

July 2025 Newsletter



Welcome



I hope you all have a wonderful Summer holiday and I look forward to seeing you all in September. I have written an end of year letter that you should receive along with this newsletter.

Mrs Carvell

Catering News



Our new lunch ordering system is now up and running and is helping us to reduce food waste while ensuring everyone gets their preferred lunch option.

Thank you to Aspens who provided samples of some of our lovely food for parents at the open evening, and for new Reception parents at the induction evening.

Please remember to order your child's lunch before 8am to ensure they receive their chosen option. Once you have selected your child's choice of lunch, please go to the basket and check out to confirm your choice. Without this step, your child's lunch has not been ordered. To check your order has been placed, look in the 'Upcoming' section of the SwiftKitchen App, or look at the relevant date on the 'Order' section (see below).

If you have not registered your child on the app, contact the school office for their SwiftKitchen Key.

Monday, June 23, 2025

Dining Room
JUNE 25 - P2460 - Ve
Primary School

In Basket

Hot Pasta topped w
Homemade Tomato
and Cheese

**This meal is in the
basket and has NOT
been booked**

Tuesday, June 24, 2025

Dining Room
JUNE 25 - P2460 - Ve
Primary School

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Homemade Tomato Sau
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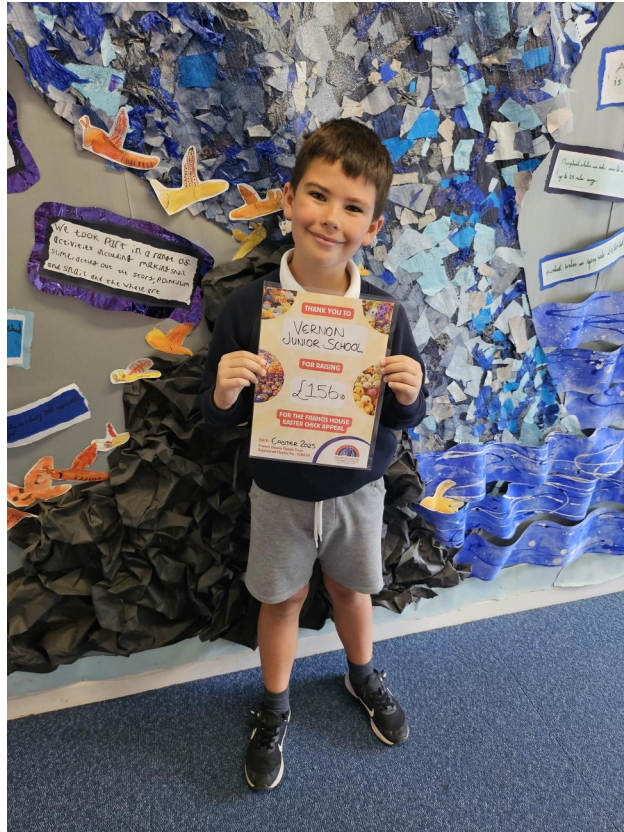
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been successfully
booked**

Fundraising



Our summer beach party disco was a great success and raised an amazing £1845. Thank you to everyone who supported our fundraising events throughout the year.

We have had a number of enterprising pupils this term who have dedicated their time and money to raise funds for chosen charities. We are so proud of their generosity of spirits. Well done to a Year 4 child for selling Easter chicks and raising a fantastic £156.10 for Francis House Children's Hospice, to Callum Piper-Rose in Year 4 for donating his pocket money to support cats and kittens in a local vets surgery, and to Alannah Dawkins for her incredible charity work too!



Reception

Reception celebrated their own 'Reception's Got Talent' this term; we had so many skilled children! We were treated to some incredible dancing, art, jokes, football skills, singing, magic shows and so much more. We were so proud of all the children for having a go and sharing their amazing talents.

Reception have also enjoyed a session with 8by8 in the sunshine during this summer term. They played games and learnt some new skills. We were really proud of how well the children listened to instructions and had a great attitude to trying new skills. Well done Reception!



Year 1

What a brilliant summer term it has been for Year 1! The children have been fantastic, showing great enthusiasm, creativity, and curiosity in all areas of their learning. A real highlight of the term was our exciting trip to the Blue Planet Aquarium, where the children loved exploring and learning about the amazing underwater creatures. From graceful jellyfish to fearsome sharks, there was so much to see and discover. The children recalled amazing facts from their prior learning which amazed the Blue Planet Aquarium staff.

