

Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

5th September 2025

Welcome

We hope you have enjoyed a restful and relaxing holiday with your families and are excited about the start of the new school year. It has been lovely welcoming the children back into school and meeting our new starters in Reception, Nursery and across the school. We very proud of the fantastic way in which the children have settled into their new classes. School is already feeling calm and purposeful; the children have been hardworking and fun. What a great start to the new school year!

Visit from Andrew Cooper MP to Open the Nurture Room

Today pupils, staff and governors were very pleased to welcome our local MP, Andrew Cooper, into school to officially open our new Nurture Room. Last year, Mrs Gill worked in collaboration with Cheshire West and Chester Virtual School, leading the WPPS&N in achieving The Attachment Friendly and Trauma Aware School Award. Developing the Nurture Room, and leading our staff on a journey of improving practice and understanding of attachment and trauma was a key part of her work. After celebrating the opening of the Nurture Room, Mr Cooper visited the children in their classrooms and was very impressed with his welcome, the children's lovely manners and their enthusiasm about their learning.

CWAC Navigator Service

The CWAC Navigator Service team will be at Winnnington Park on Wednesday 24^{th} September, from 8.45am. This is a confidential session open for advice and guidance to all families at a universal level, with a child living in the property between 0-19 yrs of age or 0-25 with SEND. The family should not currently be open to Social Care or have a TAF. Please see the link below for further information on the services they offer. Navigator Service

Water Bottles and Healthy Snacks

Children in Years I to 6 should bring a named water bottle to school every day holding water only. Squash and juice damage books when accidentally spilt and do not support school promoting healthy eating. Breaktime snacks should be healthy to support the children with their morning learning. Children in Early Years, Years I and 2 are provided with fruit and vegetables for snacks.

Meet the Teacher Drop-In Sessions

Teachers will be available after school on the following days next week for 'Drop-In' sessions to share any important information about your child, ask any particular questions or introduce yourself. If another family is chatting to a teacher please allow them space and privacy.

Mon 8 th Sept	Tues 9 th Sept	Wed 10 th Sept	Thurs II th Sept	Fri 12 th Sept
Y3 & Y4	Nursery & Y6	YI and Y5	-	Reception & Y2

Please wait outside classrooms/the KS2 building at the end of the day after collection and teachers will let you know when you can come into the building.

Safeguarding

A reminder that we can no longer allow adults visiting school to take pictures and video on their mobile phones of their children during assemblies and other school events. Whenever possible, we will create photo opportunities before or after an event so families can capture a memory of the occasion. This change is to support the safeguarding of all pupils. Thank you for your support.

Attendance and Punctuality

Punctuality over the last three mornings has been very good – well done everyone! Please remember that children should be inside their classrooms by 8.45am when registers are taken. All holidays should be booked outside of term time. Good attendance at school is essential if children are to make the most of their education. All absences for holiday will be unauthorised (unless in exceptional circumstances) and may lead to a fixed penalty notice being issued. Families booking holidays during term time will be asked to provide confirmation of their booking (accommodation, flights etc.). This information will be passed on to the Local Authority during register inspections.

Uniform and Jewellery

The children look very smart in their uniform this week. We always have free uniform available for families who need it and the PTA run second hand sales each term. Children should not wear any jewellery to school including earrings. If your child has recently had their ears pierced and cannot take their earrings out, we ask that they wear simple studs and you provide plasters to cover these during their PE lessons. Please do not send children into school with hoop, ring or large stud earrings

Allergens and Intolerances - Is School Nut Free?

Winnington Park Primary School supports the approach advocated by <u>The Anaphylaxis Campaign</u> and <u>Allergy UK</u> towards nut bans and nut free schools. These charities do not support blanket bans on any particular allergen in schools. This is because nuts are only one of many allergens that could affect pupils, and no school could guarantee a truly allergen free environment for a child living with food allergy. They advocate instead for schools to adopt a culture of allergy awareness and education.

However, it is important for our school community to understand that there **are** pupils in school with very severe allergies to peanuts, nuts, milk and other allergens. It is very important therefore that children do not share food and snacks with each other and we ask **that nuts and nut products are not sent into school**.

If your child has an allergy or intolerance please make sure you let us know. We can then work with you to ensure your child is safe and included. Please contact school if you have any questions.

Does your child use an inhaler?

If your child has been prescribed a blue salbutamol inhaler that they may need during the school day, please make sure you have provided written consent at the school office and have passed the inhaler onto your child's new class teacher. Inhalers have expiry dates and schools cannot administer out of date medicine to children. Please contact the school office if you have any queries.

We're very much looking forward to another successful year with you all. Have a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Rob Cole (Headteacher)

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