



Message from Headteacher

Suggestion Box

Just a reminder to families that we have our Suggestion Box in the front reception of school. If you have any ideas about how our school could be improved or enhanced, please jot them on one of the cards and post them into the suggestion box.

We are keen to do the best job we can for our children and their families. We value feedback and suggestions from our wider school family.



Bicycles and Scooters

I am sorry to report that we have had a near miss this week.

A child riding their bike on the school site almost ran into grandparents bringing their grandchildren to school.

Please may I ask families to remind their children that, just as mobile phones should be turned off and put into bags when children come through the school gate in the morning, pupils should also get off of their bikes and scooters.

It is so busy at the front of school in the mornings and at home time, we ask children to do this to avoid any accidents. Thank you for your cooperation with this.

Uniform & Footwear

I have written to families recently regarding school uniform and footwear. Children should not be wearing coloured trainers, Converse type shoes or basketball type shoes to school. We prefer black school shoes but will accept plain black trainers as long as they do not have coloured stripes etc.

Thank you for ensuring that you support us in maintaining the highest standards of presentation at our school.

Message from Headteacher

Chester Diocese Learning Trust

As you know, we joined the Chester Diocese Learning Trust on 1st November.

I wanted to update you about some of the work which is underway. Several cluster groups have been set up to share good practice and to harness the strengths of schools within the Trust. We hosted the first meeting of the CDLT Attendance Cluster at our school last week. This cluster aims to share best practice in supporting positive attendance and punctuality. We are the lead school for this.

In addition, groups have been set up for Deputy & Assistant Headteachers, SEND Leads and to support developments in the Early Years. These forums are active and have already generated some useful ideas.

In early December, Miss Buckley, our school Literacy leader is hosting a writing moderation workshop for Year 6 teachers from CDLT schools. Staff will bring samples of work which will be discussed and assessment judgements validated by Year 6 teachers from the 8 CLDT schools. Another exciting development is that PE leaders are working in collaboration to plan a sports event for the summer term. We hope that this will be a great way for children from all of the schools to join together to enjoy a sports activity.

I will keep you posted on how this is enriching our school over coming months.

Congratulations

Huge congratulations to all of our performing arts stars who have recently been shining brightly in various shows.

Several children performed with House of Dance at the Storyhouse last weekend and a group have also performed in London's West End with the Pauline Quirke Academy recently.

Resilience, bravery, enthusiasm and commitment in action! We are so proud of you all!

Appeal for Plastic tubs with lids, bottles

If you have any old plastic tubs or bottles with lids (i.e. washing liquid, margarine tubs), please pass these to me via the school office. We hope to use them for a festive activity with Year one in the forest. If you have any, please donate them by Monday 8th December.

Thank you in advance for your donations.



Message from Headteacher

Advent Calendars

I write this with a very heavy heart. For the last two years, we have provided an advent calendar for every child in school. We have done this to show the children how much we care for them and want them to enjoy the magic of Christmas.

Families may be aware of the financial pressures that schools are facing. At the end of the last academic year, we were forced to make redundancies to manage increased costs with lower budget allocations.

I am so sorry that this year we are unable to provide advent calendars due to the financial pressure we, like most schools locally and nationally, are facing.

The costs of trips, for example, has increased significantly over recent years and the money we would spend on advent calendars in partnership with our PTA would fund, for example, the hire of three coaches for different activities or the purchase of resources we need in school. We do not have a significant budget to pay these costs so any donations from the PTA need to be spent very carefully.

I am so sorry that we have been unable to sustain this gesture.

Household support

Cheshire West and Chester Council also have a benefits calculator which could help maximise the income of families by identifying any benefit entitlements that are unclaimed. This calculator also assists to reduce living costs by providing details of social energy and water tariffs.

Residents can access this calculator at <https://benefits.inbest.ai/cheshirewestandchester>

HAVE YOUR CIRCUMSTANCES CHANGED?