In Geography, Year 1 explored the world beyond their local area by comparing Shanghai to Poynton. They identified both the similarities and differences between the two places, looking closely at human and physical features. It was fantastic to see the children developing their geographical vocabulary and understanding how places can be both unique and connected. Their curiosity and insight during these lessons were truly impressive. In History, Year 1 have been learning about Grace Darling and her heroic rescue in 1838. We carried out some drama activities and news reports to help us understand what life was like for her and to record the

events of the storm. In Science, we enjoyed using our enquiry skills to find out how our bodies work including our senses.

Continuing with our theme this term of '*Oh I Do Like to Be Beside the Seaside*', as part of our Art unit, the children created their own colourful tie-dye t-shirts, which they proudly wore for our Beach Day. It was a fun-filled day where the children, as part of their Design and Technology unit, also designed and made a healthy lunch, preparing tasty wraps and refreshing smoothies. Another exciting moment this term was when a mysterious suitcase appeared in the classroom. After investigating its contents, the children discovered it belonged to the boy from the story '*Lost and Found*.' Inspired by this, they innovated the story, replacing the penguin with an animal character of their choice. Their story writing was incredibly creative and showcased just how much they've learned and progressed this year. Well done, Year 1 – we are so proud of all that you have achieved in this year!



1 - Blue Planet Aquarium



2 - Tie dye t-shirts



3 - Tie dye t-shirts



4 - DT- Making a healthy wrap



5 - DT - Making a healthy smoothie





Year 2



We are so proud of each and every child and all they have achieved over the past year. From learning new skills to growing in confidence, it's been a joy to watch them flourish. The end of the year has been especially busy and exciting, filled with memorable moments, celebrations and plenty of smiles.

In English, Year 2 have been hard at work creating their own triaramas and beautifully written information texts all about owls. Using the texts *Owl Babies* and *The Owl Who Was Afraid of the Dark* as inspiration, the children produced incredible information texts and eye-catching triaramas filled with fascinating owl facts. They also wrote their own wonderful stories based on *The Owl Who Was Afraid of the Dark*, showcasing their creativity, imagination and growing confidence as writers. It's been a joy to see how much they've enjoyed this project and the pride they've taken in their work!

In Geography, Year 2 became map explorers as they investigated the town of Weymouth on the Jurassic Coast. Working in pairs, the children used Google Earth to explore the area, identifying and noting both physical and human features along the way. They showed excellent map skills and a growing understanding of different geographical features, impressing us with their curiosity and teamwork throughout the activity.

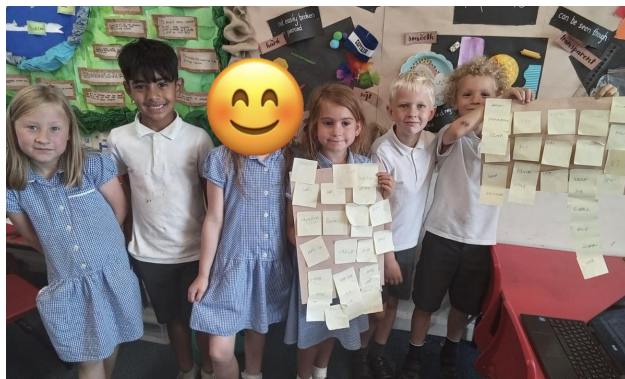
In Design and Technology, Year 2 have been busy bringing their Moving Monsters to life! The children worked hard to design and build their own monsters using linkages with levers and pivots. They then evaluated their creations against the original design criteria to see how well they met the challenge. The results were fantastic, every monster looked amazing and, most importantly, they all moved!



6 - Sports Day!



7 - An owl triarama.



