



Message from Headteacher

Geography Workshop

Staff and children have been beavering away over the last few weeks preparing for a Geography Workshop, which will showcase what we have learnt in geography this academic year, to families of all year groups.

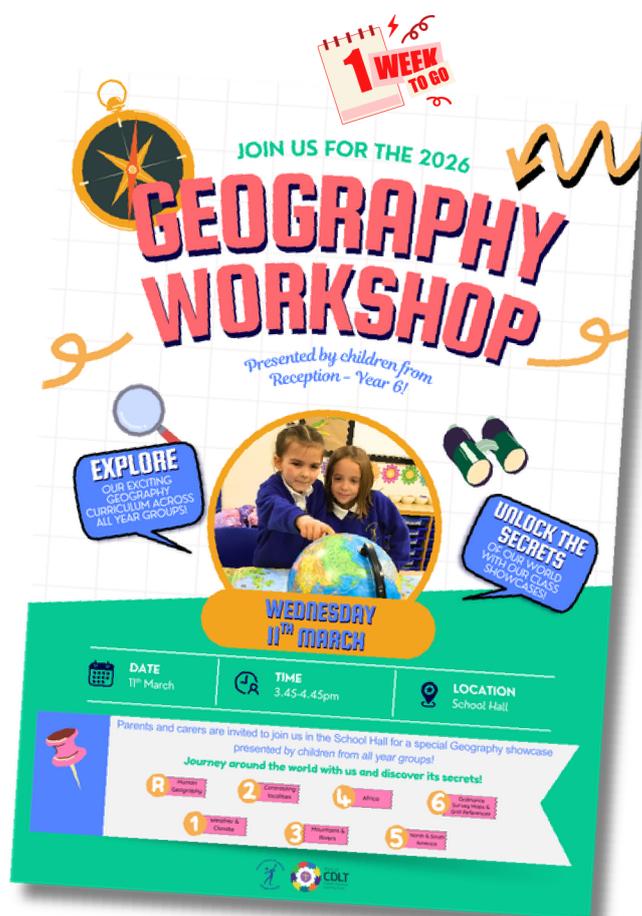
Our Geography curriculum inspires pupils to develop a curiosity and fascination about the world and its people, that will remain with them for the rest of their lives. This ensures that they can successfully take an active part in contributing to and protecting this world as they grow up. Through their growing knowledge and understanding of geography, they will learn about places, people and the environment.

We welcome families to join us for the event next Wednesday in the School Hall. Families will enter school via the external hall door, which will open at 3.45pm.

