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Dear Parents/Carers,

Book Fair

Please visit our Book Fair on Monday 22nd and Tuesday 23rd September 3.30-4.00pm.

E-safety

We would like to thank PC Andy Cornall for sharing some important e-safety (electronic-safety) messages to parents of children in Year 5 and 6 at our Meet the Teacher session last week. We are really pleased to say that PC Cornall will be joining us again on Monday 20th October to speak to Year 5 and 6. We have also arranged for him to run a meeting for parents on Wednesday 19th November.

In school we regularly highlight the growing importance of e-safety and would really appreciate your continued support in helping our children navigate the digital world safely and responsibly.

In today's connected world, children have access to an incredible array of information and communication tools. While the internet offers valuable educational and social benefits, it also presents risks such as cyberbullying, inappropriate content, online predators, data privacy concerns, and excessive screen time.

At our school we integrate digital safety education into our curriculum. We have robust control measures in place to ensure that in school the children are only accessing age appropriate material related to their learning and are protected from anything harmful. However, the most effective way to protect children is through a partnership between school and home. Here are some ways you can help promote e-safety at home:

1. **Talk Openly** – Encourage your child to speak to you about their online activities and any concerns they may have.
2. **Set Clear Rules** – Establish boundaries for device use, including screen time limits and rules for social media, apps, and games.
3. **Use Parental Controls** – Utilize filters and privacy settings on devices and platforms to block inappropriate content.
4. **Know What They're Using** – Stay informed about the websites, games, and apps your child is using, and whether they are age-appropriate.
5. **Model Good Behavior** – Children learn from adults. Show them how to use technology responsibly and respectfully.

We also encourage you to regularly visit trusted websites such as:

- www.thinkuknow.co.uk



- www.childnet.com
- www.internetmatters.org

These sites offer excellent advice for parents on how to support your child's online safety and well-being.

If you ever have any concerns or questions regarding your child's online behavior or safety, please do not hesitate to contact us. Together, we can ensure that all of our children can enjoy the benefits of technology while staying safe and secure. Thank you for your ongoing support.

Reception

Our new Reception intake have started full time this week and we're very proud of how well they have all done.

The PTFA have donated PE bags for the Reception children as a way of introducing them to their new house colours. A huge thank you to the PTFA for their kind donation.



PTFA news

Autumn PTFA Disco - Thursday 16th Oct. Years 1-6 after school event. Reception classes get their own disco in school hours as a gentle introduction to school discos. More details to follow! Volunteers for the events will be needed.

Uniform shop - Volunteers are needed to open the pre-loved uniform shop 2:45-3:10 on Fridays. This is a valuable resource for our school community so a fab way to help your school. Volunteers don't need to be available every Friday, we just need a group of helpers to rotate in. Guidance will be provided and 2 parents needed to help each week.

Open Day

We are holding an open morning aimed at children starting school in September 2026. Please share this information if you know of anyone looking for school places in September.



Parent Pay

We have sent communication out regarding the booking of toast/meals. Please be aware - placing credit on the account, doesn't automatically book the item.

Courteous Parking

The parking enforcement officers have been monitoring parking around school and will be continuing to do so. Please ensure that you park legally in a side road with consideration for our neighbours and other road users. Please note that there should be no parking in the layby outside school.

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 22 nd	Allotment session for Year 4
Monday 22 nd	Book Fair 3.30pm
Tuesday 23 rd	Book Fair 3.30pm
Thursday 25 th	PTFA/School meeting 9-10am in school – all welcome
Monday 29 th	Allotment session for Year 5

October 2025

Monday 6 th	Allotment session for Year 2
Tuesday 7 th	Open Morning 9.15-11.30am
Monday 13 th	Allotment session for Year 3
Thursday 16 th	Child safety event in Crewe for Year 6
Thursday 16 th	After School PTFA Disco (Y1-Y6)
Friday 17th	Wear Red Day – Show racism the red card
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 10 th	Odd Socks day
Tuesday 11 th	FLUENZ
Friday 14 th	Children in Need
Wednesday 19th	PC Cornall – Online safety presentation for parents 6pm – School Hall

December 2025

Sunday 7 th	Holmes Chapel Village Christmas Fair 3-7pm
Tuesday 9 th	KS1 performance 1.45pm
Wednesday 10 th	KS1 performance 6pm
Tuesday 16 th	Reception nativity 9.45am
Wednesday 17 th	Reception nativity 9.45am
Wednesday 17 th	Christmas lunch
Thursday 18 th	Christmas parties
Friday 19 th	School closes at 1.20pm
Monday 22 nd December – Monday 5 th January (inclusive)	School closed – Christmas break

January 2026

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

Kind regards,

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Principal

Vicki Bradford
Head of school