YOU MAY QUALIFY FOR FREE SCHOOL MEALS

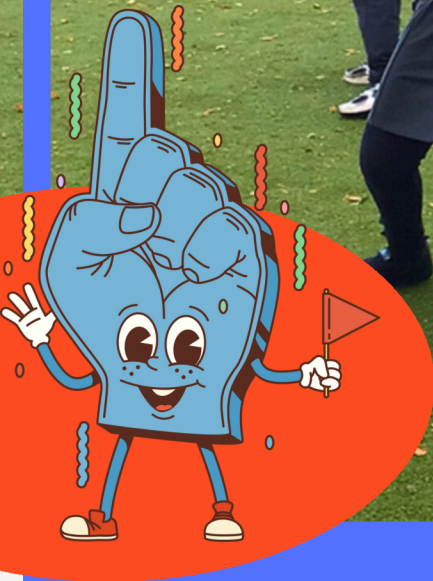
To receive Free School Meals,
you must be in receipt of one
of the following benefits:



- Income Support
- Income Based Jobseekers Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Child Tax Credit but not Working Tax Credit and have an annual income that does not exceed £16,190
- The Guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

To apply, call 0300 1237021 or visit
www.cheshirewestandchester.gov/freeschoolmeals

Sports News



ON MONDAY, YEAR 5 AND 6 TOOK PART IN A INTRA-SCHOOL DODGEBALL COMPETITION!

EVERYONE REPRESENTED A DIFFERENT COUNTRY AND TOOK PART IN MANY GAMES. THE ATTITUDE OF ALL THE CHILDREN WAS FANTASTIC AND IT WAS LOVELY TO SEE EVERYONE SMILING AND TAKING PART!

Why Don't You...?

At our school, we seek to engage children in a wide variety of activities so that they can find new ways to let their lights shine or discover new talents. We hope that this will encourage children to spend time away from technology and gaming to experience and enjoy different ways of passing their free time.

Last week was the first workshop where pupils from years 4, 5 and 6 were invited to learn how to read music! The corridors were full of twinkly sounds from the glockenspiels as the children composed their magical songs!



Cheshire Phoenix Season Ticket

We have been very kindly gifted a school season ticket for Cheshire Phoenix Basketball matches.



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If you would like to loan the ticket to get admission free for your family into one the Phoenix home matches at the Ellesmere Port Sports Village, please contact the School Office to check for any dates the ticket has available for this season.

CHESHIRE PHOENIX HOME SCHEDULE 2025/26

Month	Date	Opponent	Time	Status
SEPTEMBER	SUN 28	ONIA GLADIATORS	5.30PM	BOOKED
OCTOBER	SUN 12	ELD SHARKS	5.30PM	BOOKED
	SUN 19	ASTLE EAGLES	5.30PM	BOOKED
	SUN 26	ELD SHARKS	5.30PM	BOOKED
NOVEMBER	SUN 16	ON LIONS	5.30PM	BOOKED
	SUN 23	OL FLYERS	5.30PM	BOOKED
DECEMBER	SUN 07	TER RIDERS	5.30PM	BOOKED
	SUN 28	HESTER BASKETBALL	5.30PM	BOOKED
JANUARY	SUN 11	ASTLE EAGLES	5.30PM	BOOKED
	SUN 18	EY 89ERS	5.30PM	BOOKED
FEBRUARY	FRI 06	HESTER BASKETBALL	7.30PM	BOOKED
	SUN 21	EY 89ERS	5.30PM	BOOKED
MARCH	SUN 2	OL FLYERS	5.30PM	BOOKED
APRIL	SUN 05	vs LONDON LIONS	5.30PM	
	SUN 19	vs CALEDONIA GLADIATORS	5.30PM	
	SUN 2	STER RIDERS	5.30PM	BOOKED

*Fixtures subject to change

ALL GAMES PLAYED AT ELLESMERE PORT SPORTS VILLAGE



Times Tables Rockstar Championship

THE WINNING CLASS IS

TEAM 4C

PUPIL LEADERBOARD

Rank	Pupil Name
1	ARIEL
2	JOHNNY
3	GEORGE

Lantern Parade



A selection of children joined Mrs Elston and braved the cold on Thursday evening, parading through the streets of Chester for the annual Chester City Lantern Parade!