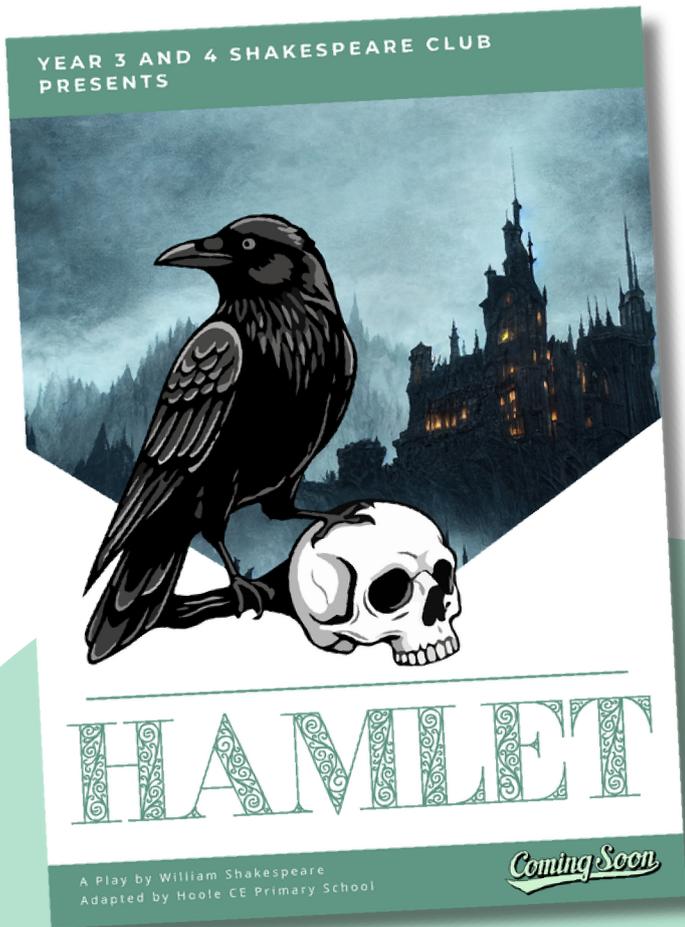
Requests for Time Off During Term-Time

Families will be aware that the financial penalties for time out of school during term-time increased in August 2024. Fines apply per parent, per child. This means, for example, that if you are taking a child out of school for a holiday, where applicable, both parents would be fined. Our school factsheet relating to time off during term-time is included with the newsletter.

I would urge parents and carers to submit requests for time off during term-time to us well in advance. We try to work with families to avoid penalties for time out of school wherever we can. If the request for time off is received too late, our options to help are very limited as often the arrangements have already been made. Please submit requests for time off well in advance and ideally before making any booking so we can work with you where possible. This will help families to try to avoid financial penalties for time out of school during the school term.



Shakespeare Festival



Hamlet will be performed on Tuesday 5th and Thursday 7th May at 6pm.

A Midsummer Night's Dream will be performed on Tuesday 28th and Thursday 30th April at 6pm.

Tickets for any shows can be reserved via the school office either by emailing us at admin@hooleceprimary.cheshire.sch.uk, calling us on 01244 323890 or popping into see us between 8am and 4.30pm.

This is a great way to help your child to become familiar with the works of Shakespeare. I firmly believe that this helps to build confidence for the transition to secondary school.

Arianwen, who has a leading role in A Midsummer Night's Dream, has found an excellent resource on BBC Sounds. If you Google BBC Sounds Shakespeare Retold, there is a whole series of Shakespeare plays to enjoy.

We are Shakespeare experts in our school (ask your child to tell you about his plays and what is special about the day he was born and the day he died)! Over the last few years, children have encountered Romeo & Juliet, Twelfth Night, Macbeth, Hamlet, Much Ado About Nothing and The Tempest.

I am always astounded by the engagement and enthusiasm they show towards this great English writer. I hope to welcome you to one of our performances



Year 5 Viking Day at school was an amazing adventure back in time! As soon as the day began, the classroom was filled with excitement as we stepped into the world of the Vikings. We started by trying our hand at weaving, just like Viking craftspeople would have done hundreds of years ago. It was fun to see the patterns slowly appear as we worked.

Next, we became Viking cooks and baked Viking berry pancakes. They smelt delicious and tasting the pancakes we had made ourselves was one of the best parts of the day.

We also learned about the Viking alphabet and made our own bookmarks using runes. It was interesting to see how different their writing system was and to spell our names using the ancient symbols.

Another of our favourite activities was playing Hnefetafl, a traditional Viking strategy game. It was a bit like chess, and we had to think carefully about our moves to protect the king or capture him.

We also had the chance to look closely at Viking artefacts and predict what they may have been used for. One was an ear spoon for scraping out ear wax! Seeing the objects made history feel much more real.

The most thrilling moment of the day was the battle in the hall. Armed with shields and spears, we took part in an exciting Viking-style battle. It was loud, energetic, and great fun, and it really made us feel like brave Viking warriors.

Overall, Viking Day was packed with exciting activities, new skills, and lots of fun. It was a fantastic way to learn about Viking life and experience history in action. The Year 5 team would like to thank families for their help and support with the costumes and shields. The children all looked fantastic!



Holidays during term time: What the new rules mean for me



From September 2024, the new National Framework for issuing penalty notices will apply.



As a school, we fully appreciate the financial difficulties that some parents face when booking holidays, particularly during school holidays.

However, school is duty bound to comply with the regulations set by the local authority and national protocols.

