

Dear Parents /Carers,

What a fantastic half term it has been with all the children working incredibly hard alongside residential visits, extra-curricular activities and a range of calendar events.

A huge well done to the Year 2 children and staff who attended the Hartington residential visit last week. It was a great success, with the children enjoying the activities and spending time with their peers and key adults.

It was lovely to see so many of you during the parent/carers evening taking the time to meet your child's class teacher and perusing their work.

Changes to the School Calendar

School is now closed for the half-term holidays. School will open for the children on Tuesday 5th November for the children.

Monday 24th February will now be a school day when children are required to attend school. School will **now close for children on Tuesday 22nd July for children** to facilitate staff training on Wednesday 23rd July.

The Year 6 Christmas party will now be on the afternoon of Wednesday 18th December and the Year 2 Christmas party will be on the afternoon of Thursday 19th December.

Year 5/6 Winsford Football Champions

Our Year 5/6 girls' Football Team were recently crowned Winsford Champions with a number of dominating displays and goals galore. The girls showed great teamwork as they worked together to do High Street proud! We are looking forward to them representing Winsford at the next stage of the competition. Well done to all involved!

Cyber Protect Project

The children and staff enjoyed meeting Andy Kevan from the Cyber Crime team as part of the two-day project in school with a focus on keeping safe on-line and when using social media.

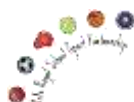
Reception and Key Stage 1 children met Cyber Sid who taught them what to do if they see something on-line that they don't like – can your child sing the song to you?



Key Stage 2 children were taught about how their data and digital footprint is used on-line. They were also taught about keeping their information online safe using passwords and top tips for being sensible online.

Andy also led a Parents information session in the afternoon. This session clearly demonstrated what parents need to know to keep their child safe on-line and the dangers associated with using social media apps without adult supervision. Andy has kindly agreed to return to school in the summer term to run the parent information session again in the evening.

Did you know that if your child has a mobile phone registered in your name and the phone is used inappropriately, you could face criminal charges as the phone is registered to you.



Feedback from parents who attended the session -

"Before I attended the Cyber talk, I was quite confident that there wouldn't be anything I didn't already know, however the presentation was an insight into the very real and horrifying dangers that exist for our children. Following the presentation, I was able to chat to my child about Cyber Sid and we are now looking at making changes to how we operate our technology as a family"

"I am now aware of the dangers of social media and will be going straight home to check the parental controls on my child's mobile phone"

"It was eye-opening, I never realised how much our data is tracked. It has changed my approach to when I will let my children have access to a phone, it is my job as a parent to keep my child safe on-line"

"I went straight home and checked all the settings on my child's tablet, I will make sure I monitor what she accesses. I am still going to let her use ROBLOX but I am more aware on how to keep her safe"

"I have told all my friends about the session, and they will definitely come along to the next session to find out more ways to keep their children safe"

<https://www.internetmatters.org/> - this website has lots of useful information for parents.

Feedback from the children -

Year 1

"Cyber Sid taught us – stop, think and protect"

Year 3

"I learnt that I need to stay safe on-line, if you see something you don't like, I need to tell my Mum and Dad"

Year 4

"You can pick 3 random words for your password that will help to keep it safe"

Fizz Photography

Just a reminder that orders for the recent school photographs need to be placed by Friday 1st November to ensure free delivery to school.

High Street Tots

Our successful High Street Tots sessions will continue next half-term, if you live in Winsford and have a child over 2, you can book in on the link below:

<https://forms.office.com/e/pKsNS7GFKp>

School Cook Vacancy

Molly our School Cook will be moving to another site in the near future and as a result there is a school cook vacancy advertised on the Edsential website. If you would like to apply, please access the Edsential website for more information.

Flu vaccinations

The local immunisation team visited the school on Tuesday and administered the flu nasal vaccine to over 300 pupils. If your child was absent or you missed the deadline for requesting the vaccine, there will be some immunisation clinics running as below:

Tuesday 29th October - Northwich

Wednesday 30th October - Winsford

Saturday 30th November - Winsford

Saturday 7th December - Northwich

Saturday 21st December – Winsford

If you would like to arrange an appointment, please call **01244 397470**.

Contact numbers

As half term quickly approaches, we know parents and carers like to know who they can contact if they need. Here are some charities and numbers who you can contact if you have any concerns.