They lit up the streets with the fantastic lanterns they had made in a previous workshop with local artist Ian P. What a magical evening!



Friday Assembly

Parents and carers are invited to Friday Assembly when their child's class is presenting. Please arrive at 2.25pm for a 2.30pm start. If you are able to join us, please refrain from parking in the visitors car park as the gates will close during the assembly.

Date	Class
28th November	Team 6M
5th December	Team 5S
12th December	Team 4C
16th January	Team 3EI
23rd January	Team 2K
30th January	Team 1H
6th February	Team 6B
13th February	Team 6M
6th March	Team RM
13th March	Team RW
20th March	Team 5R

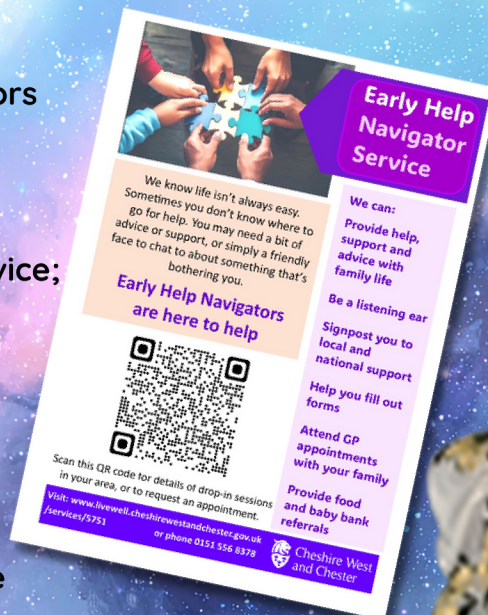
Early Help Navigator

Our school Early Help Navigator is called Donna.

The role of Early Help Navigators is to:

- Help you to navigate what support is available locally;
- Offer help, support and advice;
- Be a listening ear;
- Help with completion of forms;
- Signpost families to local and national services.

Look out for Donna outside the front of school on the first Thursday of every month (next date: 4th December).



Christmas Events Explained

Class Christmas Parties

Our Class Christmas Parties will all take place in December. Please see the dates at the end of the newsletter for more information.

Children may come to school in their party clothes on their Christmas Party day but please ensure that they have appropriate footwear and a coat for break times. Small snacks will be provided by school. Parents/carers do not need to send in any food and food allergies and intolerances will be catered for.

Santa's Grotto

Santa will be joining us in his grotto at the forthcoming PTA Santa Social which takes place after school on Friday 5th December. Most sessions have now been fully booked however we do have a few slots available for the relaxed session created especially for SEND children, at 3.30pm. Please book the relaxed session via School Spider.

If you have booked for Santa's Grotto, please make your way to Team 5R's classroom at your allotted time.

Festive Fun Run for the Hospice of the Good Shepherd

We are being visited by the staff from the Hospice on Monday 1st December.

Children will bring home sponsorship forms later that day to raise money for the Hospice. Children will be given festive headwear to complete the Fun Run, which is expected to take place at the end of the same week, weather permitting!

As you may already know, the Hospice of the Good Shepherd care for more than 1,600 patients each year from Chester, Deeside, Ellesmere Port and surrounding areas.

The Hospice aims to improve the lives of people with life-limiting conditions and care and support patients at the Hospice or in their own homes. It helps people to live as actively as possible after diagnosis, to the end of their lives, however long that maybe. The highest value is put on respect and personal choice. These services provided by the Hospice are run independently of the NHS and cost £5million each year to provide.

It is because of events like the Festive Fun Run, that they are able to continue to provide this vital care to local children and families.

The Hospice of the Good Shepherd will return to school before we break up for the Christmas Holidays to collect the sponsorship forms so please ensure your child brings theirs to the School Office.



Christmas Events Explained



Our **Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 Christmas Services** will take place at All Saints' Church on Hoole Road.