A Fixed Penalty Notice (FPN) is a fine which may be issued for taking children out of school during term time for the purpose of leisure or recreation.



Second Offence

(Within 3 years of the first offence)

Where it is deemed appropriate to issue a second Penalty Notice to the same parent for the same pupil within 3 years of the first notice. The second Penalty Notice will be charge at:

£160 per parent, per child paid within 28 days (Unpaid Penalty Notices after 28 days may result in a prosecution)

Example: We are a family of 2 children and 2 parents.

Child 1	child 2	Parent 1	Parent 2	
£160	£160	£320	£320	= £640

The 10 school week period may span different terms or school years (e.g. 2 sessions of unauthorised absence in the Summer Term and a further 8 within the Autumn Term).

First Offence

The first time a Penalty Notice is issued for a Term Time Holiday or Irregular School Attendance, the Penalty Notice will be charged at:

£160 per parent, per child paid within 28 days. Reduced to £80 per parents, per child if paid within 21 days

Example: I'm a single parent of 2 children and we want to go on holiday for a week in term time.

Your holiday will not be authorised and you should speak to school before booking because your child will miss 5 school days, you will be issued a penalty notice fine.

Child 1	child 2	Parent
£160	£160	£320



The initial fine is £320 but if paid within 21 days it will be reduced to £160

Third Offence

(Within 3 years of the First Offence)

The third time that an offence is committed for either a term time holiday and/or irregular attendance, a Penalty Notice will not be issued. The case may be proceeded straight to prosecution/court.

The 3 year period can cover primary and secondary school periods eg: first offence in year 5 of primary and 2nd offence in year 7.



For more information:

www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/residents/education-and-learning/early-years-and-childcare/education-welfare-service/fixed-penalty-notices/taking-children-on-holiday-during-term-time





WORLD BOOK DAY



as

kids

Easter Party

For Primary School aged children

Wednesday 1st April

5.30pm- 7.00pm

Calling all Primary school age children! You are invited to our

Easter party! There will be Easter themed crafts, games and tea provided.

Spaces are limited so [HERE](#)

NB - This is a drop off party

- There is a suggested donation of £2.50 per child to cover find



as

all saints hoole

Why Don't You....



Dolly made an incredible snapper – watch your fingers...snap!



Hettie released her inner Van Gogh and painted an amazing picture!



Forthcoming Assessments

Just a reminder about assessments for year groups later this year.

Please ensure that your child is in school for assessments during these periods, particularly for national assessments in Year 6, Year 1 and Year 4.

If your child is in Year 2 and is retaking the phonics screening test this year, they will also need to be in school during the phonics testing week.

Year Group	Assessments Undertaken	Date of Assesements
Year 6	National End of KS2 Assessments (SATs)	11th-14 th May
Year 4	National Multiplication Tables Check	1st-12th June
Year 2	End of KS1 Teacher Assessments	May
Year 1	Phonics Screening Test	9th-13 th June

Please do not request time off during term-time if your child is due to have statutory national assessments. Thank you for your cooperation.

Easy Fundraising for our PTA

Raise funds for us for **FREE**

with  easyfundraising



Join as our supporter today at:
www.easyfundraising.org.uk/support-a-good-cause
Just search for:

8,000+ retailers will donate to us whenever you shop with them



Plus, you'll get...

★ Exclusive retailer offers

🏆 Competitions

😊 A warm feeling inside!

Over **£60m**
raised for UK good causes

£0
extra cost to anyone

- 1 Open your phone's camera
- 2 Scan the QR Code
- 3 Get the app

The easiest way to support our PTA is to sign up to easyfundraising!

Easyfundraising partners with over 8,000 brands who will donate part of what you spend to a cause of your choice. It won't cost you any extra.

It's simple, shop with 8,000+ online retailers and we'll receive a free donation. Visit www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/hoole-cofe-primary-school-pta

Get the app now and choose to support Hoole CofE Primary School's PTA once installed!



Non-uniform Day for Comic Relief

COMIC RELIEF

Children are invited to wear their own clothes in return for a donation to Comic Relief. Please make your donation via the Bookings and payments tab on School Spider.

