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Dear Parents/Carers,

Staff News

This week we have said goodbye to three members of our school staff – Mrs Collis, Miss Maddock and Miss Bradshaw. We would like to thank them for everything they have contributed to our school and wish them all the best for the future.

Miss MacWilliam, who has been on maternity leave, has made the decision not to return to work in November, but to continue to focus on her family. We wish her lots of happy times with her baby daughter.

RSPCA Charity Day

As a Trust we raised over £1600 for the RSPCA which will be split between the Cheshire, Macclesfield and Buxton RSPCA branch and the Salford and Manchester branch.

As always, thank you for all your support with this raising this money.

Year 6

It has been a really busy week for our lovely Year 6 children who performed brilliantly in their leaver's performance on Tuesday and Wednesday, and then shared their heartwarming memories of school with us in our leaver's assembly on Thursday. We are so proud of you and wish you every success in the next stage of your school journey.



Travelling by Tuba music concerts

All our children thoroughly enjoyed taking part in our music concerts today. Chris and Stewart from Travelling by Tuba taught the children about a variety of instruments, played some tunes and engaged

the children in joining in. A fantastic time was had by all! Thank you very much to the PTFA for funding this treat for the children.



After school clubs – autumn term 2025

We are currently organising a range of after school clubs for the autumn term.

The following clubs will be run by school staff:-

- Monday – Coding Club 3.20-4.00pm (Year 6 – run by Mr Vickery and TBC)
- Thursday – Cooking Club 3.20-4.40pm (Year 5 – run by Mrs Hill and Mrs Middleton)
- Thursday – Singing Club 3.20-4.00pm (Years 4-6 - run by Ms Lackford, Mrs May) starting on Thursday 25th September

The following clubs will be run by outside providers in September and will require payment - flyers are attached:

Sports Coaching

Monday: Dance (Yr 1-4)

Monday: Basketball/Netball (Yr 3-6)

Tuesday: Dodgeball (Yr 4-6)

Tuesday: Football (Yr 1-3)

Wednesday: Dodgeball (Yr 1-3)

Wednesday: Football (Yr 3-6)

Thursday: Pickleball (Yr 3-6)

Friday: Gymnastics (Yr 1-4)

Drama Club – **React Theatre** – Thursdays (Y3-6)

Art Club - **Art Zone** – Tuesdays (Y1-6)

All clubs will start during the second full week of the autumn term. We have attached some information regarding how to book these.

School Attendance, including Persistent Absences and Holidays during Term Time

The government has a persistence absence threshold of 10%. The absence threshold of 10% means that if a pupil is absent for 38 sessions (19 days) of school, they are classified as persistently absent. Schools are urged to inform parents of this threshold and to advise parents that fines will be made for persistent absence, unless there is evidence of a justifiable reason for such absence, for example, significant illness. Failure to make payment will result in legal action for failure to ensure regular attendance at school under Section 444 (1) Education Act 1996.

As you are aware, we are not allowed to grant any leave of absence during term time, unless there are exceptional circumstances. An exceptional circumstance is usually a one-off, unique situation that is of significant emotional, educational or spiritual value which outweighs the loss of teaching time. It is our duty to strongly urge parents or carers to avoid booking holidays, appointments or visits overseas during term-time. In addition, it is important that we advise you that under the legislation there is an expectation that schools will issue a Fixed Penalty Notice to those parents who take their children on an unauthorised leave of absence (holiday) in term time.

Penalty Notices will be issued for	
Term time leave:	Penalty Notice fines will be issued for term time leave of 5 or more consecutive days or
Unauthorised absence:	A Penalty Notices may be considered when there have been 10 sessions of unauthorised absences in a 10 week period.
Per Parent/Per Child	
Penalty Notice fines will continue to be issued per parent per child . For example: 3 siblings absent for term time leave, would result in each parent receiving 3 separate fines.	
First Offence	
The first time a Penalty Notice is issued for term time leave or unauthorised school attendance the fine will be charged at:	
£160 per parent, per child if paid within 28 days of the issue, reducing to £80 per parent, per child if paid within 21 days. (Unpaid penalty notices may result in a parental prosecution)	
Second Offence	
Where it is deemed appropriate to issue a second penalty notice to the same parent for the same pupil within 3 years of the first penalty notice, for either term time leave or unauthorised attendance the second penalty notice will be charged at:	
£160 if paid within 28 days. (Unpaid penalty notices may result in a parental prosecution)	
Third Offence	
On the third time that an offence is committed within 3 years of the first penalty notice for either a term time leave or irregular attendance, a penalty notice will not be issued. The case may proceed to Parental Prosecution under the Single Justice Procedure. If found guilty of the offence of 'Failure to send a child to school' the Magistrates can impose a fine up to £1000.	

Calendar of Events

Please see below calendar dates for the next academic year. New dates have been added in bold.

September 2025

Monday 1 st and Tuesday 2 nd	Inset days for staff – school closed
Wednesday 3 rd	Autumn Term begins
Monday 8 th	Allotment session for Year 2
Tuesday 9 th	3.30pm Meet the Teacher for Year 2 4.00pm Meet the Teacher for Year 4
Wednesday 10 th	3.30pm Meet the Teacher for Year 1 4.00pm Meet the Teacher for Year 3
Thursday 11 th	3.30pm Online safety talk for Year 5 and Year 6 parents with PC Andy Cornall, followed by Meet the Teacher for Year 5 and Year 6
Monday 15 th	Allotment session for Year 3
Thursday 18 th	Individual photos
Monday 22 nd	Allotment session for Year 4
Monday 22nd	Book Fair 3.30pm
Tuesday 23rd	Book Fair 3.30pm
Monday 29 th	Allotment session for Year 5

October 2025

Monday 6 th	Allotment session for Year 2
Monday 13 th	Allotment session for Year 3
Thursday 16th	Child safety event in Crewe for Year 6
Monday 20 th	Allotment session for Year 5
Wednesday 22 nd and Thursday 23 rd	Parents' Evenings
Friday 24 th	Inset day for staff – school closed
Monday 27 th to Friday 31 st	Half term break – school closed

November 2025

Monday 10th	Odd Socks day
Tuesday 11th	FLUENZ
Friday 14th	Children in Need

December 2025

Tuesday 9th	KS1 performance 1.45pm
Wednesday 10th	KS1 performance 6pm
Tuesday 16th	Reception nativity 9.45am
Wednesday 17th	Reception nativity 9.45am
Wednesday 17th	Christmas lunch
Thursday 18th	Christmas parties
Friday 19th	School closes at 1.20pm
Monday 22nd December – Monday 5th January (inclusive)	School closed – Christmas break

January 2026

Monday 5th	INSET day for staff – school closed
Tuesday 6th	Spring term begins

Wishing all our families a very safe and happy summer break – see you in September!

Kind regards,

Fiona Gresty
Principal

Vicki Bradford
Head of school

