



NEWSLETTER 13 - 6th December 2024

Dear Parents /Carers,

It has been another busy week at High Street, with preparations for Christmas starting to take shape. Our grotto is now open for activities with the busy outdoor 'elves' leading the way. In addition, the Y5 and Y6 children have visited the New Vic Theatre in Stoke on Trent and have seen a very exciting production of The Three Musketeers, many thanks to parents for supporting with the cost of the visit which seemed to be enjoyed by all!

Year 3

Congratulations to the children and staff in Year 3 who sang in the Chester Cathedrals' 'Sing a Christmas Story'. The morning was lovely and really promoted the Christmas spirit. One of my fellow Head teachers commented 'Your school's performance was beautiful in its simplicity and so perfectly performed by the children'. Well done to all concerned, I certainly enjoyed it!!!!

Non uniform days

Thank you for your support with our non-uniform days which help us to raise £556.50 online and £279.33 in cash which will help to support Christmas events in school.

Reception Christmas Performances

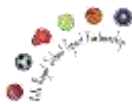
A change of times for the Reception Christmas performances on Wednesday 11th December. The performances will be at 9.30am and 2.30pm. Tickets for Reception parents are available on the Class Dojo app.

PTA Christmas Jumper Exchange and Sale



The PTA will be holding a Christmas Jumper exchange and sale from Monday 9th December. If you would like to donate any unused or outgrown Christmas jumpers, please send them into the Reception Office. All donations will be much appreciated.

Elf Run for St Luke's Hospice



As in previous years, we have supported St Luke's by taking part in the Elf run and this year we will be continuing to support the Hospice. Elf hats will be provided, and your child/children will be asked to complete a run around the school perimeter on Monday 16th December.

St Luke's has donated a pot of porridge and an elf hat for every child plus a Santa suit for the teacher running. Please help us to support Winsford St Luke's and donate using the following 'Just Giving' link below: We will also be collecting coins in school on Monday 16th December, so please dig down the side of your sofa!

https://www.justgiving.com/page/winsford-high-street-primary-1726480488887?utm_medium=fundraising&utm_content=page%2Fwinsford-high-street-primary-1726480488887&utm_source=copyLink&utm_campaign=pfp-share

Household Support Fund - School December Holidays

The Government has extended the Household Support Fund to help support those most in need due to rising living costs, particularly around the need for food and fuel.

Cheshire West and Chester Council are continuing to support pupils in receipt of free school meals and have approved an allocation of £35 for each free school meal recipient for the two-week December holiday.

The funding will be distributed the week commencing 16th December and we ask you to allow a few days following the proposed payment date before making enquiries. If you think your child may be eligible for free school meals, please check online on the Cheshire West and Chester website.

Outdoor Learning

A request from Outdoor Learning team for their Santa's Grotto: If you have any bottle corks, please can you send them into school through the main Reception Office. The corks are needed for each child to make Christmas trees during their outdoor learning lessons

Brio Christmas Holiday Fun

Please see the school story post regarding holiday activities at the Winsford Brio Leisure Centre

Send HAF Winter 2024 Leaflet

Please see the school story post regarding activities during the Winter holiday.

Musical achievement

A big congratulations to ZC in Year 5 who has recently passed his RSA Level 1 Award in Graded Examination in Music Performance, Grade 1 Drum Exam. Well done what a great achievement!



Diary Dates: * new dates

Date	Information
9 th December 2024 until the end of term	Christmas Jumpers – All children can wear Christmas jumpers along with their uniform until the end of term.
9 th December 2024	2.00pm Nursery performance in the school theatre – Tickets are available to Nursery parents on Dojo.
9 th December 2024	PTA Christmas jumper sale. Also, the sale of raffle tickets for prizes and filled knitted stockings.
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 2.30pm Reception Nativity performance in the school theatre – Tickets available for Reception parents on Dojo
12 th December 2024	9.30am Christmas Carols at the United Reformed Church for Year 3, parents invited. 10.30am Christmas Carols at the United Reformed Church for Year 4, parents invited.
13 th December 2024	9.30am Christmas Carols at the United Reformed Church for Year 5, parents invited. 10.30am Christmas Carols at the United Reformed Church for Year 6, parents invited. School Christmas Lunch
16 th December 2024	Elf Run for St Luke’s Hospice – all years Nursery and Reception Christmas parties (afternoon)
17 th December 2024*	Year 4 (morning) and Year 3 (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 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