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Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy new year and welcome to the spring term 2026! We hope that all our families had a very relaxing Christmas break. The return to school was delayed by adverse weather conditions, but we have started the new term with enthusiasm and look forward to some exciting events.

Events in the first half of the spring term:-

- Year 4 visit to The New Vic Theatre to see The Little Mermaid – Wednesday 14th January
- Road safety presentation for Year 5 – Friday 30th January
- Young Voices concert in Manchester for our singing club members – Friday 6th February
- Children's mental health week and safer internet day – Monday 9th to Friday 13th February (more information to follow)
- Year 4 Greek workshop – Wednesday 11th/Thursday 12th February

Spring term Parents' Evenings – Wednesday 11th and Thursday 12th February

Our spring term parents' evenings will be held face to face in school. The booking system for making an appointment for this term's parents' evenings will open at 6pm Friday 30th January and close at 6pm on Friday 6th February. More details about how to book your appointment will be sent out next week. This parents' evening meeting is an opportunity for you to talk to your child's teacher about what is going well and how we will be supporting your child to continue to make good progress over the rest of this term and this year. Please note that this appointment is not suitable for your child/children to attend with you.

Mrs Bradford, our SENCO will also be available during both parents' evenings to discuss any SEND related concerns you may have. There is no appointment necessary for this. If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Presentations to Parents – summer term 2026

Each year our Year 3, 4 and 5 children hold an assembly for parents to showcase their learning. Dates for these this year are as follows:-

- Year 3 – Wednesday 20th May 9.15am
- Year 4 – Thursday 7th May 9.15am
- Year 5 – Friday 5th June 9.30am

Consider a new year's resolution - making the time to read with your child and to practise times tables

Over the last few years we have been surprised to see that the number of parents reading with their child each evening or practising times tables regularly is decreasing. Some children are not reading to their parents or practising times tables very much at all.

We do appreciate that we all have very busy lives and are juggling work, family commitments, extra-curricular activities for our children and many more activities besides – and a huge thank you to those of you that do make that time for reading and times tables practise too!

A few minutes a day reading with your child / listening to your child read each day is so important. Time and time again in school we see that those children who regularly read to parents at home tend to become much more able readers and also, importantly, are more likely to enjoy reading. Being a good reader is the key to so much of your child's learning at primary school and beyond. Similarly quick recall of times tables is a key building block to becoming a confident mathematician. Your support in this really can make a difference.

Do you have an interesting job, special interest, skill or hobby?

We are always looking for ways to enrich our learning experiences in school, and welcome visitors to talk to the children and bring learning to life. We would love to invite parents or carers to come into school to talk to a class about your job or a hobby you enjoy, or a special interest you have.

This is a great opportunity for students to learn about different careers, interests, and skills, and to ask questions about the real world. Talks can be very informal and short (around 10–15 minutes), and need to be suitable for and hold the interest of our children.

If you would like to / are able to come into school to help or you know somebody who would, we would very much like to hear from you. Please contact the School Office to register your interest. Many thanks.

Advice from Cheshire East



Cold weather

As the cold weather is set to continue for some time, please make sure that your child wears a warm, waterproof coat every day. Please remember to clearly name your child's coat, hat, gloves and scarf. Thank you.

After school clubs – first half of spring term 2026

Please see below our after school clubs for the first half of the spring term.

The following clubs will be run by school staff.

- Monday – Coding Club 3.20-4.15pm (Year 6 – run by Mr Vickery and Miss Brett)
- Thursday – Singing Club 3.20-4.00pm (Years 4-6 - run by Ms Lackford, Mrs May, Ms Whalley)

The following clubs will be run by outside providers and will require payment – please contact the school office for further information. **The clubs below will commence from Tuesday 6th January.**

Sports Coaching – <https://sportscoachinggroup.co.uk/>

Please see the attached flyer for booking information.