We are supporting Comic Relief on Friday 20th March, raising funds for families less fortunate than ourselves.

Children are invited to wear their own clothes and we are asking families to donate if they can on the School Spider app.





The PTA invite all Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children to join us for a Spring Disco on Tuesday 24th March between 3.20pm and 4.30pm!

Tickets for the disco cost £5. Reduced-rate tickets are also available for those families in receipt of Free School Meals (benefits related FSM, not Universal infant free school meals).

Tickets include entry, a drink and a snack, and all dietary requirements will be fully catered for.

There will be a stall selling Easter themed Snap Bands for £1 on the day, however these can also be pre-ordered to collect at the event.

What Parents/Carers need to do:

- Complete your child's disco permission survey on the Surveys and Forms tab on School Spider
- Ensure that you also make your payment at the time of registering your child for the disco, via the Bookings and Payments tab on School Spider.
- Preorder your child's Easter themed Snap Band on the Bookings and Payments tab on School Spider.

Children who are booked in for the disco will go straight from class to the school hall at home time. It is also non-uniform day so children will not need to get changed for the disco.

At the end of the disco, please ensure that your child is collected promptly at 4.30pm from the External Hall Door.

Our PTA Registered charity number is 1147672. Every penny raised from this event will be reinvested into our school.



The PTA invite all Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 children to join us for a Spring Disco on Tuesday 24th March between 4.45pm and 5.45pm!

Tickets for the disco cost £5. Reduced-rate tickets are also available for those families in receipt of Free School Meals. Tickets include entry, a drink and a snack, and all dietary requirements will be fully catered for.

There will be a stall selling Easter themed Snap Bands for £1 on the day, however these can also be pre-ordered to collect at the event.

What Parents/Carers need to do:

- Complete your child's disco permission survey on the Surveys and Forms tab on School Spider
- Ensure that you also make your payment at the time of registering your child for the disco, via the Bookings and Payments tab on School Spider.
- Preorder your child's Easter themed Snap Band on the Bookings and Payments tab on School Spider.

Children should go home as normal after school and return to school for 4.45pm. Entry to school is via the School Office Door. Any snap band preorders can be collected here.

At the end of the disco, please ensure that your child is collected promptly at 5.45pm from the External Hall Door (by the play-park). Please note that no children are permitted to walk home alone.

Our PTA Registered charity number is 1147672. Every penny raised from this event will be reinvested into our school.

1 MILE RUN

WINNERS THIS WEEK

**TEAM 1H
and Team 4JK**



Congratulations to this week's winning teams! Every week we hold a competition and the class with the most participants in the run will win!

All you need to do is:

- Enter the field via the school gate
- Be sure to sign in with Mrs Cooper so that your run is included in the weekly total
- Run free around the field
- Make sure that you make it into class for 8.50am when registration starts!

* 1 MILE RUN

with Mrs Cooper!

Tuesdays and
Wednesdays
mornings

**8.30AM
START**



SIGN IN AT THE SCHOOL GATE WITH MRS COOPER. THE CLASS WITH THE MOST PARTICIPANTS WINS THE WEEKLY CONTEST!

*Please note that the run is for pupils only

WOW COMPETITION

You will know that as a school, we take part in the WOW Walk to School Challenge. Children receive a badge each month that they walk to school at least once each week.

We were invited to take part in a national competition to design a new badge. Over 100 children entered the competition from our school and our WOW Ambassadors were blown away by the competition entries. Standards were extremely high and the reasons children gave for their designs were excellent. They judged all entries and finally chose on three winners for our school whose designs have now been submitted to the national finals.

Well done to Helena, Jasmine and Evelyn whose entries are now in the national final! Huge thanks to everyone who entered.



Year 4 Brass Concert

Parents and carers of pupils in Year 4 are invited to join us and enjoy a concert showcasing what our musicians have learnt so far in their weekly brass instrument lessons. Please email the Admin Team at admin@hooleceprimary.cheshire.sch.uk to book your place.

