



NEWSLETTER 24 - 4th April 2025

Dear Parents /Carers

What a busy last week of term! It has been a pleasure to see the children working hard in their classrooms and enjoying the start of Spring whilst playing outside at break and lunchtimes. Thank you for all your support this half-term with school events. I wish you all a lovely Easter break with your children and families. School re-opens on Wednesday 23rd April.

Drains update

Thank you for your support whilst we have ongoing issues with the drains. Contractors are due in next week to assess the situation. We will keep you updated with any information. I am so proud of the children for managing the use of the Portaloo facilities so well.

Proposed Free Breakfast Club provision

Thank you to everyone who completed our survey about the proposed free breakfast club provision. We have looked at the requirements placed on the school by the Department of Education, the timescale involved, and the demand indicated from our survey and have regrettably made the decision that to have such a provision up and running by the start of the Summer Term is not possible. We will continue to consider how we could offer such a provision if we are invited to join a similar scheme in the future.

In the meantime, we will continue to offer our current breakfast club provision.

International Earth Day – Wear Green on Friday 25th April

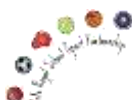


We're excited to announce that on 25th April, the Friday after International Earth Day, we will be celebrating "Wear Green for Earth Day" at school! This will be a fun day where students can wear green to show their support for the environment. This event comes as we are launching our Sustainability Committee, and we are eager to host more exciting eco-friendly events in the future. On the day, the children will have the chance to take part in themed lessons focused on sustainability. We kindly ask for a small donation to support our environmental initiatives—feel free to dig out any spare change from pockets or sofas! Thank you for your support as we work together to inspire a greener future.

Data System

Over the next few weeks, we will be moving to a new management information database, known as "**Arbor**". This system is used in lots of schools across the UK and provides a one-stop portal for information on your child and bookings and payments.

As part of this move, we will be changing our online payments and booking system and we are hopeful that we will be able to roll all of this out to you shortly after the return from the Easter holiday. Please bear with us for a few days after our return as the transfer may take a little time. Until then, you can continue to use the current School Gateway system. We will continue to use Class Dojo as the main



form of communication.

Sickness and Diarrhoea Bugs

Just a reminder that children who have been ill with sickness and diarrhoea cannot come back into school for 48 hours from their last bout of any sickness/diarrhoea. Thank you for your co-operation.

High Street Parking



May we take this opportunity to remind you that parking on the zig-zag lines on the High Street in front of the school is strictly prohibited. The local police will continue to patrol the area and will issue any parked cars with fixed penalty notices. Think before you park.

Sports Days W/C 19th May



Please see the table below with Sports Day dates weather permitting.

If we have to cancel any of these dates, the week beginning 16th June will be the reserve week, using this same timetable.

Monday 19 th May	Year 1	2.00pm
Tuesday 20 th May	Year 5	10.00am
Tuesday 20 th May	Year 2	2.00pm
Wednesday 21 st May	Year 3	10.00am
Thursday 22 nd May	Year 4	10.00am
Thursday 22 nd May	EYFS (Nursery and Reception)	2.30pm
Friday 23 rd May	Year 6	10.00am

Attendance Reminder – School starts at 8.45am

Any child who arrives after the gates are closed must enter the school by the main entrance and report to the school office to sign in. If pupils are not in class when the register is taken, they will be

coded as 'L'. Any late arrivals after 9.15am will be coded as 'U' which is an unauthorised absence for that session.

Children who are consistently late for school are disrupting not only their own education, but also that of other children. Where persistent lateness gives cause for concern, you will be invited to a meeting to resolve the issues. If there is no improvement following this meeting, further action will be taken which may include referral to external agencies. You may approach the school at any time for support and advice if you are having difficulty getting your child to school on time or maintaining regular attendance.

Hay fever

We are now coming up to hay fever season. If your child suffers with hay fever and requires daily medication, please can you ensure that they have this before they come to school.



World Down Syndrome Day – Gingerbread socks

Thank you for supporting our odd socks day and purchasing gingerbread socks. All money raised from the sale of the gingerbread socks will be sent to Down Syndrome, Cheshire.

Household Support fund – Easter holidays

The Government has extended the Household Support Fund to help support those most in need due to the rising living costs, particularly around the need for food and fuel.

