



NEWSLETTER 60 – Monday 13th July 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we move towards the end of the academic year, we are looking forward to lots of celebrations and memories being shared from this year. The children have worked so hard and we are proud of all of all of them.

Staffing Updates

Mrs Brook and Mrs Burrows will be retiring at the end of the year alongside Mr Joule who has been Head at High Street for 23 years.

Mrs Brook has worked at High Street since 1995 in various roles. We would like to say a huge thank you to her for her dedication to the school and her love of the music curriculum and leading many school productions over the years. We wish Mrs Brook a restful retirement.

Mrs Burrows has worked at High Street since 2004 as a teaching assistant. We would like to say thank you to Mrs Burrows for the dedication she has shown to the pupils and staff. Mrs Burrows enjoys our residentials and spending time with the children. We wish Mrs Burrows a restful retirement.

Mr Chesworth will move to a new school at the end of the academic year. Mr Chesworth has enjoyed working with the Y5 team, the London residential and getting to know the children and families at High Street. We wish him all the best in his new school.

Miss Angus is getting married in the summer holidays and will return as Mrs James. The High Street family are thrilled for Miss Angus and wish her and Mr James a wonderful day celebrating.

Mrs Crewe will be joining High Street as a new teacher in Year 5. Mrs Crewe is delighted to be joining the teaching staff at High Street and looks forward to meeting her new class on move up morning.

Town Sports



This week, we took some of our KS2 children to the Town Sports competition. They competed against many schools across Winsford and came away in 1st place!

This is a fantastic achievement and a true reflection of the sportsmanship, resilience and determination the children showed throughout the event.

I'm sure you'll join me in congratulating everyone who took part - we are incredibly proud of you all!



Mascot Design Competition



We are delighted to celebrate the success of two Year 4 pupils from Ouse Class in the town-wide mascot design competition. Congratulations to NH, whose creative design was selected as one of the competition's runners-up, and to EH, whose fantastic design was chosen as one of the final shortlisted entries. We are incredibly proud of their creativity and achievement, and we look forward to seeing the winning mascot announced. Well done to both pupils!

Congratulations

Congratulations to Sophie in Year 2 who won a water safety colouring competition last week at Winsford Brio Leisure Centre with her lovely design – Well done Sophie.



Congratulations to Holly in Year 6 and her football team 'Cuddington Girls' who won the Frodsham Festival of Football. Well done to Holly and her team



Well done to Max, Freddie H, Freddie J, Ronnie, Blake and Sonny who represented Winsford Town Royals in the Audlem tournament, the team reached the final and ended up as runners up. Well done to all!



Max also represented Crewe and Nantwich Athletic Club securing 3 new personal bests in the 75m sprint, shot put and Long Jump.



Congratulations to Georgie, Aria and Matilda in Y6 who completed the Pretty Mudder at the weekend.



Move up Morning – Friday 17th July am

Move up morning has been planned for Friday 17th July in the morning. This will give your child the opportunity to spend some time with their class teacher for next academic year.

Breakfast and afterschool clubs

Due to staffing and ratio's, we are limited to the number of children the wraparound care clubs can accept.

Breakfast club is becoming very busy, so please book your child/children on beforehand to avoid any inconvenience to yourself in the event they arrive and we are fully booked. If you require any assistance

with the booking system, please contact the office and we will be able to help you.

Leavers Lunch – Tuesday 21st July

We would like to celebrate the final day for our Year 6 children with a special lunch. Please see menu poster below, we would love it if all Year 6 children could enjoy this meal together. Year 6 children will have their lunch first on the day and then afterwards the rest of the school can also have this menu.



On Monday 20th July we will be sampling a meal from next year's menu which will be sausage roll, mash and vegetables and a vegetarian option instead of the pizza option.

School Residential Visits and Day trips

As the school year is now coming towards an end please can you ensure that if you have any outstanding balances for trips and dinner balances that they are paid in full before we break up.

Year 1 (Year 2 next year) Hartington trip	Payment 1	By 17 th July
Year 2 (Year 3 next year) Anglesey	Deposit	Deposit by Weds 15 th July
Year 4 (Year 5 next year) London	Deposit	Deposit by 15 th September

Please see the message below to inform our families about the summer holiday support from the Crisis and Resilience Fund (CRF).

Summer holiday support is available for families

Families who receive Free School Meals and need help with essential food costs during the summer holidays can apply for support through the Council's Crisis and Resilience Fund (CRF).

Applications for summer holiday payments will open on Tuesday, 30 June 2026 and close on Monday, 31 August 2026.

Apply online: <https://www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/residents/benefits-and-welfare-help/cost-of-living/crisis-and-resilience-fund/school-holiday-support-payment>

Changes to the CRF from September 2026

The Crisis and Resilience Fund replaced the Household Support Fund in April 2026. It ensures that financial support is available for families who need it and gives longer term support to boost income and manage debt.

To support families during the transition to the Crisis and Resilience Fund, so far payments have been awarded to all applicants who were in receipt of FSM and provided requested evidence. The same approach will apply during the summer holidays.

From September 2026, however, the Crisis and Resilience Fund will solely be there to help people who experience an unexpected financial crisis. Applicants will need to explain the financial shock they have experienced and how this has placed them in crisis.

Expanded Free School Meal eligibility from September 2026

From September 2026, all pupils in households receiving Universal Credit will become entitled to free school meals (FSM).

Pupils who already qualify because their household earnings are £7,400 or less will continue to qualify. The change will extend entitlement to more families, meaning more children will be able to apply to receive Free School Meals.

To find out more, visit:

<https://www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/residents/education-and-learning/free-school-meals>

Not just school holidays

If you aren't in receipt of Free School Meals, the [Crisis and Resilience Fund](#) can still help you with various costs. Visit the webpage for more information about support with:

- [Crisis payments](#)
- [Help in Emergencies for Local People \(HELP\)](#)
- [Housing Payments and Discretionary Hardship Payments](#)
- [Heating oil support](#)

Other support

There is also information and support available on the Council's cost of living webpages, which bring together resources about financial help, advice services, and emergency assistance:

<https://www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/residents/benefits-and-welfare-help/cost-of-living>

Diary Dates – New Dates*

Date	Information
Thursday 16 th July 2026	Year 6 trip to Mr Joule's farm
Friday 17 th July 2026	Move up morning for all children
Tuesday 21 st July 2026*	Year 6 Leavers special lunch menu School closes for the summer break 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
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Tuesday 1 st September 2026	Inset Day 1 – school closed to children
Wednesday 2 nd September 2026	School opens for the new term
Monday 5 th October 2026	Individual photographs for Years 1 to 6
Tuesday 6 th October 2026	Nursery and Reception individual photographs and siblings

Monday 19 th October 2026*	All school flu immunisations
Monday 26 th October 2026	October Half Term
Monday 2nd November 2026	Inset Day 2 – school closed to children
Tuesday 3 rd November 2026	School opens for the new term
Thursday 10 th December 2026	Year 5 & 6 New Vic Theatre Trip – more details to follow
Monday 21st December 2026	Half Term
Monday 4 th January 2027	Inset Day 3 – school closed to children
Tuesday 5 th January 2027	School opens for the new term

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