



NEWSLETTER 16 - 10th January 2025

Dear Parents /Carers,

Welcome back following the Christmas break. We hope that you all managed to have some lovely family time together. The children have returned eager to exchange stories of their holidays and have settled well following the break.

School Meal Menu Change

We apologise on behalf of our caterers that we were unable to offer the advertised meal today. There was an issue in the kitchen due to the cold weather that meant we were unable to use our ovens.

We are hopeful that the issue has now been resolved and plan to offer pizza on Tuesday instead of pasta next week.

Reception 2025 Admissions

Please remember that 15 January 2025 is the closing date for applications for our Reception class for children 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.

Mr Joule / Mrs Robbins

As previously indicated, I will be moving to my new working schedule from Monday 13th January. I will predominately be working Monday – Wednesday each week, however as agreed with the Governors, there will be flexibility in this to suit the needs of the school. When I am not on site, Mrs Robbins will assume responsibility as Head of School and brief me with actions taken in my absence.

Miss Stanway

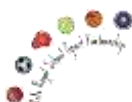
I am delighted to inform you that Miss Stanway gave birth to a baby girl (Daisy Mae) on the 31st December. Both mother and baby are doing well! I am sure that you will join in with me in congratulating Miss Stanway and her partner on their new arrival.

Termly Infant School Meals Trial

All children from Reception to Year 2 are eligible for free school meals under the Universal Infant Free School Meal initiative. Once a term we offer all our children in these year groups a taste of the meals on offer, whether or not they usually stay for school lunches. This term we will be serving a taster meal on Thursday 16th January as the opportunity for all to sample what is on offer. The meal on that day will be Chicken Tikka or jacket potato with either beans/cheese or tuna toppings and we will be serving chocolate Rice Krispie cakes for dessert.

Year 2 Victorian Day

The children and staff from year 2 had a lovely day discovering facts about the Victorians. It was great to see them dressed in period costume to enable them to bring their learning to life. Thank you to parents and carers for assisting with this, it was much appreciated!





Bad Weather

During bad weather periods, schools are required to remain open whenever possible. To do so we follow a gritting plan which covers the main walkways to minimise the risk to all concerned and ensure that the building is well heated. We also are required to consider if it is safe for the children to play outdoors. Should this not be the case we move to indoor play.

We appreciate the efforts made by all concerned in getting to school this week, with some staff and children traveling a considerable distance. Unfortunately, if the school is open and children do not attend because to the weather then we have no alternative but to mark the absence as unauthorised.

Diary Dates: * new dates

Date	Information
15 th January 2025	Last day to apply for Reception 2025 places www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/admissions
16 th January 2025	Reception to Year 2 Free School Meals taster day
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
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
24 th June to 27 th June 2025*	Year 6 – Residential to the Lake District
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
Thursday 18 th December 2025	Outside the Box Theatre production in School – Nursery to Year 4

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 holiday, to ensure a work life balance for the staff.

Kind regards
Mark Joule
Head Teacher