

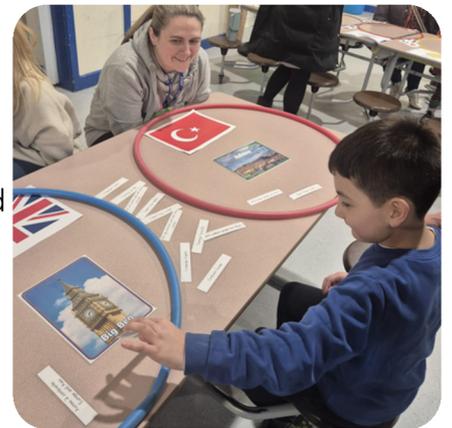


Message from Headteacher

A huge thank you to everyone who supported our Geography Workshop on Wednesday this week.

It was a pleasure to see pupils and staff celebrating the quality of learning in Geography. There was a range of interactive games and quizzes for our visitors to enjoy. We even had exploding volcano demonstrations!

Thanks to Miss Hildebrandt and Mrs Kelly for organising the workshop.



Upcoming activities

We have a lot going on between now and the Easter break. Please see the dates list and the Easter flyer for everything that is happening in school.

Show time!

Next Thursday, children in Years 1-6 will enjoy a show called The Mask Inside My Head. The show is inspired by the real stories and experiences of young carers in Cheshire and we have secured this free performance as a result of our work with the charity Cheshire Young Carers.

App Changes

Please be aware that the School Gateway App and SIMS Parent Lite App will be unavailable from midnight on Sunday 15th March 2026.

These systems will be taken offline to enable our IT team to migrate all our data onto a new fully integrated pupil management system. Please note, the School Spider App will still be available during this period.

We have taken parental feedback on board. This change reflects our commitment to reducing the amount of different information and payment systems we operate, to simplify processes for parents and carers.

Message from Headteacher

During the period of data migration, 16th March to 20th April 2026, you will be unable to top up your child's dinner accounts nor update your child's details online. Before maintenance takes place, I would kindly ask that:

1. Any dinner accounts currently in arrears be brought to a ZERO balance.
2. Please do not make any overpayments to your child's dinner accounts.

Once the data has been fully migrated, parents will be issued with new logins to the Compass School Manager App and a step-by-step parent guide. Once the Compass Parent Portal/App is live, you will be able to credit any accounts which have gone into arrears during the system downtime. Staff will be available to support parents/carers to navigate the new system and where needed, to facilitate the top up of accounts.

We understand the inconvenience this may cause you, and we appreciate your understanding. If you have any queries or concerns regarding the content of this letter, please do not hesitate to contact the School Office

School Dinner Price Increase

From Wednesday 1st April 2026, the cost of school meals for pupils who pay in Key Stage 2 (Years 3 - 6) will be £3.00.

Children in Reception, Years 1 and 2 are entitled to a free school lunch under the Universal Free School Meal Scheme and will not be affected.

Families with children in Key Stage 2 who are receiving any of the following benefits, may be also entitled to Free School Meals:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 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)

If you feel you may be entitled to Free School Meals, you can arrange this by contacting Cheshire West and Chester Council on 0300 1237021 or apply online at www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk.

Class Worship

This week's class based worship reflected on the robots that danced as part of the Chinese Lunar New Year Gala.

We talked about how robots are used in everyday life and how we might use them even more in the future. We talked about the fact that they can be helpful and can do amazing things, but that they do not replace people. We talked about our uniqueness and value to one another and to God.

Questions you could ask your child

How are robots similar to people? How are they different?
If you had a robot, what would you like it to do?
Should robots be made to look like people or not? Why?



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.

next week

Invitation

**YEAR 4 BRASS
CONCERT**

AT HOOLE CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

17 March | 2.20pm | School Hall
2026

BRITISH SCIENCE WEEK

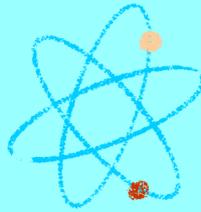
COMPETITION

We are so proud of our super scientists here at Hoole!

A team of four children were nominated to represent our school from Year 5 and 6. Niall, Harrison, Zara and Sam T-F battled with technology at first missing the first four questions of the quiz but that did not put them off. Perseverance was the name of the game! They battled with over 170 other schools Nationwide.

Their perseverance paid off and they are through to the semi-finals in April! The Grand Final is going to be held at Oxford University so please keep everything crossed for the next round.

SEMI FINALS HERE
WE COME!



Easter Lunch

EASTER LUNCH

Wednesday 25th March



To celebrate Easter we will be serving an Easter Sausage* Nest with a Yorkshire Pudding, roasted and mashed potatoes, peas, carrots and gravy, along with special Easter biscuits!

*pork and quorn sausages available

WHY

DON'T YOU?



