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Points to Remember No. 9 6.11.26

DATES

November

Fri 13th - NHS Flu Immunisations - details to follow
- Stay and Learn for Year 1 and Reception
- Children in Need: Dress Down Day

Mon 16th – Final swimming lesson for Years 4-6
Mon 23rd - 5/6 Basketball festival @Weaverham (Letter to follow)
Fri 27th - Colour Raffle for FOWS

December

Weds 2nd - Christingle Service @ St. Lukes, 6.30pm
Fri 4th - Year 3/4 Netball festival @Weaverham (Letter to follow)
Thu 10th - Christmas Performance 2pm and 6pm
Wed 16th - Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper day
Fri 18th - Last day of the Autumn Term

January 2027

Thurs 7th - Whole school Pantomime trip to Parr Hall
Weds 27th - Young Voices Concert (Year 3-6 who have attended the weekly club)

February 2027

Fri12th - Valentines Disco with FOWs, 3.30pm–4.15pm
Weds 24th - Mad Science Assembly

Residential Visits

Thursday 15th April 2027 – Friday 16th April 2026 - Year 4 London
Monday 5th July – Friday 9th July 2027 - Year 6 Min-Y-Don
Term Dates Available on School Website for both 2026–2027 and 2027-2028 —Click here

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



Children in Need 2026

During our recent meeting, School Parliament have decided to raise money for Children in Need.

On **Friday 13th November**, children are invited to come to school dressed in their own clothes and may also wear Pudsey-themed clothing or accessories if they wish. Please support this worthwhile cause by making a donation using the QR code above. Thank you for your generosity and support.

Arbor

We have now successfully moved to **Arbor** for all Breakfast Club and After School Club bookings, school communications, trip payments and permissions.

Thank you to everyone who has already started using the new system. We have received lots of positive feedback so far. We are aware of a small number of issues and are working closely with Arbor to ensure these are resolved as quickly as possible.

Please note that all school communications are now sent via **email rather than SMS**. To avoid missing important information, we recommend adding the school's email address to your favourites or safe sender list. This will help ensure that messages are received promptly and do not go into your junk folder.

If you experience any difficulties using Arbor or have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school office, where will be happy to help.

School Holiday Dates 2026/27

September 2026

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October 2026

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November 2026

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June 2027

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July 2027

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School Holidays

Bank Holidays

Inset Days

NSPCC: Speak out Stay safe

This week, children in Years 2 to 6 have taken part in online assemblies, and some children have also participated in face-to-face workshops. This programme helps children to understand and recognise the signs of different forms of abuse. Children are encouraged to speak out if they are worried about themselves or someone else, either by talking to a trusted adult or contacting Childline. For further advice and guidance, please visit the NSPCC website, which offers a wide range of information and resources for parents and carers. There are also useful links available at the end of this week's Points to support further discussion at home.

Diwali Dance Workshop

A huge **thank you** to our PTA, Friends of Whitley School, for providing the wonderful opportunity for our children to participate in a Diwali dance workshop this week.

Each class learned about the story of Rama and Sita, an important part of the Hindu faith. They then explored the story through dance, learning and performing different sections with great enthusiasm and creativity. The children thoroughly enjoyed the experience and showcased excellent engagement throughout their session.

West End in Schools

Applications for Reception 2027

If your child is due to start school in September 2027, applications for Reception places are now open. Please apply via your local authority. If you know anyone living fairly locally who might be interested in joining our wonderful school community, please encourage them to get in touch — we'd love to welcome them for a visit! Contact us to arrange a one-to-one tour, or ask any questions.

Key dates

1st September 2026: Applications open

15th January 2027: Closing date for applications

16th April 2027: Notification of offers



Heating Bank

citizens advice Cheshire West

Do you need help with your energy costs?

Funded by the Crisis Resilience Fund, the Heating Bank provides financial help with energy costs for eligible households in Cheshire West and Chester.

You may be able to get help if:

- you live in Cheshire West and Chester
- you are on a low income something unexpected has recently affected your finances, making it difficult to afford your energy costs or
- you need short-term one-off support to stop a crisis from happening or getting worse

Examples are job loss, reduction in benefits, unexpected bills such as car repairs, vet, broken appliances, family circumstances change. Find out more here.

How to access the Heating Bank:

Families can apply directly https://www.citizensadvicecw.org.uk/heatingbank/

Support is available to households who are in receipt of benefits and struggling to meet their energy costs.

The service is free, confidential, and designed to provide quick assistance.

End of the Day

We have noticed that some children are using playground equipment after being collected at the end of the school day. As staff spend time tidying and preparing resources for the following day, we would appreciate your support in ensuring that, once your child has been collected, playground equipment is not used, and families leave the school site promptly and safely. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

NSPCC

Parent/Carer support Take a look at information, support, advice and activities from NSPCC for parent and carers. www.nspcc.org.uk/parents www.nspcc.org.uk/speakout.	Activities to extend learning at home Take part in games and activities at home to help children learn about speaking out and staying safe. www.nspcc.org.uk/activities
Online Safety Hub For information on a range of different online safety topics including gaming, social media, sharing images, parental controls and more. www.nspcc.org.uk/onlinesafety	Childline – under 12's Childline have an accessible website with advice, support, games and activities. Children can change the language, enlarge text and also listen to the content. www.childline.org.uk/buddy (5-7) www.childline.org.uk/kids (7-11)
Talk PANTS with your children Talk PANTS is a simple conversation to help keep children safe from sexual abuse. From P through to S, each letter of PANTS provides simple but important messages. Download the free resources at www.nspcc.org.uk/pants.	