

# NEWSLETTER 43 – 17<sup>th</sup> November 2025

#### Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been a pleasure to observe some of the English lessons this week. The SLT team and I have enjoyed seeing the children engage in writing activities.

#### **Children in Need**



Thank you for your support in helping to raise funds for Children in Need we have raised £187 online and £123.65 cash in school. It was lovely to see the children dressed in ways to celebrate the day. All monies raised will be sent directly to Children in Need.

## Brazilian jiu jitsu Assembly

We welcomed Mel from Immortal Grapplings Academy last week to demonstrate the skills and benefits of taking part in physical exercise. The demonstration also focussed on resilience and respect. Leaflets have been sent home with more information.

# **Gripping Yarns**

Last week, we celebrated **Anti-Bullying Week 2025**, a time to come together as a school community to promote kindness, respect, and inclusion. As part of our activities, pupils in **Years 3–6** enjoyed a special performance by **Gripping Yarns**, a theatre company known for their powerful and engaging storytelling. Through their performance, pupils explored important messages about empathy, standing up for others, and making positive choices. In addition, Year 3-6 will be completing a **KiVa session**, part of our whole-school anti-bullying programme, focusing on how we can recognise, prevent, and respond to bullying in a positive and supportive way. We hope these experiences will inspire thoughtful conversations both in school and at home as we continue to build a safe and welcoming environment for everyone.

# Poppy Appeal

Thank you very much for your donations and support for the Poppy Appeal, we have raised £469.00 which is more than we raised last year. Thank you to our Year 6 School Council who took the boxes around each classroom.











#### **HUB Before and Afterschool club**

Just a reminder that all HUB clubs need to be prebooked in advance on the Arbor app to secure a place for each session for your child. Top ups can be made under the wraparound care section of the app.

# **School Residential Visits and Day trips**

Year 1, 5 and 6 Residential visits are up and running on Arbor. If you have a child attending any of these visits, please can you check that you can see the payments on the Arbor app. Any queries about payments please let us know.

Nursery – Year 4 – Outside the Box panto production in school – payment on Arbor Year 5 – Year 6 – New Vic Theatre production – payment on Arbor

Year 1 – 2<sup>nd</sup> payment 14<sup>th</sup> February 2026

Year 5 – 3<sup>rd</sup> instalment due 4<sup>th</sup> November, final payment 30<sup>th</sup> January 2026

Year 6 – Deposit by 24th November

As stated on the original letters, if you have consented to a residential visit and your child, no longer wishes to attend **we cannot refund deposits**. As with family holidays, we are required to start paying towards the visits well in advance and a change of mind does not allow us to claim the money back should a child decide not to attend.

Please can you inform us of any cancellations in writing or by emailing admin@highstreet.cheshire.sch.uk



School begins 8.45am, and all pupils are expected to be in school for registration at that time.

• Register taken at 8.55am • Registers close at 9.15am

Any child who arrives after the gates are closed must enter the school by the main entrance and report to the school office to sign in. If pupils are not in class when the register is taken, they will be coded as 'L'. Any late arrivals after 9.15am will be coded as 'U' which is an unauthorised absence for that session. In accordance with the 'Education (Pupil Registration) (England) Regulations 2006', if your child arrives after the registers close, they will receive a mark, code U, that shows them to be on site, but this will not count as a present mark, and it will mean they have an unauthorised absence. This may mean that you could face the possibility of a Fixed Penalty Notice or other legal action if the problem persists.

Children who are consistently late for school are disrupting not only their own education, but also that of other children. Where persistent lateness gives cause for concern, you will be invited to a meeting to resolve the issues. If there is no improvement following this meeting, further action will be taken which may include referral to external agencies.

You may approach the school at any time for support and advice if you are having difficulty getting your child to school on time or maintaining regular attendance.

### **School Christmas Lunch**

The school Christmas lunch will be on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December which will also be the day of our St Lukes Elf run. This is provided free for children on universal meals in Years Reception to Year 2 and for children on free school meals. Meals are £2.95 each and will be able to be booked on the Arbor app. We will shortly be asking you to complete a form if you wish your child to have the lunch.