The Year 1 and 2 service is on Tuesday 16th December.

The Year 3 and 4 service is on Wednesday 17th December.

The Year 5 and 6 service is on Thursday 18th December.

Families are welcome to join us.

Doors will open at 1.40pm for parents and carers and the services will start at 1.45pm. The services will end at approximately 2.30pm and children will walk back to school. All children will return to school and we are unable to accommodate requests to take children home directly from the church. All children will have been left a Christmas treat by Santa's Elves! This will be waiting for them back at school. On returning to school, children will collect their belongings and leave school from the usual gate.

Our **Reception Nativity** will take place in the School Hall at 10am on Thursday 11th December. Due to space restrictions, a maximum of 2 people per child will be able to attend. Tickets have already been distributed to Reception families.

If there is anyone who is not able to attend the nativity, please let the School Office know so we can pass your tickets to anyone who would like to bring additional family members.

PTA Christmas Discos

The two discos will be on Wednesday 10th December in the School Hall.

The Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 Disco will take place between 3.45pm and 5pm and the Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 Disco will take place between 5pm and 6.15pm.

Tickets for the disco cost £5. This will include a drink and a small snack and all dietary requirements will be fully catered for. Registration and tickets for the discos, plus preorders for glow wands and sweet cones, can be made on School Spider. Register your child under the Surveys and Forms tab, and make your payment(s) via the Bookings and Payments tab.

There will also be a stall selling sweets and glow wands on the day. Any pre-orders can be collected at the table outside the disco.

Children should be collected after school as normal and return to school in their party clothes. at the start time of their disco.

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 Disco:

Entry to school is via the External Hall Door (by the play-park). Please wait outside the door at 3.45pm. At the end of the disco, please ensure that your child is collected promptly at 5pm from the same door (External Hall Door).

Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 Disco

Entry to school is via the School Office Door. Please wait outside the door at 5pm. At the end of the disco, please ensure that your child is collected promptly at 6.15pm from the External Hall Door (by the play-park).

Christmas Events Explained

HETTY at the Disco

HETTY Afterschool Club will be held in the Year 6 classrooms during the discos. If your child is booked into HETTY After-school Club, your child should go straight there at home time with their change of clothes. HETTY staff will help children get changed for the disco and take them to the disco.

After the first disco finishes at 5pm, your child will be taken back to HETTY, where they are welcome to stay for the rest of the HETTY session as usual up until 5.45pm. Collection of children will be from the School Office door. Please call 07307870845 to let the HETTY staff know you are ready to collect your child.

If you would like to collect your child straight after the first disco, please come to HETTY first to collect their bags and belongings.

As the second disco finishes at 6.15pm and HETTY closes at 5.45pm, HETTY staff will sign the children out at 5.00pm once they have been handed over to disco volunteers. Their school bags and coats will be stored at the school office/foyer area. You should collect children from the External Hall door at 6.15pm when the disco finishes. Your children will need to remember to collect their bags from the School Office/foyer area before going home.

If you would like to cancel your HETTY session on that day please also let them know in advance by calling 01244 500908 or emailing hettymanager@hooleceprimary.cheshire.sch.uk.

Clubs During the School Disco's

Streetdance Club will be held in 4JK's classroom. Children can be collected from the School Office door after the club rather than the gate.

All other clubs (Y3-4 Arts and Craft, Y5-6 Girls Football) will not run that day.

Volunteers

The PTA are looking for volunteers to help with the discos. If you can spare some time to assist at either disco, please contact the PTA by sending an email to ptahoole@gmail.com.



Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6

DISCO

WEDNESDAY
10TH DECEMBER

5pm - 6.15pm

Book now on
School Spider!

£5 per child



Reception, Year 1 and Year 2

DISCO

WEDNESDAY
10TH DECEMBER

3.45pm - 5pm

Book now on School Spider!

