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Dear Parents/Carers

It was lovely to see so many of the children take part in their Christmas performances last week. Many congratulations to all concerned for their singing and acting. I must also congratulate the staff involved in providing the guidance and support to ensure the performances ran smoothly. Finally, I would like to thank you for your support, it was great to see so many family members at the different events.

United Reformed Church

The Elders for the church have expressed their gratitude for the retiring collections following the different services. A total of £310 was raised towards the heating and lighting costs. This helps to ensure that the church is always warm and welcoming for the children.

Cine Window Winsford Christmas Animation

Winsford High Street pupils from Nursery, Year 1, Year 3 and Year 5 have contributed artwork to the 2025 Cine Window Winsford Christmas animation, The Enchanted Forest.

This year saw a total of 1,277 artworks produced for the project across the 8 participating schools, a record response in the history of the project since its inception in 2019. The Cine Window team were delighted by the enthusiasm with which the project has been embraced, and look forward to seeing the community response to the film.

The Team was also very impressed by the overall quality of the work produced, with many really considered pieces reflecting the commitment of the young people (and teaching staff involved). The film will run on the Cine Window until the 5th January in the Winsford Cross shopping centre. Please see the link below to watch the film with High Street appearing first.

<https://videos.files.wordpress.com/4rqfSsuO/cww-enchanted-forest-4k.mp4>

School Christmas Lunch

A big thank you to our school kitchen who made 350 Christmas lunches on Monday. We hope all the children enjoyed their meal.

Christmas decorations

A big thank you to one of our parent's, Ms Messenger, for all the lovely balloon decorations she has kindly made for us. The candy canes and ballon arch have been used for the children's Christmas parties and to brighten up the school office.

St Lukes Elf Run – Tuesday 16th December



It was great to see all the children having lots of fun chasing members of staff in a Santa suit this morning around the school perimeter. If you would like to support this wonderful charity, please use the link below. Every child will be bringing home their elf hats and a pot of porridge donated by St Lukes.

https://www.justgiving.com/page/winsford-high-street-primary-6?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=CL



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	<p><u>Christmas Jumpers 8th –19th December</u></p> <p>From Monday 8th 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.</p> <p>Please see the link if you would like to give a donation JustGiving page here.</p> <p>Thank you for your support - We have raised an amazing £388 so far!</p>
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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 to Year 4 – Panto in school payment £4 or £3 is on the Arbor app

Year 1 – 2nd payment 14th February 2026

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

Year 6 – Deposit by 24th November 2nd payment 19th January 2026

Year 4 Residential Visit

I can now confirm that the proposed visit to York has been provisionally booked. However, because we are so close to Christmas, no deposits will be requested prior to the holidays. Further details will be provided by the end of the second week in January.

*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

Reception 2026 Admissions

Please remember that Thursday 15th January 2026 is the closing date for applications for our Reception class starting in September 2026. Applications can be made online using the link in the date section below. If you have any difficulties with the form please let us know.



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Supporting Children's Mental Health over the Christmas Break

The festive season can brighten our days, but it can also bring disruption to routines, sensory overload, and emotional stress. Here are some thoughtful suggestions for supporting your child's wellbeing, along with trusted resources to turn to if you need extra support.

Where to get urgent help for mental health

If you or your child are in a mental health crisis, get help straight away.

- You can call **111** or ask for an urgent GP appointment if you or your child need urgent help with mental health. Call 111 and select the mental health option.
- You can call **999** or go to A&E if someone's life is at risk. For example, you are unable to keep them safe and from harm or they have seriously injured themselves. A mental health emergency should be taken as seriously as a physical one. You will not be wasting anyone's time.

Visit the NHS urgent mental health support page to find 24/7 helplines, crisis services, and emergency support. [Where to get urgent help for mental health - NHS](#)

Other ways to get help- free listening services

These services offer confidential support from trained volunteers. You can talk about anything that's troubling you, no matter how difficult:

- Call 116 123 to talk to Samaritans, or email: jo@samaritans.org for a reply within 24 hours
- Text "SHOUT" to 85258 to contact the Shout Crisis Text Line, or text "YM" if you're under 19
- If you're under 19, you can also call 0800 1111 to talk to Childline. The number will not appear on your phone bill.
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These services will only share your information if they are very worried about you or think you are in immediate danger.

Coping during a crisis

The mental health charity Mind has information on ways to help yourself cope during a crisis. [What can I do to help myself cope? | Mind](#)

This includes calming exercises and a tool to get you through the next few hours.



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Diary Dates: * new dates

Date	Information
Monday 8 th December to Friday 19 th December*	Children can wear Christmas jumpers if they wish to. Donations to The Joshua Tree JustGiving page here.
Wednesday 17 th December 2025	Year 1 Christmas Party – AM Year 2 Christmas Party – PM
Thursday 18 th 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 th December 2025*	Year 5 Christmas Party – PM School closes for the Christmas holiday at 3.15pm (The HUB will be open for paid sessions as usual until 5.50pm)
22 nd December 25 – 2 nd January 2026	Christmas holiday
Monday 5 th January 2026	School opens for the new term
Thursday 15 th January 2026	Closing date for Reception 2026 places - Reception admissions Cheshire West and Chester Council
Friday 13 th 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 th February to 20 th February 2026	Half Term
Monday 23 rd February 2026	Inset Day 4 – school closed to children
Tuesday 24 th February 2026	School opens for the new term
24 th – 26 th February 2026	Year 5 London Residential
Wednesday 1 st 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 nd April 2026 – 17 th April	Spring Break
Monday 20 th April 2026	School opens for the Summer term
5 th – 6 th May 2026	Year 1 Conwy Residential
Monday 25 th May – Friday 29 th May	May Half Term
Monday 1 st June 2026	School opens for the new term
Tuesday 9 th June 2026*	Reception and Year 6 whole class photos and Sports Teams
22 nd – 25 th June 2026	Year 6 Lake District Residential
Tuesday 21 st 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 22 nd 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: head@highstreet.cheshire.sch.uk or returns@highstreet.cheshire.sch.uk 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.

On behalf of all at Winsford High Street, may I take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support during the year and wish you and your families an exciting Christmas with your loved ones.

Kind regards,



Mark Joule, Head Teacher