NEWSLETTER 50 – 24th February 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

It was lovely to welcome the children back after the half-term break. During the half-term break the playground outside the school Reception area has been extended and retarmacked.
Year 5 are away this week on their residential to London, we look forward to hearing all about it when they return to school.

New Cook

We would like to introduce you to our new cook, Mrs Hyde. Mrs Hyde has 23 years catering experience and she has worked in various High Schools and Primaries within Cheshire. We look forward to seeing all the lovely food she will be making for the children. The kitchen will also be serving a special menu on World Book Day, 5th March, more details to follow on this and it can be pre-booked on the Arbor app. The children enjoyed special valentine cakes and biscuits for Valentine's Day.

Parents Evening 2nd March and 5th March

Parents Evening appointments bookings were sent out yesterday via Dojo. Appointments will be in school on Monday 2nd March 5pm to 7pm and Thursday 5th March 4pm to 6pm.

World Book Day - Thursday 5th March 2026

It's that time of year again, we are all getting super excited about celebrating World Book Day at High Street. Our dressing up theme this year will be to come to school **'Ready for a Bedtime Story'**. This means your child can come to school wearing their f**avourite pyjamas, oodies, dressing gowns and slippers**.

Alternatively, if your child would like to dress up as their **favourite book character**, that would also be wonderful - it is their choice. Please could you send your child with appropriate footwear (trainers, school shoes, etc) for playing outside in as slippers will be unsafe, especially if it rains.

Book Fair: Friday 6th March - Wednesday 11th March 2026

The Scholastic Book Fair will launch on Friday 6th March, straight after school, at 3:20pm. We will run

the Book Fair on the Green Carpet area. On Monday 9th March, Tuesday 10th March and Wednesday 11th March, we will open the book fair in the mornings before school at 8:20am as well as after school at 3:15pm. Mrs Bueno-Ballantyne will be running the Book Fair with other additional staff to support.

Last year, we had a record number of sales and were awarded with £270 commission from Scholastic, which was spent on updating the book banded books. Our aim this year is to beat our sales, hopefully even increase it, as our commission will be spent on new reading books for KS1 and LKS2.

There will be three ways to pay for your books on the day:

- Cash
- QR Code (you need you bank details to be able to pay this way)
- Apple Pay/Google Pay

Be sure to bring your World Book Day tokens with you to receive a discount. Scholastic have approved that these tokens do not need to be sent back to them once the purchase has been made. This means that you can use the voucher again in all major supermarkets and book shops.

If you have any questions regarding World Book Day or the Book Fair, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Bueno-Ballantyne directly through Dojo.

Fancy Dress Swap for World Book Day at Winsford Library
Libraries | Cheshire West and Chester Council

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.

Year 1 – 2nd payment 14th February 2026
Year 1 and 2 Chester Zoo – payment by Mon 23rd February
Year 4 – York residential – payment by Friday 20th February
Year 4 – Tamworth Castle – payment by Mon 23rd February
Year 6 – Lake District - 2nd payment 19th January 2026

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 entrance/Late to school

If you need to collect your child in the day for an appointment, or if you are late to school, please use the Verdin Exchange entrance only. We no longer use the previous entrance on the glass corridor. If children are late please can you ensure that you come in with them and sign in on the screen, thank you for your co-operation.

Calpol

A reminder if your child needs Calpol please can we ask that you administer this before school and if they need a further dose, please bring a bottle to school in a named box/bag and complete a medication form.

We only have a very small supply of Calpol in the school office which is only for emergencies. If your child needs Calpol we will need to ring and ask you to bring it into school.

Medication

Just a reminder that Office staff can **only** administer medicine which is prescribed by a doctor as four times a day. If you need us to administer medication, please complete a form in the Office.

HUB Before and After School 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.

Diary Dates: * new dates

Date	Information
24th to 27th February 2026	London Residential
27th February 2026	Year 4 Tamworth Castle
2nd March 2026	Parents Evening – 5pm to 7pm
5th March 2026	World Book Day 'Ready for a bedtime story' (pyjamas/slippers/oodies) or dress as your favourite book character World Book Day – special lunch menu Parents Evening – 4pm to 6pm
6th March to 11th March	Book Fair
24th March 2026	Chester Zoo trip - Year 1 and Year 2
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 2nd April 2026 – 17th April	Spring Break
Monday 20th April 2026	School opens for the Summer term
5th – 6th May 2026	Year 1 Conwy Residential
Monday 25th May – Friday 29th May	May Half Term
Monday 1st June 2026	School opens for the new term
1st – 3rd June 2026	Year 4 York Residential
Tuesday 9th June 2026	Reception and Year 6 whole class photos and Sports Teams
22nd – 25th June 2026	Year 6 Lake District Residential
Tuesday 21st 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: 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.

Kind regards,
Mark Joule,
Head Teacher