1. YoungMinds

Are you worried about a young person in your life? Don't wait for the problem to 'go away' contact our Parents Helpline for free & confidential advice. Call the helpline today on 0808 802 5544 Or visit www.youngminds.org.uk/parents-helpline to speak to us online.

2. Cheshire and Wirral Partnership -Mental Health Support Team



3. In the case of an emergency, call 999.

4. If you have concerns about the safety of a child, please call I-Art Integrated Access Referral Team for Cheshire West and Chester on 0300 123 7047

Half Term West Cheshire Museum Events

There are lots of activities at West Cheshire Museums this half term.

Weaver Hall Museum

-Starting Saturday 26th October Weaver Hall Museum has a Trick or Treat Trail that lasts all week.

-Free drop in Spooky crafts will also be provided by the Library and Museum Teams Monday – Friday.

-Northwich Explorers Wednesday 30th October £5 per session – places must be booked. To book call 01606 271646.

Lion Salt Works

-On Friday 1st November Lion Salt Works has Free Spooky Crafts, Haunted Stories and a Trick or Treat Trail between 11am – 4pm.

-Northwich Explorers runs the same day exploring spooky science £5 per session – places must be booked call 01606 275066.

Grosvenor Museum

-9th October – 3rd November Deadly Museum Trail -Discover the deadly things at the Grosvenor Museum this October with our special trail.

-29th October @ 10.30am - 12.30pm Frankenstein's Museum. Create your own creature inspired by Frankenstein's monster using 'body parts' from the museum's collections!
Free, drop in. Donations welcome.

-30th October @ 1.00pm - 4.00pm Jump Scares at the Old Time Cinema. Take part in our cinema-themed handling session from 1-2:30pm, and then join us to watch Frankenstein's Monster (1931) on the big screen of the lecture theatre. There will be popcorn. Free, drop in. Donations welcome.

-29th October @ 5.30pm - 7.00pm £10 Children's Ghost Walk. Join guide Ann Coward for a family friendly Children's Ghost Walk.

Diary Dates: * new dates

Date	Information
28 th October – 1 st November	Half Term
4 th November 2024	Inset Day – school closed to children
5 th November 2024	School open for the new term
5 th December 2024	New Vic Theatre visit for Year 5 and Year 6 – The Three Musketeers – more info to follow
9 th December 2024	2.00pm Nursery performance in the school theatre – Nursery parents are invited to attend – (more info to follow)
10 th December 2024	9.30am Year 1 Christmas Carols at the Church, parents invited. 10.30am Year 2 Christmas Carols at the Church, parents invited.
11 th December 2024	9.30am and 2.00pm Reception Nativity performance in the school theatre – Reception parents are invited to attend (more info to follow)
12 th December 2024	9.30am Christmas Carols at the Church for Year 3, parents invited. 10.30am Christmas Carols at the Church for Year 4, parents invited.
13 th December 2024	9.30am Christmas Carols at the Church for Year 5, parents invited. 10.30am Christmas Carols at the Church for Year 6, parents invited. School Christmas Lunch
16 th December 2024	Elf Run for St Luke's Hospice – more info to follow Nursery and Reception Christmas parties (afternoon)
17 th December 2024	Year 3 (morning) and Year 4 (afternoon) Christmas parties
18 th December 2024*	Year 1 (morning) and Year 6 (afternoon) Christmas parties
19 th December 2024*	Travelling Panto - Dick Whittington performance in school for Nursery to Year 4 – more info to follow Year 2 Christmas party (afternoon)
20 th December 2024	Year 5 Christmas party (morning) Christmas Assembly for all (afternoon) School closes for the Christmas holiday at 3.15pm (The HUB will be open for paid sessions as usual until 5.50pm)
23 rd December – 3 rd January 2025	Christmas Holiday
6 th January 2025	School opens for the Spring term
15 th January 2025	Last day to apply for Reception 2025 places www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/admissions
17 th February to 21 st February 2025	Half Term
24 th February 2025	School opens for the new term
3 rd March to 5 th March 2025	Year 5 – Residential to London – 3 days
7 th April to 22 nd April 2025	Easter Holiday
23 rd April 2025	School opens for the summer term
1 st May 2025	Year 1 Conwy Residential
26 th May to 30 th May 2025	Half Term
Monday 2 nd June 2024	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
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

Please note that these dates may be subject to change, although we will keep these where possible. 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 weekends, to ensure a work life balance for the staff.

Kind regards
Mark Joule
Head Teacher