



NEWSLETTER 1 – Monday 14th Sept 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to all our parents and carers. We are delighted to share that the children have settled back into school wonderfully after the holidays, returning with enthusiasm, positivity, and a readiness to learn. They have also looked extremely smart in their uniforms, and it has been a pleasure to see how welcoming and kind they have been to me as their new Headteacher while reconnecting with their friends, engaging in their learning, and quickly re-establishing our school routines.

I would also like to remind you of our Senior Leadership Team (SLT): Mrs Lowe (Head Teacher), Mrs Robbins (Head of School), Mrs Taylor (Deputy Head Teacher), Miss Garnett (Assistant Headteacher), Mr Askey (Assistant Head Teacher) and Mr Allen (KS1 lead).

As a leadership team, we are committed to being visible and approachable, and members of the SLT and Safeguarding Team (Mrs Trigg) are on the playground each morning to welcome children and families into school. If you have any questions, concerns, or simply wish to speak with us, please do come and say hello. We are always happy to help and value the strong partnership between home and school that helps our children thrive.

Miss Lee - Family Support Worker

I would like to thank our Family Support Worker- Miss Lee, who resigned from her post over the summer holidays, for all of her hard work, commitment and support for our children, families and wider school community over the last 3 years. In the interim, Mrs Trigg and Mrs Robbins will be picking up the work she has been doing and will continue to provide support to families as needed.

Mobile Phones

If possible, please can your children leave mobile phones at home. We understand that some children in Upper Key Stage 2 may need a phone if they walk home on their own. If your child brings a phone to school, please remind them to hand it in at the school office as soon as they arrive.

Please also remind your child that phones should not be kept in school bags during the school day.

Smart Watches

Just a reminder to help support a focused learning environment and safeguard all pupils, smartwatches should not be worn in school. While they can be useful outside of school hours, devices with messaging, internet access, cameras or calling functions can be distracting during lessons and can raise safeguarding concerns.

Please can parents and carers ensure that children do not bring smartwatches into school. If a child needs to wear a watch, a simple watch that tells the time only is recommended. We appreciate your support in helping us maintain a safe, positive and distraction-free environment for all pupils.

Attendance Team

Mrs Robbins, Mrs Trigg and Mrs Davenport support children and families with attendance. If you need to speak to one of the team, please speak to the office and a member of the team will contact you. As part of their role as the Attendance Team, they will also carry out home visits to support families. Please see below for information on contacting school if your child is unwell. If no contact is made with school to inform us why your child is not attending, the Attendance Team will/may carry out a home visit/welfare check as part of our safeguarding duty of care.

Punctuality/Attendance

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.

Reporting your child's absence due to illness

The Attendance Team works closely with the Education Welfare Service and follows their guidelines for dealing with lateness and school absence. School must be informed of absence **each day** that your child is not attending. We have a voicemail service where you can leave a message, and we would ask that you let us know before 9am. Any absence not explained is classed as unauthorised.

The telephone number of reporting school absences is 01606 668066, option 1, please leave a voicemail and ensure you provide details of the reason for your child's absence. Please note that if a child is absent due to sickness or diarrhoea, they will be unable to return to school for 48 hours after their last episode to reduce the risk of illness spreading. Information on exclusion periods for other illnesses is available on the file download below.

Please do not send a message via Class Dojo to report absence.

Home Reading Challenge

The Reading challenge will run again this term. Staff will count weekly reads at home (one per day) towards the challenge. Certificates and stickers will be presented when your child reaches 25, 50 and 70 reads. It was wonderful to see so many children achieve a gold award last term.



Congratulations

Well done to Dexter in Y6. His football Team 'Woodford Juniors Athletico U11s' won a tournament in the summer holidays.



If you would like us to share your child's achievements in the newsletter. Please send a Class Dojo message to your child's teacher and it will be passed onto me or Mrs Robbin's to add to the newsletter.

Please do not send in group photographs as we need permission for all children to be on the newsletter.

Breakfast and afterschool clubs

Breakfast club bookings are open on Arbor for September 2026. 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.

Dietary information

Please can you inform the school office if your child has any new dietary requirements or allergies that you have not previously informed us about. If you child has any allergies, we will also require a letter from their paediatrician or doctor regarding this.

Access to School during the day

For safeguarding and security reasons, during the school day the only access point to the school site will be via the lower path off the Verdin Exchange car park, next to Kiddicare Nursery.

There will be no other access point onto the school site during the school day

Please be patient with the new system as one of the gates will only open if the second gate is closed, this will mean that you will have to wait. Thank you in advance for your patience, understanding and cooperation while everyone becomes familiar with the new arrangements.

School Residential Visits and Day trips

Year 2 Hartington trip	Final payment	4 th September
Year 3 Anglesey	Payment 1	4 th September
Year 5 London	Deposit	By 15 th September

Change of menu – Theme day – Thursday 1st October 2026

If booking online please pick hot meal for option 1 Chicken and Deli choice for option 2 Pepperoni pasta, thank you.



Diary Dates – New Dates*

Date	Information
	2026 - 2027
Monday 14 th September 2026*	Week 3 for Lunch Menu
Thursday 1 st October 2026*	Change of dinner menu Theme day – Pirates and Princesses – please see menu on the newsletter.
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 Mrs Lowe on: head@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,
Caroline Lowe,
Head Teacher