



NEWSLETTER 38 – 6th October 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you to all who joined us for the Macmillan coffee morning. The Year 1 and Year 4 children are busy with their rehearsals to share the Harvest Festival with you next week. It was a pleasure as always to tour the school last week and see the children working hard in their classrooms.

School parking

Please note that there are no cars allowed beyond the Verdin Exchange car park. There are cones in place on the ramp, and these should not be removed. This area is the walkway for parents and children arriving to and from school. Thank you for your co-operation.

Year 6 Nantwich Visit

It was a pleasure to lead the Year 6 visits to Nantwich last week. The children were great history detectives and posed lots of questions about the Great fire of Nantwich and the buildings in the town. Their behaviour and attitude on the visit was a credit to all concerned.

World Mental Health Day – 10th October 2025 – wear something yellow



On Friday 10th October, we will be marking World Mental Health Day with a special focus on wellbeing and kindness as this year's theme is 'Fight for mental health today, and every day'.

We invite all children to wear their own clothes and include something yellow as a symbol of support — inspired by Marks & Spencer's campaign to raise awareness.

<https://www.youngminds.org.uk/support-us/fundraising/helloyellow/>

We'll also be collecting donations for the mental health charity Mind. Any contribution, big or small, will help support vital services for those in need.

<https://www.mind.org.uk/donate/world-mental-health-day-25/>

Thank you for helping us shine a light on mental health and show that every little act of kindness matters.

Macmillan Coffee Morning

Thank you to everyone that came and supported our Macmillan Coffee Morning last Friday and for your kind cake and biscuit donations. We raised **£73.48** in cash at the coffee morning and more online.

Reminder - Harvest

Year 1 and Year 4 will lead the Harvest celebrations this year.

The Year 1 children will share their Harvest Assembly for **Year 1 parents** on Monday 13th October at 2.30pm in the **school hall**. The Year 4 children will share their Harvest Assembly with **Year 4 parents** on Monday 13th October at 10am. **The venue for this will be the United Reform Church.**



Harvest Festival Contributions



As part of our Harvest Services this year we will be collecting food contributions in support of the Salvation Army which supports families and the elderly from within our local area, who are in need through low income, debt or who are experiencing Benefit delays. Contributions of dried foods and tinned produce can be brought into school from **Monday 6th October** onwards. Listed below are a few suggestions of items which would be suitable;

- Biscuits.
- Boxes/packets of cakes.
 - Tinned food.
 - Dried food.
- Coffee/ Teabags.
- Boxes/bottles of fruit juices.
- Chocolate, chocolates, sweets.

We look forward to sharing our Harvest services with friends and families.

Class Dojo



We are still using class dojo. Please ensure that you download the app if you have not already done so as we use this to post all newsletters, upcoming diary events and messages.

Please can you send a dojo message to teachers if somebody else will be picking up your child or if you have any messages for teacher. If your child is absent, please speak to the Office or leave a message on the attendance line – Option 1

School photographs

Message from Fizz Photography - A proof slip for any student photographed, whose parent/guardian did not pre-register for email/SMS proofing, will be delivered to the school within 10 working days of the photoshoot.

School Residential Visits and Day trips

Year 1, 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 1 – Deposit due by 31st October

Year 2 – Final Instalment date 5th September

Year 5 – 3rd instalment due 4th November.

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.

School Uniform



Just a reminder please can you ensure that all of your child's/children's uniform, PE kits, outdoor learning kits, coats, and hats etc. are very clearly named. If we have a name on any lost items, we can then return them.

Diary Dates: * new dates

Date	Information
8 th – 10 th October 2025	Year 3 Anglesey Residential
10 th October 2025*	World Mental Health Day – wear non uniform and something yellow
13 th October 2025	Year 1 Harvest in the School Hall at 2.30pm Year 4 Harvest at the United Reformed Church at 10.00am
15 th – 17 th October 2025	Year 2 Hartington Residential
16 th October 2025	Reception tour 1.30pm
Friday 24 th 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 th – 31 st October 2025	October Half Term
Monday 3 rd November 2025	Inset Day 3 – school closed to children
Tuesday 4 th November 2025	School opens for the new term
Wednesday 10 th December 2025	New Vic Theatre Trip for Years 5 & 6. Back in School approx 5.30pm
Monday 15 th December 2025	St Luke's charity Elf run – whole school – more details to follow
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 25 – 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 2026	Half Term
Monday 23 rd February 2026	Inset Day 4 – school closed to children
Tuesday 24 th February 2026	School opens for the new term
24 th – 26 th February 2026	Year 5 London Residential
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	Spring Break
Monday 20 th April 2026	School opens for the summer term
5 th – 6 th May 2026	Year 1 Conwy Residential
Monday 25 th May – Friday 29 th May	May Half Term
Monday 1 st June 2026	School opens for the new term
Tuesday 21 st 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 nd July 2026	Inset Day 5 – school closed to children

Letter from Mr Joule

Dear Parents / Carers

It is somewhat with a heavy heart that I write to inform you that 2025-2026 will be my last year as Head teacher of Winsford High Street Community Primary School. I have informed the Governors of my intention to take early retirement from my role with effect from 31st August 2026. They have now set the wheels in motion to appoint my successor. In the meantime, I will continue to work hard to support the education and needs of the children in the community with the support of Mrs Robbins (Head of School), the staff and governors.

It has been an immense pleasure being Head teacher of the school for the last 22 years, serving the community and families in the area. To oversee the provision of quality education for children as well as the growth of the school and the construction of new facilities has been a very rewarding experience. My highlight has always been working with the children and seeing them learn and grow as they have progressed through the school.

Rest assured that Governors will work hard to appoint the right person to the role of Head teacher, and I will support where required to ensure a smooth transition.

Mr Joule

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