



NEWSLETTER 24 - 24th March 2025

Dear Parents /Carers

Last week was a busy one at High Street. Again I was lucky to be able to focus on reading in Year3 as part of the Senior Leadership monitoring schedule. The children were selected at random and read really well. Please keep encouraging your child to read at home we can definitely see which children do when it comes to seeing them access their learning in school!

Comic Relief

It was amazing to see all the children dressed up in 1980's style for Comic Relief last Friday. Thank you to everyone who has supported this great cause. If you would still like to donate please see the blue online link below.

[J Griffiths is fundraising for Comic Relief](#) So far we have managed to raise £140 online and £60.00 in school

Cyber Protect Event for Reception and Key Stage One

We look forward to welcoming Andy Kevan back from the Cyber Protect Team on Tuesday 25th March. Andy will be sharing top tips with the children to keep safe on-line with a focus on taking photographs.

WhatsApp

Sadly, we have been dealing with a number of online incidents where children have been using WhatsApp inappropriately at home and the school are having to deal with the impact of this. Please can we remind all parents that social media has age restrictions for a reason, this being that the children under the given ages are not deemed to be mature enough to use the platform. This we are finding to be the case with the indiscretions that are brought to our attention. If the device your child is using to send messages is registered in your name, then you will be the first point of contact if it is reported to the police.

Data System

Over the next few weeks, we will be moving to a new management information database, known as “**Arbor**”. This system is used in lots of schools across the UK and provides a one-stop portal for information on your child and bookings and payments.

As part of this move, we will be changing our online payments and booking system and we are hopeful that we will be able to roll all of this out to you shortly after the return from the Easter holiday. Please bear with us for a few days after our return as the transfer may take a little time. Until then, you can continue to use the current School Gateway system. We will continue to use Class Dojo as the main form of communication.

Book Fair

Thank you very much to everyone for attending our Book Fair a couple of weeks ago, it was wonderful to see the children so engaged and excited with the books. We sold a whopping £680 worth of books throughout the four days we were open and now have over £400 worth of commission (this is inclusive of last year's commission too) to spend on new books for the school. Thank you so much for your continued support as always, we hope that you and your child/children are enjoying reading their new books.

Best wishes and happy reading,
Mrs Bueno-Ballantyne and Mr Cosford

Reporting absences

If your child is absent from school, please ring the school office in the morning. Messages can be left on the voicemail by pressing Option 1, all messages are checked every morning. Please do not send



absence messages on Dojo to Class Teachers.

Hay fever

We are now coming up to hay fever season. If your child suffers with hay fever and requires daily medication please can you ensure that they have this before they come to school.



World Down Syndrome Day – Gingerbread socks

Gingerbread biscuit socks will be on sale to the children for £1 each. We will be selling them to raise awareness of Downs Syndrome and to raise funds for Down Syndrome, Cheshire. The Gingerbread socks will be available to buy in the classroom and will be sent home at the end of the day.

In addition to selling the socks, we will also be encouraging the children to come to school dressed in odd socks on Friday 28th March, again to promote awareness of the condition. We welcome your support for this worthy cause!



Parents Evening - Tuesday 25th March – 5pm to 7pm and Thursday 27th March – 4pm to 6pm

Please note that Daniel Robinson, Assistant Principal from the Winsford Academy will be available to meet prospective parents on Tuesday 25th March and Emma McLaren, Principal of Winsford Academy will be available to meet prospective parents on Thursday 27th March in the glass corridor. It may be worth a detour to meet them if you are a parent of a child in Year 4, 5 or Year 6! Feel free to go and have a chat with them on the night with any questions you have about the Winsford Academy. Especially for any parents of children in Years 4 and 5 who will be thinking about High Schools for your children.

Easter Themed Lunch – Wednesday 2nd April

The kitchen will be making an Easter Themed lunch on Wednesday 2nd April.

The menu will be Roast chicken, stuffing, mashed potato, carrots, broccoli and gravy. Alternatively, Quorn fillet roast served with the above. Chocolate krispy nests for dessert or fruit.

If you would like to order an Easter lunch for your child/children this will be available on the school gateway. Prices are £2.85 or free for children on free school meals.

Please also check your child's pre-booked lunches as these may have changed due to the menu update.



Diary Dates: * new dates

Date	Information
24 th March 2025*	Gingerbread socks on sale this week in the classroom £1 each
25 th March 2025*	Cyber Protect Team to work with Reception/Key Stage 1 pupils
25 th March 2025	Parents Evening – 5pm to 7pm
27 th March 2025	Parents Evening – 4pm to 6pm
28 th March 2025*	World Down Syndrome Day – Wear Odd Socks to school!
28 th March 2025	Final payment for the Year 1 Conwy Residential
2 nd April 2025*	Edsential Easter Themed lunch
2 nd April to 4 th April 2025	Year 4 – Residential to York
4 th April 2025	Year 6 Lakes 2 nd Installment
7 th April to 22 nd April 2025	Easter Holiday
23 rd April 2025	School opens for the summer term
25 th April 2025	Last payment for York Residential
28 th April 2025	Chester Zoo trip – Reception and Year 2
1 st and 2 nd May 2025	Year 1 Conwy Residential
26 th May to 30 th May 2025	Half Term
Monday 2 nd June 2025	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
23 rd June 2025	Dogstrust Assemblies and Workshops for Year Reception/Y1 Wheelock and Dee
24 th June 2025	Dogstrust Assemblies and Workshops for Year 1 Gowy and Year 2
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