New Workshop

Children in Years 2 & 3 are invited to a new Why Don't You workshop to learn how to make 3D greetings cards! The workshop will take place on Tuesday 21st April, 3.15pm - 4.15pm.

Places may be booked online via School Spider. Please note that whilst we will take as many children as we can, places are limited and so it is advisable to book a place as soon as possible.

Please be aware that, as this is a free event and the sessions are likely to be absolutely full, so log on to School Spider to secure your child's place today!

THIS WEEK...

Ariel made an incredible model of a space shuttle



Alice created an incredible map of the land in her favourite book, and made a spongy bear and a ship in a bottle!



Isla wrote a book about a pet cat and made a pin-cushion!



Daisy made salt dough dinosaur fossils!



SPORTS NEWS



Netball

It was an exciting and nail-biting afternoon of netball as our teams faced Mickle Trafford. The Year 4 team put in a fantastic effort in a very close match, narrowly losing 6-7 after a tense final few minutes. Every goal counted and the players showed great determination right until the final whistle.

The excitement continued with the Year 5/6 match, which was just as competitive. Both teams battled hard throughout, with the lead changing several times before the game ended in a well-deserved draw. It was a thrilling set of matches that kept everyone on the edge of their seats and showcased excellent teamwork and sportsmanship from all players involved.



Hockey

On Thursday, our hockey team travelled to Alderley Edge to compete in the county finals. We were up against the best teams in Cheshire and did extremely well. We won four matches, drew one and lost two.

Mrs Millington and Mr Hodgkiss were impressed with the skills demonstrated by the team and how well they all played together. We were really proud of them.

Huge congratulations to George, Niall, Elin, Theo and Lexi.



SPORTS NEWS



Cross Country

It was the final race of the Cross Country Series this weekend and we had a fantastic team. Well done to all the runners, Charles, Eleanor, Arianwen, David, Xander, Niall, Logan, Johnny and Gleb.

A special mention to Niall and Logan who came 1st and 2nd in their race- they were the clear leaders in the field. Also to Arianwen who can 2nd in her race after a sprint finish and a battle for top two spots. Amazing achievements!

A huge thank you and well done to all the runners who have been out on a Saturday morning to represent the school.

You have been amazing!

We are waiting for all the points to be added up but we think we may have won the Year 6 boys' team event - we will let you know when the results are in!

Football

It was mixed fortunes on Tuesday when Huntington Primary School came to play us in league games. The Year 3-4 team faired better with a narrow 1-0 victory. The Year 5-6 team however faced very strong opposition and unfortunately lost but they gave it their all. Well done for your effort teams.



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- 3 Get the app

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

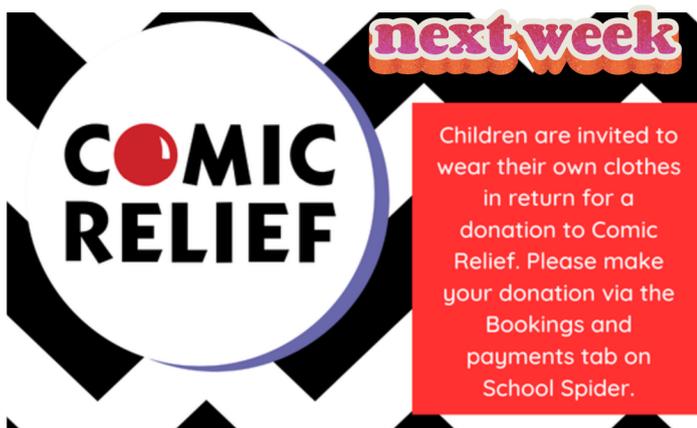
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Get the app now and choose to support Hoole CofE Primary School's PTA once installed!