Invitation

**YEAR 4 BRASS
CONCERT**

AT HOOLE CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

17 March 2026 | 2.20pm | School Hall

The graphic features a black and white photograph of children playing brass instruments. The text is overlaid in a mix of white, yellow, and black. The word 'Invitation' is in a white script font. 'YEAR 4 BRASS CONCERT' is in large, bold, yellow capital letters. 'AT HOOLE CE PRIMARY SCHOOL' is in white capital letters on a black rectangular background. The date and time '17 March 2026 | 2.20pm | School Hall' are at the bottom, with '17' in large yellow font.

HOOLE CE PRIMARY SCHOOL
PRESENTS

CURRICULUM SHOWCASE

Join us to discover what we've been learning and share in a unique opportunity to explore the diverse and exciting projects we have been working on this year!

at All Saints' Church

Parents and carers are invited to our spectacular year group Showcases at All Saints' Church (Hoole Road) *

RECEPTION Tuesday 16th June
2pm (* in school)

YEAR 1 Wednesday 6th May
1.45pm

YEAR 2 Wednesday 18th March
1.45pm

YEAR 3 Wednesday 20th May
1.45pm

YEAR 4 Wednesday 13th May
1.45pm

YEAR 5 Wednesday 29th April
1.45pm

YEAR 6 Wednesday 17th June
1.45pm



Our year groups will be holding a showcase at All Saints' Church on various dates throughout the Spring and Summer Terms, to share all of the wonderful work they have completed so far this academic year.

All parents and carers are very welcome to join us. There is no need to book; just turn up on the date detailed above. Please note that Reception's Curriculum Showcase will be in school rather than All Saints' Church.

Times Tables Rockstar Championship

THE WINNING CLASS IS

TEAM 6B

PUPIL LEADERBOARD

1
JOHNNY

2
DYLAN

3
REBECA

YOU ROCK

TIMES TABLES ROCK STARS

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
13th March	Team RW
20th March	Team 5R
27th March	Team 4JK
1st May	Team 3U
8th May	Team 2C
15th May	Team 1J
21st May	Team 5S
12th June	Team 4C
19th June	Team 3EI
26th June	Team 2K
3rd July	Team RM
10th July	Team RW
17th July	Team 1H

Non-uniform Day Tuesday 24th March

We are inviting pupils to come to school wearing their own clothes on Tuesday 24th March in return for either an Easter Egg donation or £1 (payable via School Spider).

Any Easter Egg donations can be brought to the School Office on the day



First Week Back School Dinner Menu

Provided by
Edsential

HOOLE CE PRIMARY SCHOOL WEEK 3 LUNCH MENU

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2 Slices of Texas BBQ Pizza (V) served with Baked Beans, Seasonal Vegetables or Coleslaw	Oven Baked Sausage Roll or Cheese & Onion Roll, Mashed Potato served with Baked Beans or Seasonal Vegetables	Chicken or Quorn in a Katsu Curry Sauce served with Rice, Naan Bread & Seasonal Vegetables	Spaghetti Bolognese served with Seasonal Vegetables	Cod/Salmon Fish Fingers 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
Toffee Cake	Golden Crunch Biscuit	Chocolate Mudslide Cookie	Watermelon Wedge or Biscuit	Rice Crispy Cookie



AVAILABLE DAILY: FRESHLY MADE SALAD, FRESH BREAD, FRUIT YOGHURT, FRESH FRUIT, CHILLED WATER
FOR ALLERGEN INFORMATION, PLEASE ASK ONE OF OUR CATERING TEAM

Birthdays

**JITA,
ARIANWEN,
DANIEL,
OSCAR, MABEL,
JENNA AND
GWEN!**

Many happy returns
to all our birthday
buddies!

We hope you enjoy
your birthday book!

**LETTING THEIR
LIGHT SHINE!**

Maisie ran in her first ever 5km park run last Saturday and completed it in 28 minutes 42 seconds! She came 2nd in her age group!



Willow got star of the week at Razzmatazz this week and got to look after Pearl, the Razzmatazz Bear!