- Monday: Dance (Yr 1-4)
- Tuesday: Football (Yr 1/2)
- Wednesday: Football (Yr 3-6)
- Wednesday: Dodgeball (Yr 1-4)
- Thursday: Ball Sports (Yr 1-4)
- Friday: Archery + Pickleball (Yr 3-6)
- Friday: Gymnastics (Yr 1-4)

React Theatre – reacttheatreacademy@gmail.com

- Drama Club — Thursdays (Y3-6)

Art Zone – jo@art-zone.co.uk

- Art Club -- Tuesdays (Y1-6)

Calendar of Events

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

January 2026

Wednesday 14 th	Year 4 visit New Vic Theatre
Friday 23 rd	Guitar/Ukelele performance – children only KS1 2pm, KS2 2.30pm (Performance for parents in Summer Term)
Friday 30th	Road safety presentation for Year 5

February 2026

Thursday 5 th	Mystery readers 2.45pm
Friday 6 th	Young Voices concert (Manchester)
Monday 9 th – Friday 13 th	Children's Mental Health Week
Tuesday 10 th	Safer internet day
Wednesday 11 th	Year 4 Greek workshop
Thursday 12 th	Year 4 Greek workshop
Wednesday 11 th and Thursday 12 th	Spring term parents' evenings
Monday 16 th – Friday 20 th	School closed - Half term break
Monday 23rd	Year 1 allotment session

March 2026

Monday 2nd	Year 2 allotment session
Thursday 5 th	World Book Day
Monday 9th	Year 3 allotment session
Monday 16 th – Wednesday 18 th	Year 5 residential visit
Thursday 10 th	Singfest concert for Year 3 at HCCS 10.00-11.15am
Monday 16th	Reception allotment session
Friday 20 th	Red Nose Day
Monday 23rd	Year 5 allotment session
Monday 23 rd and Tuesday 24 th	Book Fair 3.30-4.00pm
Tuesday 24 th	Key Strings performances for KS1 and KS2
Thursday 26 th	Mystery readers 2.45pm
Thursday 26 th	PTFA Spring Disco – Reception classes 2.30-3.00pm; Years 1, 2 and 3 5.00-5.45pm; Years 4, 5 and 6 6.00-6.45pm
Friday 27 th	School closes at 1.20pm
Monday 30 th March – Friday 10 th Apr	School closed – Easter break

April 2026

Monday 13 th	Summer term begins
Monday 13th	Year 1 allotment session
Wednesday 15 th	Year 4 visit to Crowden Valley

Friday 17 th	Donations for PTFA Spring Fair (Make the Rules day)
Monday 20th	Year 2 allotment session
Saturday 25 th	PTFA Spring Fair
Monday 27 th	Year 5 Bikeability
Monday 27th	Year 3 allotment session

May 2026

Friday 1 st	INSET day for staff – school closed
Monday 4 th	Bank holiday – school closed
Tuesday 5 th	Year 1 visit to Staircase House
Thursday 7 th	Year 4 Presentation for parents 9.15am
Monday 11 th – Thursday 14 th	Year 6 SATS tests
Monday 11th	Year 1 allotment session
Monday 18th	Year 2 allotment session
Wednesday 20 th	Year 3 Presentation for parents 9.15am
Thursday 21 st	Class photos
Thursday 21 st	Mystery Readers 2.45pm
Monday 25 th – Friday 29 th	School closed – Half term break

June 2026

Monday 1st	Year 3 allotment session
Friday 5 th	Year 5 Presentation for parents 9.30-10am
Monday 8th	Year 5 allotment session
Friday 12 th	Non-uniform day (donations for PTFA rainbow hampers)
Monday 15 th	Year 2 visit to Stockport Air Raid Shelter
Monday 15th	Year 1 allotment session
Tuesday 16 th	New Reception Parents open evening 6pm
Thursday 18 th and Friday 19 th	Transition days for Holmes Chapel Comprehensive School
Monday 22nd	Year 2 allotment session
Wednesday 24 th	Sports Day
Monday 29 th and Tuesday 30 th	Year 6 Bikeability
Monday 29th	Year 3 allotment session

July 2026

Wednesday 1 st – Friday 3 rd	Year 6 residential visit
Friday 3 rd	Class 3 visit to Delamere Forest
Monday 6th	Year 5 allotment session
Wednesday 8 th	Reports to parents
Thursday 9 th	Mystery readers 2.45pm
Friday 10 th	Class 3a visit to Delamere Forest
Monday 13th	Year 4 allotment session
Tuesday 14 th	Year 6 Leaver's performance to parents 2pm
Wednesday 15 th	Year 6 Leaver's performance to parents 6pm
Thursday 16 th	Leaver's assembly for school and Leaver's lunch
Thursday 16 th	Leaver's assembly for parents 2pm
Friday 17 th	School closes at 1.20pm
Monday 20 th July – Monday 31 st August	School closed – summer break

Kind regards,

Fiona Gresty
Principal

Vicki Bradford
Head of school