£5 per child



Hoole CE Primary School

SANTA SOCIAL

5TH DECEMBER

FREE
ENTRY | FROM 3.30 PM

LIVE PERFORMANCES

SANTA'S GROTTO (PREBOOKABLE ON SCHOOL SPIDER)

FESTIVE REFRESHMENTS



Part of
CDLT
Chester Diocesan
Learning Trust



Christmas Events



Team RM and RW present the
Reception Nativity



Thursday 11th December
10am | School Hall



HOOLE CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

WHEN?

Year 1 & 2

TUESDAY

16TH DECEMBER 1:40-2.30PM

Year 3 & 4

WEDNESDAY

17TH DECEMBER 1:40-2.30PM

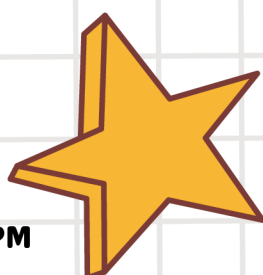
Year 5 & 6

THURSDAY

18TH DECEMBER 1:40-2.30PM

WHERE?

**ALL SAINTS' CHURCH,
HOOLE ROAD**



**CHRISTMAS
SERVICES**



**EVERYONE
Welcome**



Christmas Events



IT'S CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY!

Join us in supporting Save the Children on
Wednesday 10th December
and wear your festive attire to school!

Charitable donations can be made
via the School Gateway



Save the Children®



CHRISTMAS DINNER

WEDNESDAY 17TH DECEMBER

Turkey/Quorn with Sage and Onion Stuffing
Chipolata Sausage/Veggie Sausage
Roast or Mash Potatoes
Carrots, Sprouts and Peas
Gravy

*Ham/Cheese/Tuna Sandwiches also available as an alternative



Our wonderful Catering Team will be cooking up a festive storm on Wednesday 17th December. Preorders are now closed as they have to order the turkey in advance.

Sandwiches will also be available to order as an alternative to Christmas Dinner on the day. Unfortunately, our Catering Team will not be offering jacket potatoes due to oven capacity.

Next Week's School Dinner Menu

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HOOLE CE PRIMARY SCHOOL WEEK 2 LUNCH MENU

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday (Meat Free)
2 slices of Cheese & Tomato Pizza (V), served with Baked Beans, Seasonal Vegetables or Coleslaw	Beef Burger or Veggie Burger in a Bun, Hash Brown served with Baked Beans or Seasonal Vegetables	Roast Gammon or Quorn Fillet served Roast/Mashed Potatoes, Seasonal Vegetables & Gravy	3 Cheese & Tomato Pasta (V) served with Crusty Bread & Seasonal Vegetables	Breaded Fish or Veggie Fingers served with Chips, Baked Beans or Peas
Jacket Potato with Cheese, Beans or Tuna	Jacket Potato with Cheese, Beans or Tuna	Jacket Potato with Cheese, Beans or Tuna	Jacket Potato with Cheese, Beans or Tuna	Jacket Potato with Cheese, Beans or Tuna
Tomato & Herb Pasta Pot	Tomato & Mascarpone Pasta Pot	Cheese & Tomato Pasta Pot	Hot Cheese & Tomato Baguette	Cheesy Bean Pasta Pot
Ham, Tuna or Cheese Sandwich	Ham, Tuna or Cheese Sandwich	Ham, Tuna or Cheese Sandwich	Ham, Tuna or Cheese Sandwich	Ham, Tuna or Cheese Sandwich
Caramel Crispy Bar	Butterscotch Biscuit	Chocolate Muffin	Apple & Grape Pot or Biscuit	Ginger Biscuit



Birthdays

LYRA, ARLO,
RORY, BEAU,
MAISY,
HENRY,
JORDAN AND
ELSIE!

Many happy returns
to all our birthday
buddies!
We hope you enjoy
your birthday book!



Paige Blackmore got star of the week in her Razzamataz dance class!

Lots of children performed in a spectacular House of Dance show at the Storyhouse!

Seren was awarded her level 6 swimming certificate!

Ralph was awarded Player of the Day at a football match!

Connor plays for Chester Nomads Lion Under 7's and was awarded Man of the Match!