Grayson received 2 certificates for smashing it in swimming!



Isaac progressed to yellow belt in kickboxing!



Rose played in a tournament and was awarded tennis player of the week!

Oscar received a trophy for being the most enthusiastic Cub at the Gang Show!



Let's Celebrate

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

Alys H

Madison F

Henry G

Vova K

Isla S

Amelia R

Ayan E

Oscar S

Lily P

Michael F

Jaden E

Lawson S

Poppy S

Lilly H

Key Dates

11th March	Geography Workshop 3.45pm
17th March	Year 4 Brass Concert (2.20pm)
18th March	Y2 Curriculum Showcase at All Saints' Church
20th March	Non-uniform Day for Comic Relief
24th March	Non-uniform Day for Easter Donations
24th March	Reception/KS1 PTA Disco (3.20pm-4.30pm)
24th March	KS2 PTA Disco (4.45pm-5.45pm)
24th March	Easter Lunch
1st April	Easter Service at All Saints' Church (Pupils only)
1st April	Year 4 Trip
2nd - 19th April	School Holidays
28th April	Midsummer Night's Dream 6pm
29th April	Y2 Curriculum Showcase at All Saints' Church
30th April	Midsummer Night's Dream 6pm

Contact us



01244 323890



admin@hooleceprimary.cheshire.sch.uk



www.hooleceprimary.co.uk





Marriage MOT

Thursday 12th March

7.30pm - 9.30pm

All Saints Church Centre

After the success of the first Marriage MOT last year we are running another session. These sessions are stand alone sessions so don't worry if you didn't attend the first evening.

Whether you have been married for 5 minutes or what feels like a life time, this night is for you!

A chance to invest in your marriage over coffee and cake.

No group work. One off event.

Speak to Gemma for more information.

Click [HERE](#) to sign up

as

all saints hoole

THE COUNTES CHARITY

ACTIVITIES FROM 12 NOON

CHESTER DUCK RACE

SATURDAY
25th APRIL
2026 AT 3PM

RIVER DEE
THE GROVES
CHESTER

Colouring competition | Hook a Duck | Face Painting & More

Details

Duck Sponsorship
£275

To sponsor or find out more information contact

emma.boylan1@nhs.net
01244366240



EVENT SUPPORTED BY Cheshire West and Chester

In support of the Extra Mile Appeal. Providing additional pieces of equipment over and above core NHS provision

KidsBank Chester

KidsBank Summer Uniform Referrals Now Open

Our Summer Uniform Referrals will be open from

Monday 2nd March - Monday 30th March

Families needing support can **self-refer** for school uniform.

KidsBank can provide the following uniform items via our Summer Uniform Referral Forms

- Polo Shirts
- Shirts
- Gingham Summer Dresses
- Uniform Shorts
- Uniform Skirts
- School Shoes

This is a free service available to families.

Please share this information with families at your school who may benefit from support with uniform for their primary school aged children.

Uniform Referrals will be delivered directly to families during the school holidays before the start of the summer term.

West Cheshire Athletic Club Schools Cross Country Race Series 2025/26

At Ellesmere Port Sports Village, Stanney Lane,
Ellesmere Port,

Registration from 9.30am for school years 3 & 4
And from 10am for school years 5-8.
First Race Starts at 10am.

Dates of Fixtures:

Saturday, October 18

Saturday, November 29

Saturday, January 31

Saturday, March 7

Race Order for the following Girls and Boys year groups:
Year Three, Year Four, Year Five, Year Six, Year Seven, Year Eight.

Medals will be presented to the first three finishers in each race.

The first three finishers from each school in each race will count as a team towards a team score based on their positions, and the team event will be held over four rounds.

Awards will also be presented to the top three finishers overall in each age group after four rounds.

Each pupil from each school will be provided with a race number which should be attached to the front of their T-shirt/vest.

Each participating school should provide a representative/parent/team manager at each round.
Further details from Dennis Wall at West Cheshire AC.
Tel: 07968 643038. Email: dennis.wall@ntlworld.com