"Working Together to Achieve"



NEWSLETTER 8 – Friday 6th November 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you all had a wonderful half-term break. It was lovely to welcome the children back to school on Tuesday, refreshed, happy, and ready for another exciting half term of learning.

As the weather becomes colder, please ensure your child comes to school with a suitable coat and, where needed, a scarf, hat and gloves. This will help them stay warm and comfortable while enjoying outdoor play and learning opportunities during breaktimes and lunchtimes.

Thank you for your support in helping us make sure all children can make the most of their time outside, whatever the weather.

Parent feedback

It was wonderful to read the feedback from the parent questionnaires that our fantastic School Council invited you to complete during Parents' Evenings. We received an incredible 151 responses, and we would like to thank everyone who took the time to share their views.

Below are a few highlights from the questions we asked. For a full breakdown of the results for each question, please visit our school website.

My child is happy at this school	**99% of families said they agreed or strongly agreed with this statement**
My child feels safe at this school	**99% of families said they agreed or strongly agreed with this statement**
The school lets me know how my child is doing	**97% of families said they agreed or strongly agreed with this statement**
The school makes me aware of what my child will learn during the year	**98% of families said they agreed or strongly agreed with this statement with 2% disagreeing**
My child has been bullied and the school dealt with the bullying quickly and effectively.	**39% of families said they agreed or strongly agreed with this statement, and 5% disagreed and 69% said their child has never been bullied**
I would recommend this school to another parent	**100% of families said they agreed or strongly agreed with this statement**

In response to some of the suggestions and development points raised through the parent questionnaire, I thought it would be helpful to address a few of them below. We value all feedback and carefully consider every comment we receive as part of our ongoing commitment to improving our school. We hope these responses provide further insight into the actions we are taking and how parent feedback helps to shape our future priorities.

Comments from parents and carers	Our update
Better communication for parent's evenings.	We will send out a more detailed overview for parents evening moving forward. The school council and SLT are always on hand at parent's evenings to show parents where to go.
Improve the school dinners.	Mrs Lowe will meet with the Edsential team to discuss this feedback.
Parking needs improvement and congestion remains an issue.	As a school we are very fortunate to have access to the Verdin Exchange Car park- this is not our car park and the upkeep of it is by the local council. The staff that are on duty are there to welcome the children into school on the school grounds.
Residentials are good but no other enrichment activities e.g. Museums.	Mrs Lowe and Mrs Robbins will discuss this with staff to ensure that a balance of additional trips as well as residentials are planned. The school are conscious of the cost of residentials for parents and don't always want to book too many trips in, that parents can't afford.
Litter lying around and on the car park as well.	Miss Barwick will work with the eco team to look at doing regular litter picks with different classes across the school. The car park is not owned by the school and therefore not the responsibility of the school to litter pick-I also wouldn't want the children picking up unknown items that could cause them harm if they litter picked in the car park. We will notify CWAC of this.
The outdoor areas around the car park and rear of the school could also be more attractive and welcoming.	We are looking to purchase another sign (cost permitting) at the back near to the ramp and have asked the council to add another sign on to Grange Lane so prospective parents know where to go.
More instrumental lessons or opportunities for children to try different instruments and broaden their cultural experiences.	Music Squad are starting in November teaching children how to play the piano during the school day.
Secondary transition.	The high schools work closely with the Y6 team, our SEND team and our Safeguarding team throughout the year as well as in the summer months to ensure the transition to secondary school is smooth. Children have additional visits if needed as well as the main visits to high school that are planned.
Greater emphasis on digital literacy, online safety and healthy device habits would also be welcomed.	Our curriculum has online safety at the forefront of it, as we know that online safety is the biggest risk to our children. So far this year we have had the local PCSO and Police in to talk to the children as well as an AI talk to the staff.
Regular headteacher's blog or newsletter could share Mrs Lowe's reflections, priorities and vision for the school.	Whoever wrote this- you read my mind-My first update has been sent out this week, so that all parents and carers know about my vision for the school and what we have been working on this term and why.

Primary School place applications

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

Poppy Appeal:



The School Council have been selling poppies in classes this week and will continue next week. There are 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 any donation. 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 **94.23%** (This is below national and local levels)

Attendance Awards

Weekly Attendance Registration Groups –

Week Commencing 19/10

Year group	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Class names	Bollin 91.3%	Dee 91%	Manifold 90.7%	Adda 98.3%	Derwent 97.6%	Wandle 92.5%	Esk 90.5%
	Croco 92.7%	Wheelock 98.6%	Wye 90%	Severn 93.9%	Foss 93.3%	Brent 95%	Eden 91.4%
				Conwy 100%	Ouse 93.3%	Thames 83%	Clough 85.2%
							Calder 80.4%

School Residential Visits and Day trips

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

If your child no longer wishes to attend the residential visit, please notify the school office in writing as soon as possible by emailing **admin@highstreet.cheshire.sch.uk**. Please note that deposits already paid are non-refundable. Thank you.

School Photographs
Thank you to everyone who has ordered photographs from Fizz Photography. Orders are now in school and will be send out with children today or early next week. It is not too late to order photographs, but you will no longer get free delivery to school.

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.

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.

School Uniform



Please can you ensure that all your child's/children's uniform, pe kits, outdoor learning kits, coats, and hats etc. are very clearly named. If we have a name on any lost items, we can then return them – thank you.

Children In Need – Friday 13th November



We will be supporting Children in Need on Friday 13th November with a non-uniform day. The School Council has chosen a colourful theme and would love to see everyone wearing as many bright colours as possible, the more, the better!

If you would like to make a donation to this wonderful charity, please use the link below. All donations will go directly 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

Spotty Day – Theme for lunch on Friday 13th November

We will be having a special Children in Need themed lunch on Friday 13th November.

Option 1: Posh hot dog, skinny fries, baked beans and sweetcorn
Option 2: Vegetarian option or pasta of the day
Dessert: Spotty Day cupcake or a selection of fresh fruit.
We look forward to everyone joining in and enjoying this special themed menu!

Multiflex school sports clubs



Just a reminder that there are still spaces on the weekly **Monday** Dodgeball/Football/Basketball and **Wednesday** Street dance multiflex clubs at Winsford High Street straight after school until 4.15pm.

If you would like to book your child a space for this term for some fun classes please use the link below. Any questions please let us know.
https://multiflex.hivelink.co.uk/7/

Diary Dates – **New Dates***

Date	Information
	2026
Monday 9th November 2026	Week 1 for lunches
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 **Theme Day - Spotty Day Meal Celebration for lunches.**
Monday 7th 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 8th December 2026 & Wednesday 9th December 2026	Reception Nativity 2pm in the school theatre
Wednesday 9th 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 10th December 2026	Year 5 & 6 New Vic Theatre Trip – more details to follow
Friday 11th December 2026 KS1 & KS2 performance at the United Reformed Church	Year 5 – 9.45am United Reformed Church Year 6 – 10.45am United Reformed Church
Monday 14th December 2026	St Luke's Hospice Elf Run – more details to follow
Wednesday 16th December 2026* new date	Whole school Christmas lunch – more details to follow
Monday 21st December 2026	Half Term
	2027
Monday 4th January 2027	Inset Day 3 – school closed to children
Tuesday 5th 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 24th to Friday 26th February 2027	Year 5 London Residential
13TH to 15th April 2026	Year 4 York Residential
5th May 2026	Year 1 Conwy Residential
W/C 17th May 2027	Year 6 Pensarn Harbour Residential
19th 20th and 26th 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