)

#### Spring Sensory Celebration

Dancing  
Musical instruments  
Enjoy sensory equipment (Foam, Rice, Sand, Soil etc)

Take home your own planted seeds!



HOMETIME



✓ DBS Checked - Qualified Teacher - First Aid - Insured ✓



# CHESHIRE FOOTBALL TRIALS

APR 7TH 2025

## WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW TO JOIN US



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SATURDAY 17TH MAY 2025

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DOORS OPEN 7PM | DANCING STARTS 7:30PM - 11PM

£20.00 A TICKET THIS INCLUDES HOT FOOD  
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