



Friday 3rd October

Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

Year 3 Delamere Residential

Year 3 had great fun on their overnight visit to the Delamere residential centre last week. The children travelled by train which was very exciting, then hiked through the forest playing games, building dens and eating lunch on their way. They took part in Forest School activities; made outside art works and took part in physical problem-solving activities. Toasting marshmallows, singing songs, and listening to the owls around the campfire was a highlight. Well done to all the children in Year 3. Thank you to Miss Jones, Mrs Gatiss, Mrs Ford, Mrs Flower and Mrs Allen who stayed at the centre overnight, and all the other staff who visited in the day and the parent helpers who transported bags and walked the children to and from the station.

Year 4 Roman Trip

The children in Year 4 had a fantastic time when they went to visit a Roman fort in Wrexham. They dressed up as Roman soldiers; practised marching with shields getting into the wedge and turtle formations; threw spears at helmet targets (Mrs Hainsworth's and Mrs Adam's class won the throwing competition!); built a Roman road from sand, pebbles and rocks; wore Roman armour and enjoyed the comforts of the extremely high bunk beds in the dark and cramped barracks! The Commander shouting instructions was quite scary but the children had a brilliant time and want to visit again!

Year 6 Big Sing

Well done to everyone in Year 6 for representing the school so well yesterday at Hartford High School's 'Big Sing'. Winnington and Whitegate Primary schools attended and performed songs they learnt last year. There were then musical performances by pupils at Hartford. The afternoon was a lovely celebration of musical talent and we're very proud of Year 6.

Individual and Sibling School Photographs

Tempest Photography will be coming to school on Tuesday 7th October (next week) to take the children's individual and sibling photographs. If your child is in Nursery and doesn't attend on Tuesday, bring them to the school office at 8.30am if you would like their photograph taken. Children who have PE on Tuesday should come to school in their normal uniform bringing their kit in a bag.

World Mental Health Day Reminder

Friday October 10th is **World Mental Health Day**, and this year, we will be marking the occasion in a number of ways. Children may come to school wearing some yellow added to their normal school uniform, i.e. yellow socks, yellow hair scrunchie, a yellow t-shirt. School will also be giving all children a yellow wristband to highlight our participation in the day. In class, teachers will talk to children about how to maintain positive mental health, and explore Active Strategies to help develop self-regulation and emotional wellbeing. We will be holding a "Coffee, Cake and Chat" morning for all parents and carers, where staff will be on hand to talk about what we offer in school to support mental health and wellbeing, and to signpost families to local and national groups and agencies that may be of support. Amanda Leigh from the CWAC Navigator Service will be attending for anyone who would like to talk with her. We will also be accepting donations for the Charity Young Minds.

Staffing Update

Congratulations to Mrs Williams and her husband on the birth of their baby boy earlier this week. Mum and baby are really well and we look forward to meeting the new arrival soon!

ADHD Awareness Month and Dyslexia Awareness Week

October is ADHD Awareness Month and next week is Dyslexia Awareness Week. As part of our No Outsiders curriculum we recognise and celebrate difference, and aim to teach children that everyone belongs, is equal in their difference, and should be respected. Following the success of celebrating Neurodiversity Day last year, the children in key stage 2 will be learning more about ADHD and Dyslexia over the next week, developing an understanding of the terms, what it means for children who have ADHD and Dyslexia and what we can all do to support and include them in everything we do.

Reception Reading Meeting

A second opportunity to attend the Reception Reading meeting will be on Thursday 16th October at 5.00pm. The meeting will cover everything you need to know about how Reading is taught to the children in Reception and what you can do to support your child. Thank you to all our Reception families who were able to attend the first meeting - we look forward to seeing families on the 16th.

PTA Uniform Sale

The PTA will be holding a used uniform and coat sale after school next Friday, October 10th, in the playground. This is a great chance to pick up some good quality cheap uniform.

PTA Annual General Meeting

The PTA Annual General Meeting is on Thursday 16th October at 6.00pm at school. Everyone with a link to school is welcome. Our PTA run brilliant events throughout the year that raise vital funds for school and provide children and families with the opportunity to have fun and socialise as a school community. Recent events and support include: Film Nights; Halloween and Summer discos; Adventure Night; Christmas Fair; Chocolate Bingo; Summer Fair; Colour Run; End of Term Treat sales; Uniform Sales; Cake Sales; Colours Raffle; Leavers hoodies for Year 6; The Ice Cream Van visit; treats at the pantomime.

