



## NEWSLETTER 36 - 15th September 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

It was a pleasure to see the children settled in their new classes last week. We are looking forward to an exciting term of learning ahead of us.

### **NSPCC**

The NSPCC will be in school on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> and Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> September to work with the Y2 and Y6 pupils. More information will be shared via Dojo later this week.

### **Safeguarding your children online**

#### **Roblox**

We have been made aware that the app Roblox has changed some of its features including the option to invite people for private chats and inappropriate language is not monitored.

#### **On-line App**

We have also been made aware of an app called 'Wink'. This is an on-line matching app for children with the facility for on-line chat and the option to send photos/videos. We will keep you updated as we get more information. Please continue to monitor your children's use of apps on-line and safeguard them appropriately. Children are not always aware of the dangers when using apps on-line. We will also continue our on-line safety lessons in school.

#### **Arbor Reminder**

Please can we ask all parents to download the new Arbor app if you have not already done so, we are no longer using School Gateway. We will be using Arbor for all club bookings, trip payments and attendance. If you do not yet have your username, please let us know and this can be sent to you, please also check your junk mail. We will also continue to use Class Dojo as a means of communication.

We apologise that the start of the year with Arbor hasn't been as smooth as we had hoped, thank you for your continued patience whilst we get everything up and running.

Help to use school meals

<https://support.arbor-education.com/hc/en-us/articles/6956696271261-Meal-Menu-choices-on-the-Parent-Portal-or-Parent-App>

Help to top up your account

<https://support.arbor-education.com/hc/en-us/articles/22123135039773-Top-up-accounts-and-viewing-payments-in-the-Parent-Portal>

### **School Residential Visits**

Year 2, 3 and 5 Residential trips are up and running on Arbor. If you have a child attending any of these visits, please can you check that you can see the payments on the Arbor app. Any queries about payments please let us know.

Year 2 – Final Instalment date 5<sup>th</sup> September

Year 3 – Final instalment date 12<sup>th</sup> September

Year 5 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Instalment was due 8<sup>th</sup> September



### **Macmillan Coffee Morning/Open Morning**



Macmillan Coffee Morning will take place on **Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> October from 9am to 12.00pm**. If you would like to contribute to this by donating any cakes, please bring these into the Reception Admin Office before the event. Everyone is welcome to attend; we will also be holding a tour where parents can look around the school. Please also see the diary dates for more Reception tour dates for pupils starting school in September 2026.

### **Ukulele Project 🎸**

We would love to introduce ukulele lessons in Year 5, giving every child the chance to learn this fun and accessible instrument. To make this possible, we need to raise funds to purchase a class set of 30 ukuleles. If you would like to support, please visit our GoFundMe page:

<https://gofund.me/a52602b3e>



### **Celebrations**

We like to celebrate achievements at High Street. If your child has something to celebrate through an out of school activity, please let us know and we can add it to the school newsletter.



### **Edsential Lunch Menus for September 2025**

School meals will be **£2.95** per day from September. If your child has any allergies or intolerances that we are not aware of please let us know as soon as possible.

New menus have been sent on class dojo and are available to view on our school website.

Meal choices are now available on the Arbor app.

### **Parent workshop for on-line use support**

We have been made aware of the following event happening on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> October.

**Left To Their Own Devices**, an event by national charity *Care for the Family*, is coming to Chester on the evening of 9 October.



- Are you fed up with seeing the back of a phone more than your child's face?
- Do you feel every conversation you have about technology is a battle?
- Are you concerned about the impact it's all having – bullying, screen time, lessening attention span, the rise of AI and VR?
- Do you want to help your child navigate the online world safely?

*Care for the Family* have designed this event specifically with parents of 8 – 14-year-olds in mind. But even if you're not there yet, this event will help you be on the front foot for when those days come.

Date: Thursday 9 October

Time: 7.30pm to 10.00pm

Venue: Doubletree by Hilton Hotel & Spa Chester, Warrington Road, Hoole, CH2 3PD

Tickets: £11.00

Find out more and book your tickets: [cff.org.uk/owndevices](http://cff.org.uk/owndevices)

### **Early Help Navigator Service**



## Early Help Navigator Service

We know life isn't always easy. Sometimes you don't know where to go for help. You may need a bit of advice or support, or simply a friendly face to chat to about something that's bothering you.

**Early Help Navigators are here to help**



Scan this QR code for details of drop-in sessions in your area, or to request an appointment.

Visit: [www.livewell.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/services/5751](http://www.livewell.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/services/5751) or phone 0151 556 8378

**We can:**

- Provide help, support and advice with family life
- Be a listening ear
- Signpost you to local and national support
- Help you fill out forms
- Attend GP appointments with your family
- Provide food and baby bank referrals

Cheshire West and Chester

## School Uniform



We are excited to advise that we are changing our main supplier of school uniform to a local company with a history of supplying clothing to schools. My School Style are based on the Industrial Park in Winsford and uniform is available online at [Buy Uniform Shop at Winsford High Street Primary School - My School Style](#). Uniform will continue to be available from the market and preloved uniform is still available from the Uniform Exchange.

## Diary Dates: \* new dates

Date	Information
19 <sup>th</sup> September 2025*	Reception tour 9.30am
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> September 2025	NSPCC workshops with Y6 and Y2
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> September 2025	NSPCC workshops with Y6 and Y2
29 <sup>th</sup> September 2025*	Reception tours 1.30pm
3 <sup>rd</sup> October 2025	Macmillan Coffee Morning 9am until 12.00pm
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> October 2025	Whole school individual school photos
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> October 2025	Reception tour 9.30am
16 <sup>th</sup> October 2025*	Reception tour 1.30pm
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> October 2025	School closes for the Half Term at 3.15pm (The HUB will be open for paid sessions as usual until 5.50pm)
27 <sup>th</sup> – 31 <sup>st</sup> October 2025	October Half Term
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November 2025	Inset Day 3 – school closed to children
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> November 2025	School opens for the new term
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December 2025	New Vic Theatre Trip for Years 5 & 6. Back in School approx 5.30pm
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> December 2025	St Lukes charity Elf run – whole school – more details to follow

Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> December 2025	Outside the Box Theatre production in School – Nursery to Year 4
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>nd</sup> December 25 – 2 <sup>nd</sup> January 2026	Christmas holiday
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> January 2026	School opens for the new term
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> February to 20 <sup>th</sup> February 2026	Half Term
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February 2026	Inset Day 4 – school closed to children
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> February 2026	School opens for the new term
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> 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 <sup>nd</sup> April 2026 – 17 <sup>th</sup> April	Spring Break
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> April 2026	School opens for the summer term
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> May – Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> May	May Half Term
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> June 2026	School opens for the new term
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> July 2026	School closes for the Half Term at 3.15pm (The HUB will be open for paid sessions as usual until 5.50pm)
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July 2026	Inset Day 5 – school closed to children

Should you need to make contact with school, please do not hesitate to contact Mr Joule on: [head@highstreet.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:head@highstreet.cheshire.sch.uk) or [returns@highstreet.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto: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