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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— 3:20pm Y4 Parent & Guardian Meeting re: London (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 Tattenhall

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

Bookings on School Spider are open for Reception and Year 6

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



Artemis II Mission

This week, the children learnt about NASA's upcoming Artemis II mission, the first crewed flight of the SLS rocket and Orion spacecraft, planned for launch no earlier than March 2026. Four astronauts will embark on a

10-day flyby around the Moon to test vital life-support systems, marking the first human journey into deep space in over 50 years. The children explored the dedication, skill and technological achievement behind this mission, gaining inspiration from humanity's return to lunar exploration.

Young Voices 2026

A big thank you to all the staff who generously gave up their evening to ensure our Choir Club could attend Young Voices. For many of our pupils, this was their first experience of performing at such a large-scale event, and it is undoubtedly a memory they will carry with them for years to come.

We are truly grateful to be able to take part in public performances like this and to offer such valuable enrichment opportunities. Experiences of this kind play an important role in developing confidence, character, and a real sense of achievement in our learners.

Thank you once again to everyone who came to support and helped make this unforgettable experience possible.



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Quicksticks Hockey Festival

A huge well done to all the pupils who represented the school at the Year 5/6 Quicksticks Hockey Festival. I hope everyone enjoyed the event, even though the weather was bitterly cold! Despite the conditions, there were some fantastic hockey skills on display, with both impressive individual moments and brilliant team performances throughout the afternoon.

It was wonderful to see our pupils taking part. Their enthusiasm, determination, and teamwork were a real credit to the school.

We are incredibly proud to share that Whitley finished 3rd out of 9 teams. Many of the other schools were significantly larger than ours, which makes the achievement even more impressive. Our players were fantastically competitive, showed great resilience, and truly held their own.



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

Voices that Shape SEND

Have Your Say on SEND Services!

The Big One
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

Please Label Your Child's Clothing

Please ensure that all clothing brought to school is clearly labelled with your child's name. We are increasingly finding brand-new items without any identification. This takes up valuable learning time as staff try to locate the rightful owner and, unfortunately, often results in clothing going missing—leading to unnecessary expense for families. Adding a simple name label helps us return items quickly and keeps lost property to a minimum. The cheapest option is to use a pen to put your child's name on the label. Thank you for your support with this.

New RSHE Guidance to Bring Important Changes for Primary Pupils

Towards the end of the summer term in 2025, the Department for Education (DfE) published updated statutory guidance for Relationships, Sex and Health Education (RSHE), replacing the previous 2019 version. The updated guidance aims to reflect the realities of children's lives today, particularly the growing influence of technology and emerging safeguarding concerns, while maintaining a strong foundation in wellbeing, relationships and safety.

A number of changes will affect what pupils learn at Key Stages 1 and 2. The guidance places a much stronger focus on online safety, including online financial harms such as gaming monetisation, scams and fraud, as well as understanding age restrictions on online platforms. Pupils will also learn to evaluate online content critically, understand their digital rights and manage privacy settings—such as location sharing—more safely. In health education, children will continue learning about their bodies, with the updated requirement to use correct names for body parts, including genitalia, to support safeguarding and reduce stigma. The guidance also introduces a new personal safety strand, covering everyday risks such as road, water and railway safety, reflecting wider national safeguarding priorities.

Alongside these updates, pupils will explore new content on change, loss and bereavement, recognising that all children experience these emotions differently. The guidance also strengthens expectations around relationship-based skills, including communicating needs and boundaries, managing difficult emotions and resisting pressure—particularly online. As we prepare to update our curriculum, parents will continue to have the right to withdraw their child from non-statutory elements of sex education, though not from science content required by law. We will also continue to provide full transparency by making our RSHE resources available during parent and carer evenings, ensuring families can review everything we teach.