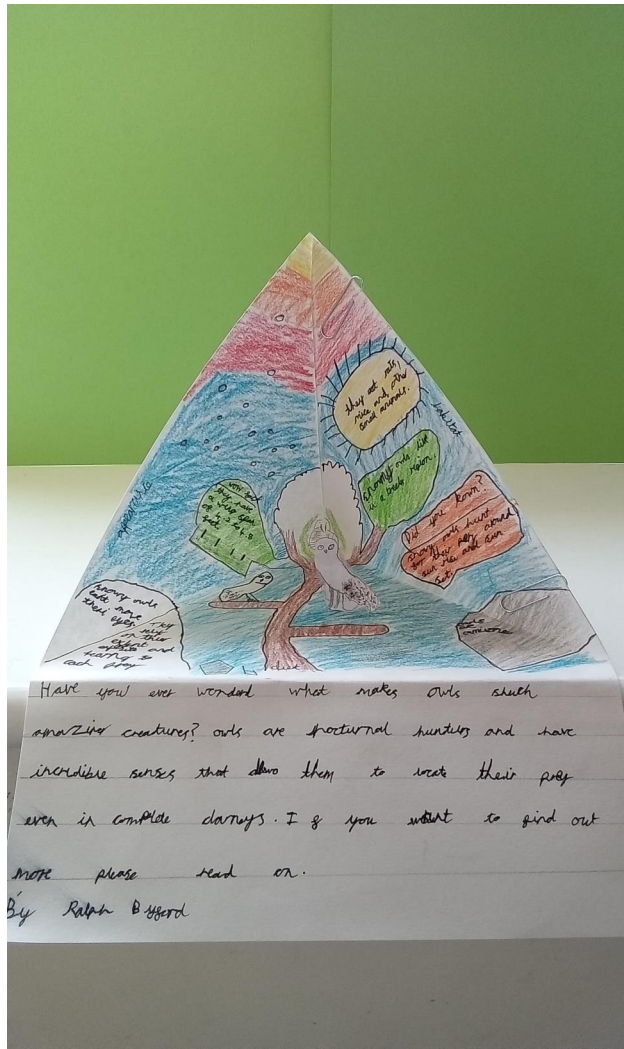
8 - Geography research



9 - Moving Monsters!



10 - Moving Monsters!



11 - An owl triorama.



12 - Wild Thing sculptures in Art!



13 - Wild Thing sculptures in Art!

Year 3



We have been incredibly busy in Year 3 this half-term! We have continued to immerse ourselves in our 'To Infinity and Beyond' Space theme, and our trip to Jodrell Bank was a particular highlight. We learnt all about the Lovell telescope and the life of Bernard Lovell and were amazed by the 'Space Dome' show. We were also able to have a go at experimenting with some exciting gadgets and models.

As always, the children thoroughly enjoyed 'Sports Week'. We were able to try lots of difference sports such as fencing, gymnastics and lacrosse. Our circus skills session was also enjoyed by all of the children. They learnt to juggle and balance balloons. Some children were able to balance the balloon on the tip of their nose! The children all enjoyed sports day and we were incredibly proud of their teamwork in the relay races and some of the fantastic technique used doing our

'moonwalk' race. We wrote biographies of inspirational sports-people during this week as part of our English lessons.

In DT, we have been working on designing and making healthier flapjacks that would be good for an astronaut to take on a space mission to give them energy. The children had a brilliant time mixing all of the ingredients and cooking them in groups. The end products were yummy! There are definitely some children we will be seeing on 'Bake Off' in the future. We were also able to be creative in our Art and Design sessions. We created our own planets made out of salt dough.

In Geography, we went on a fieldwork trip to our local area to identify human and physical features. We realised that on Park Lane, many of the things we could see had been built by humans as this is the main shopping street in Poynton. There was a lot of debate about how to classify some of the features of the area!

We cannot believe we are at the end of what has been such a brilliant year with such an amazing group of children. We are going to miss you all so much but we know you are ready for Year 4. We can't wait to hear about all of the brilliant things you have been learning about next year!



14 - Jodrell Bank!



15 - Geography Fieldwork Trip in Poynton!



16 - Jodrell Bank!



17 - One of our budding bakers.



18 - A group working hard to create their flapjacks.



19 - Year 3 sports day!

Year 4



Viking Voyages and Dragon Adventures!

What an unforgettable final half-term we've had, packed with excitement, creativity and incredible learning! The children have continued to embrace our summer theme of *Vikings* with their signature energy and enthusiasm.

This half term included some very special events that helped bring our learning to life. One of the highlights was our trip to the cinema, where we had our very own screen to watch the new *How to Train Your Dragon* film. The film was fantastic and the children were absolutely captivated – it was a magical experience and a perfect way to inspire their dragon-themed writing.

We also had the amazing opportunity to take part in a live virtual lesson with the Jorvik Centre. The children were taught by a real-life Viking warrior, who shared fascinating insights into Viking life, the role of a warrior, and even showed us Viking weapons! The children asked thoughtful questions and were eager to learn more – it was a brilliant way to deepen their understanding of the topic.

