



"Working Together to Achieve"



NEWSLETTER 7 – Friday 23rd October 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

I can't quite believe we've reached the end of our first half term this academic year. The weeks have flown by, and I know we're all ready for a well-deserved break before returning refreshed for the second half of the autumn term.

I would like to thank all our parents and carers for the warm welcome you have given me this term. You've made me feel truly part of the school community, and it has been a pleasure getting to know both familiar and new faces.

Mrs Bueno:

After 10 wonderful years at our school, Mrs Bueno will be starting her maternity leave after the October half term.

Throughout her time here, Mrs Bueno has made a significant contribution to our school community and has touched the lives of so many children and families. As she will not be returning following her maternity leave, this marks the end of an important chapter, and she will be very much missed by both staff and pupils.

We are sure you will join us in thanking Mrs Bueno for her dedication over the past decade and in wishing her and her family every happiness, as she and her husband prepare to welcome their new baby. We know she will always remain a valued part of our school family.

Pregnancy News:

We are delighted to share some wonderful news with you all. Miss Shorten in Reception Class is expecting a baby!

We know that you will join us in congratulating her as she prepares for this exciting new chapter. All being well, Miss Shorten will begin her maternity leave after the Christmas holidays.

We are already making plans to ensure a smooth transition for the children and will keep parents informed of staffing arrangements in due course. In the meantime, we know you will join us in wishing Miss Shorten and her family all the very best as they await the arrival of their new baby.



Y5/6 Girls Football:

On Monday evening, our Year 5/6 pupils participated in a football tournament at the Winsford Academy, competing against other primary schools from across the town. Our team represented our school brilliantly and performed exceptionally well throughout the competition.

The team were amazing and won the tournament!

All pupils demonstrated outstanding teamwork, determination and sportsmanship, and we are extremely proud of their achievements. Congratulations to our girls, who will now progress to the next round of the competition later this year. Well done to everyone involved!

Open morning:

We are holding an Open Morning on **Saturday 24th October, 10:00am-12:00pm**, for families looking for a Reception place for September 2027.

If you know any parents or carers who are deciding where to send their pre-school child, please encourage them to come along. Visitors should enter via the **main office entrance from the Verdin Exchange car park**. We look forward to welcoming them and showcasing our wonderful school.

All applications for a school place should be made by **15th January 2027** using the Cheshire West and Chester portal.

Y6 Secondary place applications:

A reminder to all Year 6 parents and carers that applications for your child's secondary school place for September 2027 must be submitted by **31st October 2026**.

We encourage families to apply as soon as possible and not to leave it until the deadline. Applications can be made online through Cheshire West and Chester's admissions website. Late applications may be considered after those submitted on time, which could affect the offer of a preferred school.

If you require any support with the application process, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Parents Evening:

A big thank you to all the parents and carers who attended our parent's evenings this week. I also wanted to say a huge thank you to my wonderful school councillors who were fabulous in the way they conducted themselves on the evening showing parents around.

Reminder: 48-Hour Rule for Sickness and Diarrhoea:

A polite reminder to all parents and carers that, in line with NHS guidance, if your child has been sick or has had diarrhoea, they must remain off school for 48 hours after their last episode of sickness or diarrhoea.

This helps to prevent the spread of infection and protects the health and wellbeing of all children and staff within our school community. We appreciate your support in following this guidance and helping us to keep everyone safe and well. Thank you for your cooperation.

Families receiving Free School Meals:

Support with food during the school holidays through the Crisis and Resilience Fund is now open again for applications.

This support is available for £30 per week per school age child that receives income based Free School Meals if families are struggling to meet these additional costs during the school holidays.

This payment will cover the combined October half term and Christmas holidays period of 3 weeks, and therefore if successful, an award of £90 will be given per eligible child, which will be paid via a payment to your bank account.

To apply or find out more details, you can visit

[School Holiday Support Payment | Cheshire West and Chester Council](#)

If you're not in receipt of Free Schools Meals but need help with a sudden financial crisis, you can apply for our Crisis Payment scheme

[Crisis payments | Cheshire West and Chester Council](#)

Poppy Appeal:



The School Council will be selling poppies in class after the Half Term break. There will be a number of items available for a small donation – please see below:

Slap bands/ruler £1.50 each, wristbands £1 each, reflector badges £1 each, paper poppies 50p each. Please send money/coins into school in a named envelope for your child to use.

ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

We are continuing to focus on improving our **overall school attendance** and will be sharing our whole school attendance figure each week so that we can celebrate the progress we are making together.

Being in school every day, when your child is **fit and well enough to attend**, makes a real difference. Regular attendance helps children keep up with their learning, maintain friendships, develop positive routines and make the most of all the opportunities school has to offer.

We understand that children do become unwell, and there are times when staying at home is the right thing to do. However, where your child is well enough to be in school, **every day really does count**. Thank you for your continued support in helping us give every child the best possible chance to learn, thrive and succeed.