Cheshire West and Chester Council are continuing to support pupils in receipt of free school meals and have approved an allocation of **£30** for each free school meal recipient for the two week Easter holiday.

The funding will be distributed the week commencing 31st March and we ask that you allow a few days following the proposed payment date before making enquiries. If you think your child may be eligible for free school meals, please check online on the Cheshire West and Chester website.

Reminder – Easter Egg Hunt – Saturday 19th April, St Andrews Church



Diary Dates: * new dates

Date	Information
4 th April 2025	Year 6 Lakes 2 nd Installment
7 th April to 22 nd April 2025	Easter Holiday
23 rd April 2025	School opens for the Summer term
24 th April 2025*	International Earth Day – Wear green in School for a small donation to support our environmental initiatives
25 th April 2025	Last payment for York Residential
28 th April 2025	Chester Zoo trip – Reception and Year 2
1 st and 2 nd May 2025	Year 1 Conwy Residential
19 th May 2025*	Sports Day Year 1 - 2pm
20 th May 2025*	Sports Day Year 5 – 10.00am
20 th May 2025*	Sports Day Year 2 – 2pm
21 st May 2025*	Sports Day Year 3 – 10.00am
22 nd May 2025*	Sports Day Year 4 – 10.00am
22 nd May 2025*	Sports Day Nursery and Reception – 2.30pm
23 rd May 2025*	Sports Day Year 6 – 10.00am
23 rd May 2025	School closes for the half term at 3.15pm (The HUB will be open for paid sessions as usual until 5.50pm)
26 th May to 30 th May 2025	Half Term
Monday 2 nd June 2025	Inset Day – school closed to children
3 rd June 2025	School opens for the new term
12 th June 2025	Reception, Year 6 whole class and Sports Team photos
16 th June 2025	Reserve week for any missed Sports Days
23 rd June 2025	Dogstrust Assemblies and Workshops for Year Reception/Y1 Wheelock and Dee
24 th June 2025	Dogstrust Assemblies and Workshops for Year 1 Gowy and Year 2
24 th June to 27 th June 2025	Year 6 – Residential to the Lake District
Tuesday 22 nd July 2025	School closes for the summer holiday at 3.15pm (The HUB will be open for paid sessions as usual until 5.50pm)
Wednesday 23 rd July 2025	Inset Day – school closed to children
Monday 1 st September 2025	Inset Day – school closed to children
Tuesday 2 nd September 2025	Inset Day – school closed to children
Wednesday 3 rd September 2025	School opens for the Autumn term
Thursday 23 rd October 2025	School closes for the Half Term at 3.15pm (The HUB will be open for paid sessions as usual until 5.50pm)
Friday 24 th October 2025	Inset Day – school closed to children
27 th – 31 st October 2025	October Half Term
Monday 3 rd November 2025	Inset Day – school closed to children
Tuesday 4 th November 2025	School opens for the new term
Thursday 18 th December 2025	Outside the Box Theatre production in School – Nursery to Year 4
Friday 19 th December 2025	School closes for the Christmas holiday at 3.15pm (The HUB will be open for paid sessions as usual until 5.50pm)
22 nd December – 2 nd January 2026	Christmas holiday
Monday 5 th January 2026	School opens for the new term
Friday 13 th February 2026	School closes for the Half term at 3.15pm (The HUB will be open for paid sessions as usual until 5.50pm)

16 th February to 20 th February	Half Term
Monday 23 rd February 2026	Inset Day – school closed to children
Tuesday 24 th February 2026	School opens for the new term
Wednesday 1 st April 2026	School closes for the Half Term at 3.15pm (The HUB will be open for paid sessions as usual until 5.50pm)
Thursday 2 nd April 2026 – 17 th April 2026	Spring Break
Monday 20 th April 2026	School opens for the Summer term

Should you need to make contact with school, please do not hesitate to contact Mr Joule on:
head@highstreet.cheshire.sch.uk or returns@highstreet.cheshire.sch.uk and please remember the year group emails if you need to contact your child's class teacher.

However, please note that all email accounts will not be monitored as regularly after 5.30pm each evening or during the holiday, to ensure a work life balance for the staff.

Kind regards,

Mark Joule,

Head Teacher