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DATES

February

Wed 11th—Deadline for Y4 residential payments
Mon 16th — Fri 20th—Half Term Holiday
Mon 23rd—School closed for Inset Day
Tues 24th—School opens for pupils
Wed 25th— Y4 Parent& Guardian Meeting 3.20 (Class 3)

March

Tues 24th—London Y4 Residential Day 1
Wed 25th—London Residential Day 2

April

Thurs 2nd—Fri 17th— Easter Break
Mon 20th—First day of the Summer term

May

Mon 4th—School closed—Bank holiday
Mon 11th -Thurs 14th—Year 6 SATS Week
Mon 25th—Fri 29th— Half term Holidays

June

Mon 1st—Y4 Multiplication tables check start (2-week window)
Mon 8th—Start of Y1 Phonics screening check
Tue 30th—Wed 1st—Y2 & Y3 Residential to Tatton Hall

Term Dates Available on School Website
2025 –2026 —[Click here](#)

Please ensure holidays are booked outside of term times because we teach new content every single day

2026 Residential

Y6 Min-Y-Don Residential - Mon 6th—Friday 10th July

Parent Carer Meetings

Here are the key dates for each class:

Reception & Year 6: March 4th 2026
Years 1, 2, 3, 4, & 5: June 17th & 18th 2026

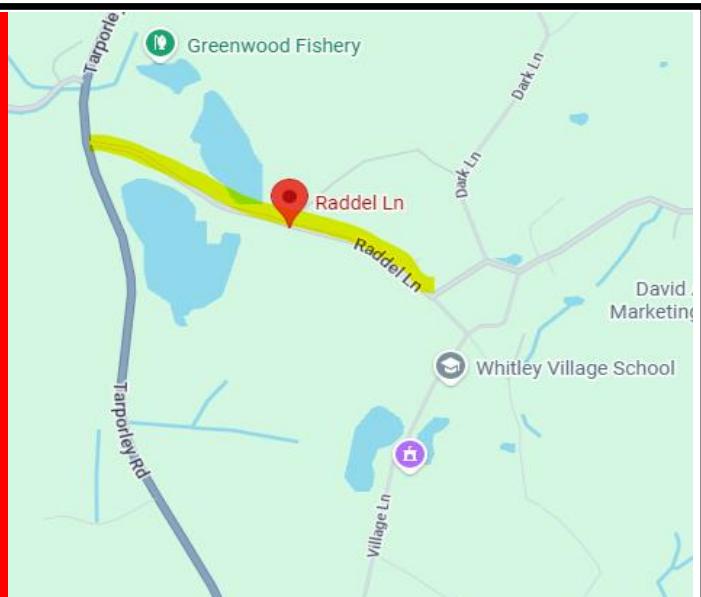
HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY 2026

This week marked Holocaust Memorial Day, observed each year on 27th January—the anniversary of the liberation of the Auschwitz-Birkenau concentration camp. As the number of survivors from this horrific period of history grows smaller each year, it becomes ever more important that we continue to remember their experiences. By doing so, we help ensure that such atrocities are never repeated.

Each year, we take time to reflect on these events, and this term the children in Class 3 have been studying World War II to deepen their understanding of the context surrounding this period. Their learning helps them appreciate both the historical significance and the human impact of this awful period in our history.

Raddel Lane Road Closure – 3 Weeks

The local press are reporting that Raddel Lane, which connects the village with the A49 to the north, is scheduled to close on Monday, February 9, for United Utilities excavation work, and although access will remain available for residents and businesses, there will be no through route for the duration of the three-week closure; an alternative route has been proposed via Village Lane, Tarporley Road, and Raddel Lane, meaning Village Lane is expected to experience a significant increase in traffic during this period.



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PCF Survey 2026

Does your child or young person (age 0–25)
have SEND or additional needs?
We want to hear from you!

Your feedback will shape future SEND services across health,
education, social care and the community, and will be included
in the SEND Strategy 2026/27



Have your say....

The survey will open on January 5th 2026.
You can complete the survey by scanning the QR code
using the link below or email info@pcfcheshirewest.org
Closing date February 6th 2026 - Don't miss out!

www.pcfcheshirewest.org/survey26



Friends of Whitley School (FoWS) Lottery

The lottery lets us raise much-needed funds for school to help pay for Mathletics, coaches for trips, furniture etc.

It costs just £8 a month for 2 draws per week. If your number pops up, you win £25. If there was no winner the week before you win. If you would like a number and to help support school,

Please contact Hayley Woodward on 07740043151 or littlhayjay@gmail.com

Lottery Winners

We have lots of spare numbers so please consider supporting this initiative.

07/01/2026	12	ROLLOVER
10/01/2026	9	ROLLOVER
14/01/2026	23	Gill Osbourne £50
17/01/2026	4	ROLLOVER
21/01/2026	19	ROLLOVER
24/01/2026	29	ROLLOVER
28/01/2026	15	ROLLOVER

Use of WhatsApp



It has come to my attention that some children in Class 3 are using WhatsApp. This app is intended for users aged 13 and over, and therefore should not be used by anyone still in primary school. Nationally, WhatsApp use by younger children frequently leads to significant pastoral issues due to inappropriate or unmonitored communication. If your child has WhatsApp installed on their phone, I would politely ask that you delete it so we can avoid the well-documented problems associated with its use. More generally, we will shortly be issuing a Smart Phone Policy once it has been approved by our Governing Body; in the meantime, all smart phones must be handed into the school office as soon as your child arrives.



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National Curriculum News

The current National Curriculum for children in Years 1 to 6 was introduced in 2014, and the world has changed dramatically since then, bringing with it many new challenges and priorities. Following a government review, a panel has now been appointed to draft updated Programmes of Study for Key Stage 1 (Years 1 and 2) and Key Stage 2 (Years 3 to 6). They will also update KS3 for those entering secondary school. The final versions are expected to be published in spring 2027, with the new curriculum scheduled to be taught in schools from September 2028.

The children of Class 3 enjoyed an immersive and memorable tour of the Stockport Air Raid Shelter. Upon their arrival, they were greeted by a guide dressed in authentic 1940s attire, immediately transporting them back in time. Throughout the visit, the children learned about the experiences of the civilian population of Stockport during the Second World War.

Civilians on both sides of the conflict endured tremendous hardships and showed a level of stoic resilience that is difficult to comprehend in the modern age. This educational experience added an exciting and meaningful dimension to the children's current whole-class text in English, while also bringing to life their study of World War Two in history.

The visit not only deepened their understanding but also sparked curiosity, empathy, and a greater appreciation of the past.