## **Christmas Jumpers**

From Monday 8<sup>th</sup> December all children can wear Christmas jumpers along with their uniforms if they wish to do so until the end of term. In return we ask for a £1 donation towards the Christmas jumper appeal for the benefit of 'The Joshua Tree' which supports families affected by childhood cancer this Christmas. Please see the link <u>JustGiving page here.</u>



St Lukes Elf Run - Monday 15th December



As in previous years we have supported St Luke's by taking part in the Elf run and this year we will be continuing to support the Hospice. Your child/children will be asked to complete a run around the school perimeter with a member of staff in a Santa suit. St Luke's has donated a pot of porridge and an elf hat for every child. A just giving page will follow in the newsletter in the coming weeks.





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Cheshire West and Chester

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We're pleased to let you know that free ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages) courses are running at Wharton Library in Winsford. These classes are open to all adults who want to improve their English skills.

The sessions are friendly, local, and a great way to build confidence in speaking, reading, and writing English. They're perfect for anyone who wants to feel more comfortable with everyday English—whether it's for school, work, or daily life

## Medication

Please bring your ID card.

Just a reminder that Office staff can **only** administer medication which is prescribed by a Doctor as four times a day. If you need us to administer medication, we will need you to complete a form.

Diary Dates: \* new dates

Date	Information
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> December to Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> December*	Children can wear Christmas jumpers if they wish to. Donations to The Joshua Tree <u>JustGiving page here.</u>
Monday 8th December 2025	Year 5 to perform Christmas Carols at the United Reformed Church at 9.45am Year 6 to perform at 10.45am
	Nursery will perform Christmas songs for parents/carers 2pm in the school theatre
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> December 2025	Reception will perform their Christmas nativity at 9.30am in the school theatre
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December 2025	New Vic Theatre Trip for Years 5 & 6. Back in School approx 5.30pm
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December 2025	Year 1 to perform Christmas Carols at the United Reformed Church at 9.45am Year 2 to perform at 10.45am
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> December 2025	Year 3 to perform Christmas Carols at the United Reformed Church at 9.45am Year 4 to perform at 10.45am
	Reception will perform their Christmas nativity at 2.00pm in the

	school theatre
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> December 2025*	St Luke's charity Elf run – whole school – more details to follow
	Nursery and Reception Christmas party PM
	Christmas Lunch – more details to follow
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> December 2025	Year 4 Christmas Party – AM
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Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December 2025	Year 1 Christmas Party – AM Year 2 Christmas Party – PM
Thursday 18th December 2025	Outside the Box Theatre production in School – Nursery to Year 4 – Contribution is £4 or £3 pupil premium and is available on Arbor Year 6 Christmas Party - PM
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> December 2025	Year 5 Christmas Party - AM School closes for the Christmas holiday at 3.15pm (The HUB will be open for paid sessions as usual until 5.50pm)
22 <sup>nd</sup> December 25 – 2 <sup>nd</sup> January 2026	Christmas holiday
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> January 2026	School opens for the new term
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> January 2026	Closing date for Reception 2026 places - Reception admissions   Cheshire West and Chester Council
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> February 2026	School closes for the Half term at 3.15pm (The HUB will be open for paid sessions as usual until 5.50pm)
16 <sup>th</sup> February to 20 <sup>th</sup> February 2026	Half Term
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February 2026	Inset Day 4 – school closed to children
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> February 2026	School opens for the new term
24 <sup>th</sup> – 26 <sup>th</sup> February 2026	Year 5 London Residential
Wednesday 1st April 2026	School closes for the Half Term at 3.15pm (The HUB will be open for paid sessions as usual until 5.50pm)
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April 2026 – 17 <sup>th</sup> April	Spring Break
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> April 2026	School opens for the Summer term
5 <sup>th</sup> – 6 <sup>th</sup> May 2026	Year 1 Conwy Residential
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> May – Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> May	May Half Term
Monday 1st June 2026*	School opens for the new term
22 <sup>nd</sup> – 25 <sup>th</sup> June 2026	Year 6 Lake District Residential
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> July 2026	School closes for the Half Term at 3.15pm (The HUB will be open for paid sessions as usual until 5.50pm)
Wednesday 22nd July 2026	Inset Day 5 – school closed to children

Should you need to make contact with school, please do not hesitate to contact Mr Joule on: <a href="mailto:head@highstreet.cheshire.sch.uk">head@highstreet.cheshire.sch.uk</a> or <a href="mailto:returns@highstreet.cheshire.sch.uk">returns@highstreet.cheshire.sch.uk</a> and please remember the year group emails if you need to contact your child's class teacher.

However, please note that all email accounts will not be monitored as regularly after 5.30pm each evening or during the holiday, to ensure a work life balance for the staff.

Kind regards, Mark Joule, Head Teacher