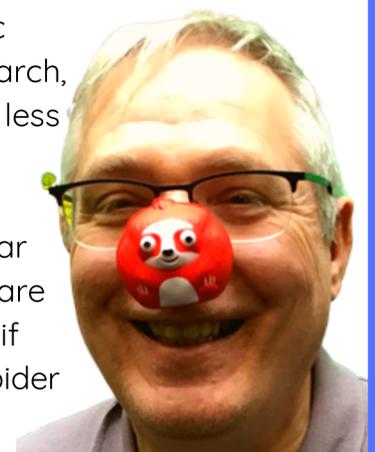


Non-uniform Day for Comic Relief

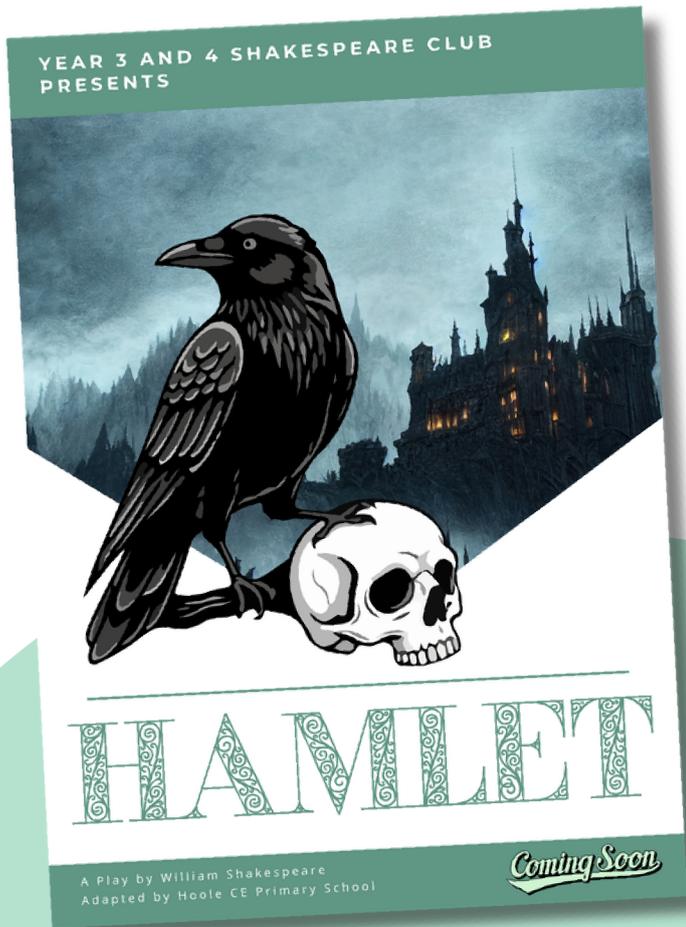


We are supporting Comic Relief next Friday, 20th March, to raise funds for families less fortunate than ourselves.

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



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

Geography Workshop

It was lovely to see so many faces join us at our Geography Workshop earlier this week. We hope you enjoyed finding out all about the fascinating facts from around the world, that the children have been working so hard to learn throughout this academic year.



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.

LAST SHOUT!

RECEPTION & KS1 DISCO



24TH MARCH
TUESDAY | 3.20 PM
TICKETS AVAILABLE VIA SCHOOL SPIDER
HOOLE CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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.

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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.

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1 MILE RUN

WINNERS THIS WEEK

**TEAM 5S
and TEAM 1J**



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

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



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
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

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HOOLE CE PRIMARY SCHOOL WEEK 1 LUNCH MENU

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Thin & Crispy Margherita Pizza (V) served with Potato Wedges, Baked Beans, Seasonal Vegetables or Coleslaw	Pork Sausage or Quorn Pattie Brunch served with Hash Browns & Baked Beans	Mild Chicken or Quorn Curry served with Rice, Naan Bread & Seasonal Vegetables	Tomato & Mascarpone Cheese Pasta (V) served with Crusty Bread & Seasonal Vegetables	Battered 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
Fruit and vanilla ice cream	Shortbread	Chocolate Crispy Cake	Melon Medley or Biscuit	Melting Moment



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

Birthdays

**PHOEBE,
HARRISON,
OLIVER, AMY,
CHRISTOPHER
CAN &
RUHAANI!**

Many happy returns
to all our birthday
buddies!

We hope you enjoy
your birthday book!

LETTING THEIR
LIGHT SHINE!



Arthur plays for
Mold Rugby Club
and was awarded
Man of the Match!



Chris was awarded 'Players player
of the Match' last weekend from his
team mates at Chester Nomads for
his all round performance and
scoring the winning goal!



Oscar had a great
adventure last weekend,
experimenting survival as
a soldier in the woods!

Let's Celebrate

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

Finn H

George C

Mateo C

Mae C

Beau R

Poppy S

Harrison M

Astitva D

Bodhi G

George P

Hettie J

Seth S

Key Dates

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
4th May	Bank Holiday (school closed)

Contact us



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www.hooleceprimary.co.uk



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



ACTIVITIES FROM 12 NOON

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2026-27

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U12 - TUES 28 APRIL 5:00 - 7:00 @SWHS
 U14 - FRI 1 MAY - 6:30 - 8:30 @EPSV
 U16 - MON 27 APRIL - 7:00 - 10:00 @EPSV
 U18 - WED 29 APRIL - 6:30 - 8:30 @EPSV
 U19 GIRLS - FRI 1 MAY - 7:00 - 9:00 @SWHS

REGISTER HERE
<https://formurl.com/to/phoenix-trials>
 £8 per session

CHESHIRE PHOENIX TRIALS

2026-27

U11 & U12 GIRLS

SOUTH WIRRAL HIGH SCHOOL

SATURDAY 2ND MAY
 10:00 - 12:00

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