Another incredible moment was a live session with none other than *Cressida Cowell*, the author of the *How to Train Your Dragon* series. Cressida spoke to the children about her career as a writer, where she gets her inspiration, and even showed us her own illustrations. She reminded the children that *anyone* can be a writer if they want to be – a powerful message that left us all feeling motivated to continue writing and imagining!

This half-term we also celebrated *Friendship Friday* – a heartwarming day where the children truly embraced the spirit of kindness and community. They created beautiful friendship cards, each decorated with inspirational quotes and messages of positivity. These cards were then handed out to teachers and TA's across the school, bringing smiles to many faces and showing just how thoughtful and caring our pupils can be.

As we wrap up this term, we want to say a huge thank you to the children for a fantastic year filled with fun, laughter and learning. You have shown curiosity, creativity and compassion every step of the way. We are so proud of everything you've achieved and we know you will carry that same spirit with you into Year 5.

Have a wonderful summer break – you've earned it!



Year 5



It has been an action-packed half term in Year 5 and the children have shown incredible enthusiasm and creativity within all areas of their learning.

One of the highlights has been our DT unit, which saw the children design and create their own cams boxes, all inspired by our 'Making Waves' theme. As part of the sessions, the children have learnt woodwork skills using a vice and saw to create the internal mechanisms for their boxes. Thank you to all of the wonderful parents who came in to support this activity.

The children also got to sample a taste of Language sessions at Poynton High. On Friday 11th July, Year 12 students came into Vernon and delivered Spanish lessons with the Year 5s. The children thoroughly enjoyed this as they learnt how to say the different colours, exchanged greetings and played games in Spanish. For some of our children it was a lovely opportunity for them to share their prior learning of the language, whilst for others it was a chance to embrace a new language. At the end of the sessions, the Sixth Form students held a Q and A session so that the children could ask them questions about high school life.

This month, we have also celebrated the incredible progress that our Year 5 students, Joe Amelie and Euan have made on their musical journey learning the clarinet. On Friday 11th July, we held a concert for the Year 4 and 5 children to watch their final performance and hear the

incredible pieces they have learnt this term. It was also a lovely opportunity for their siblings and families to come in and share their success. Well done to them all.



20 - Our clarinet trio!



21 - Getting a taste of High School Spanish!



22 - Enhancing skills in DT

Year 6

What an incredible and action-packed end to the year it has been!

Our end-of-year production was another proud moment—what a performance! The children put together a brilliant show in such a short time, and the support from families made it all the more special. Parents should be immensely proud of what their children achieved on stage.

Throughout the year, our Year 6 pupils have shown outstanding commitment to their learning, which was clearly reflected in the recent writing moderation. External moderators from Cheshire East praised the high quality of work and the effort behind it—what a fantastic recognition of the children's dedication. To top it all off, our SATs results were simply incredible. Every single child should feel extremely proud of what they have accomplished this year. Their perseverance, resilience, and determination have truly paid off.

Our Enterprise event was a huge success, raising an impressive amount of money for both local and national charities. The enthusiasm, creativity, and teamwork shown by the children was nothing short of inspiring. Outside of school, Alannah has raised £86 for Blind dog Rescue UK (they are a charity that rescue badly treated dogs from Eastern Europe to be rehomed in the UK). She did this by collecting loose sterling & Euro change from all of her neighbours. She wanted to fundraise for them at Enterprise day but when she missed it she decided to do it herself.

Our residential trip to Menai was a real highlight, where the children demonstrated maturity, independence, and team spirit. They were a credit to the school in every way. Thank you all for a wonderful year. We are so proud of each and every one of you, and we will miss you dearly. Good luck for the exciting journey ahead—you'll always be part of the Vernon family!





Hollyoaks Superstar

We are all very excited that Lottie T in year 1 has been cast as Faith Hudson, a regular recurring character in the Channel 4 soap Hollyoaks. Congratulations Lottie!!



School Council



As we come to the end of the school year, we want to take a moment to celebrate the amazing work of our School Council this term. The children have worked incredibly hard, showing dedication, maturity, and a real desire to make a difference in our school and wider community.

One of the key highlights this term was the School Council's meeting with members of the **Poynton Town Council** to discuss concerns about **road safety**. The children spoke confidently and clearly, sharing their own experiences of walking to school and pointing out specific areas where crossing the road feels unsafe. They identified busy roads such as **London Road**, **Park Lane**, and **Chester Road** as particular hotspots, especially during school drop-off and pick-up times. The councillors were very impressed with the children's ideas and thoughtful suggestions for improvements – from better signage and road markings to the possibility of more pedestrian crossings.

