



NEWSLETTER 14 - 13th December 2024

Dear Parents /Carers,

It has been a very busy week at Winsford High Street, with the children taking part in carol services and nativity plays. I have thoroughly enjoyed seeing the majority of the performances, with Mrs Robbins representing the senior leadership team at those I haven't been able to attend. We have both said what a credit the children have been to all concerned. It has also been lovely to see so many parents attending the performances.

Christmas Meal

Today saw over 400 children have a traditional Turkey Christmas meal, with the vegetarians having a Roast Quorn alternative. Congratulations to the temporary cook and her team on what has been a tremendous achievement! We hope that the children all enjoyed their meal!

Christmas Jumper donations for 'Save the Children Charity'

We will be continuing to wear our Christmas jumpers next week. Thank you for your support and donations so far towards Save the Children Charity. We have raised £70.00 to date. If you would like to make a £1 donation you will find this on the school gateway app or you can send coins into school any day next week. Perhaps it would be a good time to search down the back of the sofa for those lost coins! Many thanks for your help with this.

Christmas Parties next week

We have our Christmas Parties next week for all year groups. Please can children attending morning parties come to school in their party clothes and bring their uniform in to change into. If the party is in the afternoon, please can the children bring a change of clothes with them in the morning. Please note that due to food allergies and the fact that in the past children haven't really eaten the party food, it has been decided to not provide food this year. Instead, there will be more games and fun activities during the scheduled party time.

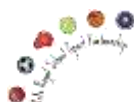
Reception 2025 Admissions

Please remember that 15 January 2025 is the closing date for applications for our Reception class starting in September 2025. Applications can be made online at [Reception admissions | Cheshire West and Chester Council](#) . If you are having difficulties with the online form, please let us know and we will be happy to go through it with you.

Crewe Alex Football



On Monday we were lucky to be visited by two members of the Crewe Alex First Team Squad:



Ryan Cooney and Max Conway. The players joined the children for a KS2 Assembly and answered a variety of questions, with the children demonstrating their knowledge of the League 2 team. Prior to leaving, the players left vouchers for the children in KS2 which can be exchanged for free children's tickets for the Crewe Alex V. Colchester game on Friday 20th December. The only condition is that each child needs to be accompanied by a fee-paying adult. Adult tickets for the game can be purchased for a discounted rate of £10.00. Many thanks to Crewe Alex for their visit today!

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.

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

Outdoor Learning

Next week all children will be having a mug of hot chocolate in the Grotto during their outdoor learning lessons. Please bring in an old mug for your child/children on Monday next week thank you. The lessons will be on Monday and Tuesday.

Little Princess Trust

Congratulations to Keira Bullock in Year 5 for raising £500 for the Little Princess Trust. Please see the lovely message below from the Little Princess Trust.

*Thanks to amazing people like yourself, we are able to provide real-hair wigs to children and young people experiencing hair loss due to cancer treatment or other medical conditions
Last year, our charity provided almost 2,000 real hair wigs, free of charge, to young people who lost their hair through cancer treatment and other conditions. It is only thanks to kind people like you that this was possible*



Well done Keira!

Cheshire Sport Karate



Congratulations to Maximus Graham from Year 2 who was awarded his Orange belt by Cheshire Sport Karate and self defence. Well done Maximus we are all very proud of you!

PTA activities

The PTA will be continuing to sell raffle tickets after school for prizes and selling knitted stockings filled with treats. All prizes will be drawn on Wednesday 18th December. If you would like to purchase a raffle ticket online please use the link below. Prizes can be viewed in the Office.

<https://pay.sumup.com/b2c/QY5S6SAZ>

Winsford Work Zone

Winsford Work Zone are running a variety of courses in the new year. Please contact the Winsford Work Zone on 07766 205389 or Email tony.gray@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk if you are interested. Course list below.

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| English and Maths Functional Skills English every Friday starting 17 th January Maths every Wednesday Starting 15 th January Both for 12 weeks | Levels ranging from Entry to Level 2 FS |
| Level 1 Cleaning with COSHH 13 th 14 th 15 th January 9.30 – 2.30 | Gain a Level 1 Cleaning and Support Services qualification and the COSHH Certificate |
| SWAP Interview Skills Course 15 th January 10.00 – 2.00 Guaranteed Interview – 16 th January | GUARANTEED INTERVIEWS with CHESHIRE RECYCLING for Garden Refuse Loaders – on completion of the course |
| Emergency First Aid 16 th January 10.00 – 1.30 | Refresh knowledge on CPR and using a defibrillator |
| Pathway to Work Every Monday starting 20 th January for 5 weeks 10.00 – 2.00 | This course aims to help assist an individual in their journey back to employment |
| SWAP CSCS Construction Card 27 th 28 th 29 th January 9.30 – 2.30 | Gain a Health and Safety qualification and the Green Construction Card |

Diary Dates: * new dates

| Date | Information |
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| 16 th December 2024 | Outdoor learning lessons – please bring in an old mug for hot chocolate. |
| 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 |
| 2 nd April to 4 th April 2025* | Year 4 – Residential to York |
| 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