Our overall attendance this week is 92.36% (This is below national and local levels)

Attendance Awards

Weekly Attendance Registration Groups –

Week Commencing 12/10

Year group	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Class names	Bollin 94.6%	Dee 94.5%	Manifold 88.9%	Adda 97.9%	Derwent 96.2%	Wandle 95.6%	Esk 92.4%
	Croco 86.5%	Wheelock 93.1%	Wye 95.0%	Severn 93.9%	Foss 97.5%	Brent 99.0%	Eden 92.9%
				Conwy 96.7%	Ouse 92.1%	Thames 91.0%	Clough 94.8%
							Calder 95.7%

School Residential Visits and Day trips

Year 1 Conwy	Deposit	Needed by 13 th November
Year 4 York	Deposit	Needed by 6 th November
Year 5 London	Payment 2	By 14 th November
Year 6 Penarth	Payment 2	By 6 th November

If your child no longer wishes to attend a Residential visit please can you put this in writing, as soon as possible, to the office at admin@highstreet.cheshire.sch.uk unfortunately we cannot refund any deposits paid, thank you.

Calpol

A reminder if your child needs calpol please can we ask that you administer this before school. If they require a further dose we are happy for parents to come into school to administer more.

School photographs

If you wish to place an order using the instructions on the letter you can get free delivery to school with orders until 3rd November. If you have not received the proof and did not sign up online with Fizz please let us know.

Celebrations

We like to celebrate achievements at High Street. If your child has something to celebrate through an out of school activity, please let us know, along with any photographs and we will add it to our school newsletter.

Children In Need – Friday 13th November



We will be supporting Children In Need on Friday 13th November with a non uniform day for a donation to support this wonderful charity. **The School Council have decided that they would love to see everybody in as many colours as they possibly can! The more the better!**

Please see the donation page below with all money going to straight to Children in Need. Thank you for your support.

https://www.justgiving.com/page/winsford-high-street-primary-7?utm_medium=FA&utm_source=EM

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Page



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Halloween cupcakes

A nice treat for the last day of the term made especially from our Kitchen team. We will be having another special celebration on Friday 13th July, Spotty Day – more details to follow next term



Diary Dates – New Dates*

Date	Information
	2026
Monday 26 th October 2026	October Half Term
Saturday 31st October 2026*	Deadline for Y7 secondary places to be completed on the CWAC portal.
Monday 2 nd November 2026	Inset Day 2 – school closed to children
Tuesday 3 rd November 2026	School opens for the new term Week 3 for lunches (Sausages)
Friday 13th November 2026*	Children in Need Day- none uniform day PLEASE WEAR AS MANY COLOURS AS YOU CAN! – donations online please using the following link https://www.justgiving.com/page/winsford-high-street-primary-7?utm_medium=FA&utm_source=EM Spotty Day Meal Celebration for lunches – more details to follow next term
Monday 7 th December 2026	Nursery Christmas songs in the school theatre
KS1 & KS2 performance at the United Reformed Church	Year 3 - 9.45am United Reformed Church Year 4 – 10.45am United Reformed Church
Tuesday 8 th December 2026 & Wednesday 9 th December 2026	Reception Nativity 2pm in the school theatre
Wednesday 9 th December 2026 KS1 & KS2 performance at the United Reformed Church*	Year 1 – 9.45am performance at the United Reformed Church Year 2 – 10.45am performance at the United Reformed Church
Thursday 10 th December 2026	Year 5 & 6 New Vic Theatre Trip – more details to follow
Friday 11 th December 2026	Year 5 – 9.45am United Reformed Church
KS1 & KS2 performance at the United Reformed Church	Year 6 – 10.45am United Reformed Church
Monday 14 th December 2026	St Luke's Hospice Elf Run – more details to follow
Friday 18 th December 2026	Whole school Christmas lunch – more details to follow
Monday 21 st December 2026	Half Term
	2027
Monday 4 th January 2027	Inset Day 3 – school closed to children
Tuesday 5 th January 2027	School opens for the new term
Friday 15th January 2027*	All Reception Place 2027 applications to be completed using the online portal
Wednesday 24 th to Friday 26 th February 2027	Year 5 London Residential
13TH to 15th April 2026*	Year 4 York Residential
5th May 2026*	Year 1 Conwy Residential
W/C 17 th May 2027	Year 6 Pensarn Harbour Residential
19 th 20 th and 26 th May 2027*	Reception and Year 6 Screening checks for vision and hearing (over 3 days)

For all general enquiries, please email admin@highstreet.cheshire.sch.uk.

If you need to contact Mrs Lowe directly, please email head@highstreet.cheshire.sch.uk.

Please also remember to use the relevant **year group email address** if you need to contact your child's class teacher. This will help ensure that your message reaches the appropriate member of staff as efficiently as possible.

Please be aware that, in order to support a healthy work-life balance for all staff, school email accounts are **not routinely monitored after 5.30pm each evening or during the weekends or school holidays**. Emails received outside these times will be responded to as soon as possible when staff are next available.

Thank you for your understanding and continued support.

Kind regards,
Caroline Lowe,
Head Teacher