Another huge success this term was the School Council's organisation of our annual **Friendship Friday** event. The day was filled with joy, kindness and creativity, as children across the school celebrated the importance of friendship and community. The School Council led the planning and promotion of the day brilliantly, and their efforts paid off in a big way – we are thrilled to

announce that we raised an incredible **£541** for **Breakthrough T1D** (formerly JDRF), supporting children and families affected by type 1 diabetes.

We are so proud of everything our School Council has achieved this year. They have shown leadership, empathy and a strong sense of responsibility – true role models for our school. A huge thank you to all our School Council members for your hard work and commitment.

Languages Art Competition- Millie's Winning Design



Millie Sanderson age 9



23 - Our Vernon entrants.

Once again this year, we were invited to take part in an art competition held by the Twinning Committee for Poynton. This year's theme was 'The World Of Nature'. Children from Poynton, Haybes and Erd were invited to enter. A local artist was invited to judge the competition and the Twinning Committee said, "It was a real pleasure to see their creativity and imagination through their work." Certificates were awarded during a Praise assembly. Congratulations to Millie Sanderson who won the competition for Key Stage 2 with her beautiful wildlife illustration which featured various colourful habitats. Well done also to Poppy Mowat, Pippa Bedford, Polly Bedford, Samson Woulfe, Georgie Mowat, Eilidh Johnson and Lochlan Saunt-Kinnaird for their fantastic designs.

Sport



What a busy half term. We were grateful to receive a girls football kit from Amelie (Y3) and family, thank you for your support. We competed in the Woodbank Park Athletics, finishing 3rd overall and with some strong individual performances on the track.

We had some fantastic performances from a host of school football teams. Special recognition to the Girls Cup winning team who beat Moorfield in a gritty final winning the South Stockport Schools Cup.



A HUGE well done to those Year 4 and 5 children who attended the 'Indoor Tennis Festival' at Macclesfield Academy on 3rd July. It was a fantastic opportunity for the children to learn new skills and mix with children from other schools during friendly matches. The children did Vernon proud with their enthusiasm and exceptional manners. Well done!



A team of Year 5 children attended a tri-golf morning at Wilmslow High. We had lots of fun and would like to thank the staff and students for running the session.



Poynton Show Art Competition



Once again, we were invited to take part in the annual Poynton Show art competition. The theme this year was 'A Magical Forest' and we had over 30 children entering from reception to Year 6. The level of creativity was wonderful to see and the individuality within each piece of artwork was really special. We had 1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes awarded within the different age categories. A huge well done to everyone from Vernon who took part, hopefully you can visit the show to view the artwork. All the pictures will be on display in the Creative Hobbies marquee at Poynton Show and a rosette will be displayed with all the pictures that came 1st, 2nd or 3rd which can be worn at the show. Best in Show and 1st place winning pictures will be included in the Show programme available on the day. The Creative Hobbies marquee will be providing various free craft activities for children to have a go including quilling, weaving, pebble painting, friendship bracelets, peg dolls and paper flowers. There are also lots of art and craft classes which children and adults can enter with all details available in the Poynton Show website.

A huge well done to:

- **1st place - Florence B and Joshua T**
- **2nd place - Pippa B and Lottie R**
- **3rd place - Eva, Leo F and Eilidh**

Eco Council



The Eco Council have been working hard to look after the new garden area, especially with all the dry weather we have had! The plants have been watered regularly and now with some sun and rain, the plants and flowers are looking beautiful and healthy. We even had our first crop of strawberries! Hopefully next year once the plants have had time to become established we will have more fruit from the fruit trees and bushes.

This half term the Eco Council took part in a Cheshire East Primary School competition focusing on recycling. The children entered a range of poems and posters all offering insightful ways to recycle and look after our environment. The children's knowledge about the subject and level of detail was fantastic. Well done!

School Lottery

Did you know that Vernon Primary has its own school lottery? It is a great way for you to support our school and be in with the chance to win the weekly cash prize, regular special draws and maybe even the £25,000 jackpot!

It is simple: choose 6 numbers between 0 and 9 and if they match the weekly lottery draw, you win great prizes. Tickets cost just £1 per week and for every ticket sold, a donation is made to our school. Every Saturday at 8pm, the numbers are drawn and posted online. Winners are notified by email and winnings paid into the account of your choice.

Sign up to support our school¹



Uniform

The school uniform policy can be found on the website.

We request that skins/base layers are not worn under the uniform.