The PTA need new members to join to be able to continue running these events which are a fundamental part of the fabric of school. Everyone is welcome to attend the AGM and if you can't, you can talk to me or another member of staff about your interest. Work and family life take a lot of time but without further support we do run the risk of the PTA folding or only being able to run a minimal programme. This would be a great loss. Involvement need only be a few hours a year, but we do need more people to step forward. You can also make contact with the PTA via winningtonparkpta@gmail.com or head@winningtonpark.cheshire.sch.uk if this is easier. Thank you for your support.

Midday Assistant Role

We are looking to appoint a hardworking and enthusiastic Midday Assistant to join our dedicated and committed team, supervising the children in the dining hall and outside on the playground. The grade 2 post is for 1.5 hours a day, for 5 days a week, during term time only, from 12.00-1.30pm. It is essential the candidate is a good team member, enjoys working with children, is able to use their initiative and make decisions in line with the school's policies. If you are interested in this role, please contact the school office for more information.

Applying for Reception and Secondary School Places

The closing date to apply for a September 2026 Reception school place is 15th January 2026. Parents of children who attend our school Nursery will still need to apply for a school place. The secondary school place applications closing date for September 2026 is 31st October 2025. All applications should be made online through the local authority [CWAC School Admissions](#)

Safety on the School Playground

We encourage families to walk, cycle and scoot to school as much they can. A friendly reminder that children who cycle and scoot to school are asked to walk their bikes and scooters inside the green perimeter fence as we don't want any accidents – thank you.

Autumn Harvest Singing Assemblies and Food Donation for MidCheshire Foodbank

A letter went out earlier in the week about Autumn Harvest Singing Assemblies. We are also collecting food donations for Mid-Cheshire Foodbank to mark the time of year. Donations can come into school from now until Friday 24th October.

- Teabags • Coffee • UHT Milk • Fruit juice • Biscuits • Pasta sauce • Tinned tomatoes • Tinned soup • Rice • Tinned fruit • Store cupboard essentials - Tomato/Brown Sauce, Stock Cubes, Vinegar, Gravy Granules, Tomato Puree, Cooking Oil * Meat spreads/ sandwich spreads/ marmite (savoury spreads) * Tinned vegetables

Nursery (stay for a play and join in some songs)

Tuesday 21st October at 9.00am or 2.30pm in the Nursery classroom. Entrance through the school office. One family member per child to attend one session only please due to space in the classroom.

Reception, Year 1, Year 5 and Year 6

Wednesday 22nd October at 2.40pm in the Dane Hall. Entrance through the Moss Farm car park school gates at 2.30pm. No more than 2 family members per child please.

Year 2, Year 3, and Year 4

Thursday 23rd October at 2.40pm in the Dane Hall. Entrance through the Moss Farm car park school gates at 2.30pm. No more than 2 family members per child please.

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.

School Uniform

Our school uniform policy is inclusive, flexible and allows choice, but nail varnish and jewellery are not part of our school uniform. Trainers should only be worn on PE days. When children have a genuine difficulty with aspects of the uniform policy we work with families to find sensible compromises to support them. Our PTA sell good quality second hand uniform and we have a stock of uniform in school that we share with families who are struggling financially. Please contact Mrs Nicholas our Family Support Worker, through the school office, if you would like to discuss school uniform.

Illness and Absence

If a child is ill, parents and carers should notify school by telephone as soon as possible on the first day of absence and on subsequent days if the child is still unwell.

- In cases of infectious diseases, it is essential that school is informed.
- If a child has diarrhoea AND/OR sickness, they should not return to school for 48 hours after the last bout of illness.
- If a child becomes ill during the day, their parents or carers will be contacted. Therefore, please let us know immediately if you (or named emergency contacts) change your address or telephone number.

The chart below provides a useful guide regarding returning to school following an illness. **means there is no need to stay off school but school should be informed.*

When should my child return to school?



Chicken Pox When all spots have crusted over	Conjunctivitis None*	Diarrhoea & Vomiting 48 hours from last episode	Glandular Fever None*	Hand, foot & mouth None*	Impetigo When lesions are crusted & healed or 48 Hours after commencing antibiotics
Measles or German Measles 4 days from onset of rash	Mumps 5 days from onset of swelling	Scabies After first treatment	Scarlet Fever 24 hours after commencing antibiotics	Slapped Cheek None*	Whooping Cough 48 Hours after commencing antibiotics
	Flu Until recovered	Head Lice None*	Threadworms None*	Tonsillitis None*	

Your sincerely,

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