Alys was presented with 2 fantastic certificates for her gymnastics!

Let's Celebrate

The following children received a class honour for letting their light shine this week!

Leon H

Lyla-May I

Nabiha N

Norah H

Sidhratul A

Helena A

Elias G-A



Mylo H

Theo A

Emily S

Sion A

Eva C

Jenson-James L-H

Key Dates

1st December	Reception & Year 1 Maths Workshop 3.30pm
4th December	Early Help Navigator outside from 8.40am
4th December	Reception & Y6 Heights & Weights Checks
4th December	Reception Vision & Hearing Checks
5th December	PTA Santa Social 3.30pm
10th December	Christmas Jumper Day for Save the Children
10th December	Christmas Disco's
11th December	Reception Nativity in School Hall 10am
12th December	Reception Christmas Party
15th December	Year 1 Christmas Party
15th December	Year 2 Christmas Party
16th December	Y1-2 Christmas Service at All Saints' Church 1.45pm
17th December	Christmas Dinner
17th December	Y3-4 Christmas Service at All Saints' Church 1.45pm
17th December	Year 5 Christmas Party
18th December	Y5-6 Christmas Service at All Saints' Church 1.45pm
18th December	Year 3 Christmas Party
19th December	Year 6 Christmas Party

Key Dates

19th December	Year 4 Christmas Party
20th December - 4 th January	School Holidays
5th January	INSET Day (School closed to pupils)
8th January	Early Help Navigator outside from 8.40am
15th January	Hot Dog Day (Change to usual dinner menu)
18th January	Spring Term Clubs Start
21st January	Year 5 Trip
4th February	Early Help Navigator outside from 8.40am
16th - 20 th February	School Holidays
5th March	Early Help Navigator outside from 8.40am
5th March	World Book Day
18th March	Y2 Curriculum Showcase at All Saints' Church
25th March	Easter Lunch (Change to usual dinner menu)
2nd - 19 th April	School Holidays

Contact us



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A Hilarious Family Christmas Show

For all the famiy!

So much fun!



Duggie Dug Dug's Nativity Delivery

All Saints Church, Hoole, CH2 3HZ

Sunday 30th Nov 4-6pm (show starts @ 4.30pm)

Tuck shop available

£5 Juniors £10 Adults (max pay £30)

For tickets and for more information scan the QR code

or visit the link allsaintschurch.churchsuite.com/events/toz6nmb7



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CHESTER SANTA DASH

Sunday 7th December Starts 10am

3.75km route



Ready to dash?



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Santa's Schedule 2025

Brought to you by Chester Round Table

- Mon 1st Dec - Blacon - Start: Waggon & Horses, 6pm
- Wed 3rd Dec - Saughton Camp - Start: Rake & Pikel, 6pm
- Fri 5th Dec - Newton - Start: Bears Paw, 6pm
- Sat 6th Dec - Upton - Start: The Wheatsheaf, 5pm
- Mon 8th Dec - Handbridge - Start: Carlton Tavern, 6pm
- Wed 10th Dec - Lache - Start: Lache Larder, 6pm
- Fri 12th Dec - Great Boughton - Start: The Peacock, 6pm
- ★★★★★ Sat 13th Dec - Hoole - Start: The Piper, 5pm ★★★★★
- Sun 14th Dec - Great Barrow/Guilden Sutton/Mickle Trafford - Start: White Horse, 4:30pm
- Mon 15th Dec - Kingsway - Start: Kingsway Shops, 6pm
- Wed 17th Dec - Westminster Park - Start: Sandstone bar, 6pm
- Fri 19th Dec - Christleton/Waverton - Start: The Christleton Insitute, 6pm
- Sat 20th Dec - Vicars Cross - Start: The Centurion, 5pm
- Mon, 22nd Dec - Kings Moat - Start: Taylor Wimpey Sales Centre, 6pm

100% volunteer run, collecting cash to support good causes in Chester

We can't visit every street - if you're not on the route, please see Santa at the start!

Routes released before each night

Also taking foodbank donations each evening



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