For health and safety reasons, please remove any jewellery before coming to school; a watch and small stud earrings are permitted but earrings must be removed for PE and no necklaces, bracelets or hoop earrings should be worn in school.

Makeup and hair dye is not permitted and long hair must be tied up.

If you need assistance with uniform, please speak to the office and we will help.

Please ensure that all uniform, coats and other personal items are clearly labelled with your child's name. If you purchase name labels from www.mynametags.com², please use the school ID 49069 and a proportion of the purchase price will be donated to school.

¹[https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/cause-data/5df8a6fa-b7fa-4d45-9de4-b5ba460f043f/leaflets/69e46f80-491d-49a9-96d5-b4f5cc58eff7/how-it-works - digital.pdf?updated=638416055884900000](https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/cause-data/5df8a6fa-b7fa-4d45-9de4-b5ba460f043f/leaflets/69e46f80-491d-49a9-96d5-b4f5cc58eff7/how-it-works-digital.pdf?updated=638416055884900000)

²<https://www.mynametags.com>



School office



You can contact the school office by email to admin@vernonprimary.cheshire.sch.uk³

Call us on 01625 872556 or visit us in person; we are open from 08:30-16:30 every day.

Please continue to report absences in the usual way. If you are informing us of a period of absence, not medical related, please ensure you email us:

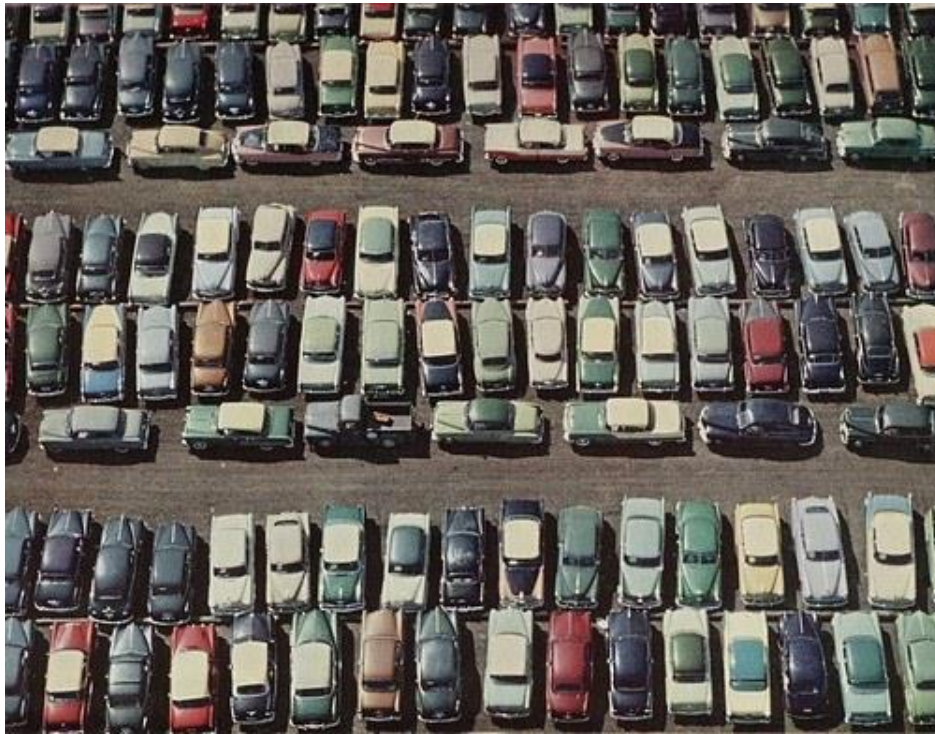
absence@vernonprimary.cheshire.sch.uk⁴

We kindly request that, where possible, any appointments for the children are made outside of the school day. We understand this is not always possible. However, we request that your appointment letter or confirmation is emailed to school so that it can be recorded accurately in the register.

³<mailto:admin@vernonprimary.cheshire.sch.uk>

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Parking



Please be mindful of our neighbours when you are parking your car at pick up and drop off. Please do not park on the double yellow lines, park too close to any of the junctions near school, block driveways or double park in the school car park.

We understand that it can be very busy around school in the morning and afternoon. However, we would advise taking an extra five minutes to park in the large car park next to Waitrose or walk to school.

If you have any specific concerns about parking and road safety, please contact our local CCSOs, PCSOs and Cheshire East.

Thank you for your cooperation with this matter and helping to keep all our children and families safe.