

Dear Parents and Carers,

School received its final report from Ofsted following the inspection of our fantastic residential provision between 21<sup>st</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup> January, 2026. Despite the ongoing uncertainty over the residential funding grant beyond August 2026 staff have never let this impact negatively on their work with the pupils and the opportunities and experiences they have. I am deeply indebted to the residential team for their dedication, commitment, professionalism and to the strong leadership displayed by Charlene and Charlotte- Thank you so much and huge congratulations to an *Outstanding* team. A copy of the report is attached to this letter.

**Inspection dates: 21 to 23 January 2026**

**Overall experiences and progress of children and young people, taking into account:**

**Outstanding**

How well children and young people are helped and protected:

**Outstanding**

The effectiveness of leaders and managers:

**Outstanding**

**Careers Week, 2026**

Organised by Kirsty (Careers HLTA), I asked Kirsty to share with me the activities that were held during the week:

*Careers Week has been a whirlwind of inspiration and possibility! Students listened captivated as a young author brought her book to life, proving that creativity can become a real career. They explored bravery and teamwork with Cheshire Search and Rescue during the exciting "Rescue Eloise" session, uncovered the keen eye and patience needed to be a photographer, and discovered the many talents behind roles in the police, entertainment and animal volunteering. A live video call with Chester Zoo opened eyes to the huge range of careers that help care for animals and protect wildlife. All of these experiences built up to a fantastic mini careers fair where students celebrated everything they had learned. Well done everyone for your enthusiasm and brilliant engagement throughout the week!*

My thanks also to Kirsty for organising and pulling together such a wonderful week for pupils.

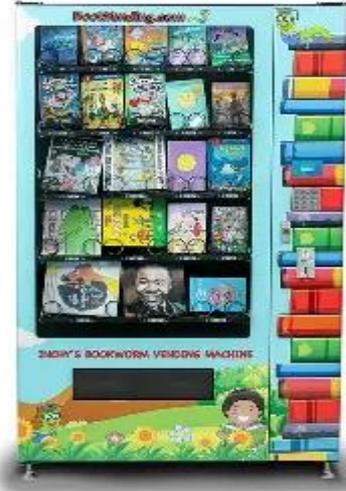
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## World Book Day, 2026

This well established annual event took place on Thursday. Pupils and staff alike took the opportunity to come to school dressed as their favourite book character and take part in a book swap. Mr Fitzsimmons, who organised the day, thanked all pupils for taking part in the event and the high level of engagement that was observed during the day- the book swap was a particular highlight. Thank you to families for supporting school by sending in books for the 'Big Swap'. To keep the profile of reading high across school, we will soon be receiving a book vending machine. This was won in a competition by Mr Power- well done sir. Pupils will have the opportunity to earn book tokens, which they can use to get a free book from the vending machine.



## Attendance update

Just before the half term break, I sent home a significant number of attendance postcards to pupils who either have managed 100% attendance or who have worked really hard to improved their attendance. Our ambition is for all pupils to have an attendance figure of at least 95%. We are able to reach this figure due to the close working partnership we have between pupils, school and families. We all know that good attendance at school has a direct impact on outcomes for young people and their future pathways. Thank you for your hard work and engagement with school- it makes a difference.

It just remains for me to wish you a safe and relaxing weekend,

Yours faithfully,

**Mr McCann**  
Headteacher



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