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Dear Parents/Carers,

Reminder – school closed tomorrow Friday 1st May for staff training

Emotional Resilience and Parenting Support Workshop

Thank you to everyone who attended the recent resilience workshop. It was wonderful to see so many of you there. We hope you found the session useful and that it provided helpful insights and practical strategies you can use at home. The feedback has been very positive – 100% of attendees said they found the workshop useful, with one parent commenting, “Great workshop and very glad I attended.” A huge thank you to Mrs Lavin for delivering such an engaging and informative session. We really value your continued support and partnership.



CEAT

The Cheshire East Autism Team (CEAT) is offering drop-in sessions for parents and carers to speak with a multi-disciplinary team of autism and neurodiversity specialists. No appointment is needed—just drop in. These informal consultations are available on a first come, first served basis and are a great opportunity to ask questions, seek advice, and access support. Sessions will be supported by Karen Flannery, Specialist Support Teacher.



After school clubs – first half of summer term 2026

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

The following clubs will be run by school staff:

- Tuesday - Newspaper/writing club 3:20-4:20pm (Year 5 and 6 – run by Mrs Bradford). This is now full, confirmation of a place has been sent to parents.
- Thursday – Singing Club 3.20-4.00pm (Years 3-6 run by Ms Lackford and Mrs May)

The following clubs will be run by outside providers and will require payment – please contact the school office for further information.

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

Please see the attached flyer for booking information

- Monday: Dance + Cheerleading (Yr 1-4)
- Tuesday: Football (Yr 1/2)
- Wednesday: Football (Yr 3-6)
- Wednesday: Cricket/Rounders (Yr 1-4)
- Thursday: Summer Sports (Yr 1-4)
- Friday: Athletics (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)

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.

Please see the information below from the Cheshire East Attendance Team:-

PENALTY NOTICE AND PROSECUTION	
Penalty Notices may be issued for	
<p>Term time leave: Penalty Notice fines may be issued for term time leave of 5 or more days (10 sessions) in a 10-week period.</p> <p>10 Sessions of Unauthorised absence in a rolling 10 week period: A Penalty Notices may be considered when there have been 10 sessions of unauthorised absence in a 10-week period.</p> <p>However, school retain the discretion to request a Penalty Notice before the threshold is met. For example, where parents/carers are deliberately avoiding the national threshold by taking several term time holidays below the threshold.</p>	
Per Parent/Per Child	
<p>Penalty Notice fines will continue to be issued per parent/carer per child. For example: 3 siblings absent for term time leave, would result in each parent/carer receiving 3 separate fines.</p>	
First Offence	Second Offence
The first time a Penalty Notice is issued for term time	Where it is deemed appropriate to issue a second



leave or irregular school attendance the fine will be charged at: £160 per parent/carer, per child if paid within 28 days of the issue, reducing to £80 per parent/carer, per child if paid within 21 days. (Unpaid penalty notices may result in a parental prosecution)	penalty notice to the same parent/carer for the same pupil within 3 years of the first penalty notice, for either term time leave or irregular attendance the second penalty notice will be charged at: £160 if paid within 28 days. (Unpaid penalty notices may result in a parental prosecution)
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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 Local Authority may place the matter before the court. The Magistrates may impose a fine up to £2500.

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 or legal proceedings under Section 444 (1a) can include a fine of up to £2500.

Cheshire East promote good attendance

Every Day in School Matters

Good attendance isn't just a number — it directly affects learning, confidence, and future achievement. Even small amounts of absence can add up quickly.

- **90% attendance = 19 days missed** over the school year.
- **80% attendance = 38 days missed**, which is nearly **eight full school weeks**.
- **27% of primary pupils miss 10 or more days** of school each year. Children who miss significant learning often struggle to keep up later — gaps widen over time.
- Just **6 days of absence** can lead to a **drop in reading and maths outcomes**.

☆ Everyday Impact

- Children may feel out of the loop socially and academically after time away.
- Small absences add up quickly — a day here and there leads to lost continuity in learning.

More days in school lead to more learning and more opportunities.

Calendar of Events

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

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 11 th	Year 1 allotment session
Monday 18 th	Year 2 allotment session
Tuesday 19 th	Reception concert for parents 10.30am
Wednesday 20 th	Year 3 Presentation for parents 9.15am
Wednesday 20th	Zoo Lab assemblies (KS1 1.30-2.15pm, KS2 2.15-3pm)
Thursday 21 st	Class photos
Thursday 21 st	Walk to school event
Thursday 21 st	Year 6 visit to Blackpool
Thursday 21 st	Aspire Trust football tournament
Thursday 21 st	Mystery Readers 2.45pm
Monday 25 th – Friday 29 th	School closed – Half term break

June 2026

Monday 1 st	Year 3 allotment session
Friday 5 th	Year 5 Presentation for parents 9.30-10am
Monday 8 th	Class 5a swimming lessons begin
Thursday 11 th	Year 4 visit to The Bridgewater Hall to play with the Halle orchestra
Friday 12 th	Year 5 allotment session (change of date)
Friday 12 th	Non-uniform day (donations for PTFA rainbow hampers)
Monday 15 th	Year 2 visit to Stockport Air Raid Shelter
Monday 15 th	Year 1 allotment session
Tuesday 16 th	New Reception Parents open evening 6pm
Thursday 18th	Reception Father's Day event 10.30am
Thursday 18 th and Friday 19 th	Transition days for Holmes Chapel Comprehensive School
Monday 22 nd	Year 2 allotment session
Wednesday 24 th	Sports Day
Friday 26 th	Front Row Music guitar and ukulele performances for parents (times to be confirmed)
Monday 29 th and Tuesday 30 th	Year 6 Bikeability
Monday 29 th	Year 3 allotment session
Tuesday 30 th	Reception 'Forest Schools' day – visit to Petty Pool

July 2026

Wednesday 1 st – Friday 3 rd	Year 6 residential visit
Friday 3 rd	Class 3 visit to Delamere Forest
Wednesday 8 th	Reserve sports day
Wednesday 8 th	Reports to parents
Thursday 9 th	Mystery readers 2.45pm
Thursday 9 th	Singing club performance for parents 4.00-4.30pm
Friday 10 th	Class 3a visit to Delamere Forest
Friday 10 th	Year 5 allotment session (change of date)
Monday 13 th	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