



Message from Headteacher

What a Week!

We have enjoyed another very busy time in school again this week.

A team of athletes from our school family represented us in a local cross-country competition on Monday after school. Their performance was outstanding and we are so proud of the effort and perseverance they showed.

Tuesday saw Year four in action! Over the last ten weeks, pupils have enjoyed music lessons where they have learnt to play different brass instruments. On Tuesday afternoon, they performed a concert for their families playing a variety of tunes including 'We Will Rock You.'

Year two children visited All Saints Church for their Learning Showcase on Wednesday. Pupils took great pride sharing their learning in such beautiful surroundings.

A huge thank you to all of the parents, carers and family members who have joined us to celebrate and share their children's achievements with us this week.



Showtime

Years 3-6 enjoyed a play called The Mask Inside My Head yesterday afternoon. The show is inspired by the real stories and experiences of young carers in Cheshire and explores the "mask" of normalcy young people wear to hide their caring pressures and highlights the strength it sometime takes to complete daily challenges, like caring for family members.

We secured this free performance as a result of our work with the charity Cheshire Young Carers.



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Smartphone Free Childhood Newsletter

Please take the time to read the Smartphone Free Childhood newsletter sent out via email on Wednesday this week. This contains some useful information and also confirms our approach to mobile phones being brought in to school from September 2026.

Impressive Artwork

On the table just inside the internal front door to school, Mrs Elston has created a wonderful display of the artwork and models made by children for a national competition. There are some very impressive and creative pictures to enjoy. Please feel free to stop by and take a look.



Scarlet Fever

I am aware of some cases of Scarlet Fever in the local area. Please be alert to the symptoms. You can find them via this link www.nhs.uk/conditions/scarlet-fever/

School Dinner Price Increase

Just a reminder that 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.

Chester Duck Race



We are so excited to once again, be joining in with the Chester Duck race on the river Dee this year!

The Art Ambassadors have been asking pupils if they can guess what our duck theme is this year - only Mrs Elston knows!!

Here are some of the children's predictions - the earth, puffa fish, scientist, Harry Potter, submarine, Roman, pirate, dinosaur, alien, William Shakespeare, marine biologist, Viking and Mrs Flanders!



Year 4 Brass Concert



Year 4 parents and carers were treated to a performance from our Year 4 Brass Orchestra earlier this week.

Over the last 10 weeks, children in Year 4 have been learning brass instruments and this week performed for a live audience. The children performed, amongst others, Queen's famous song, We Will Rock You, and children shared what they had learnt about music.

We are so proud of their efforts and commitment to learning an instrument.



App Changes

Just a reminder that the School Gateway App and SIMS Parent Lite App are now unavailable for parents and carers to use.

These systems have been 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 is still available however parents will need to create a new account. An email with a link to do this was sent to all parents this morning.

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.

During the period of data migration, 16th March to 20th April 2026, **you will be unable to top up your child's dinner accounts or update your child's details online.**

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 lunch 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.

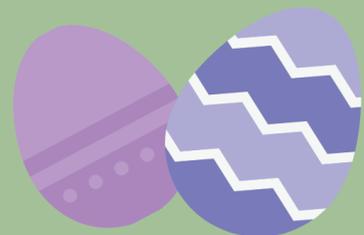
We understand the inconvenience this may cause you, and we appreciate your understanding. If you have any queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the School Office

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

SPORTS NEWS

Cross Country

On Monday, our cross country team ran against 20 other schools at Ellesmere Port Sports Village. All the children performed really well!

Year 3/4 competitors: Toby, Chris, Charles, Eleanor, Ivy, Eva

Year 5/6 competitors: Elin, Thea, Logan, Niall, Nancy, Xander, David, Arianwen

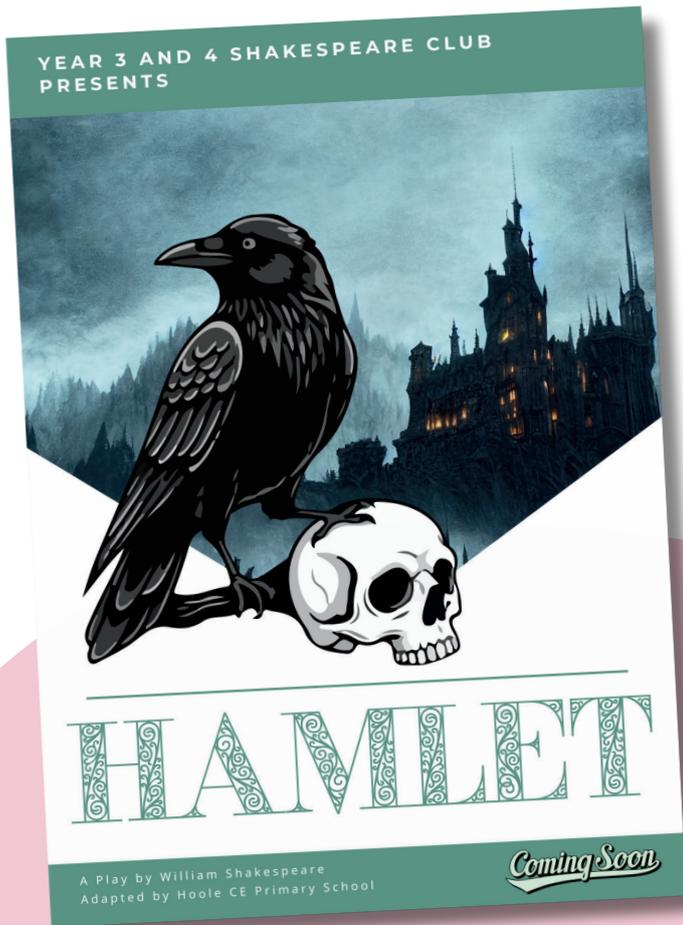
Niall came first in his race, Logan came 4th, Arianwen came 10th and Toby came 12th!

We will find out about the team results very soon.

A special mention to Charles who stopped to help another child who had fallen. A teacher from Farndon called to tell us how amazing Charles had been - we are very proud of him!



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 search for 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.

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

YEAR 1 PHONICS PARENT WORKSHOP

Join us to find out more about the Year One Phonics Screening Check and what this will look like for your child!

Book your place on School Spider today!

Tuesday
31st March
4pm-4.45pm

HOOLE CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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.

1 MILE RUN

WINNERS THIS WEEK

**TEAM 1H
and TEAM 6B**



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 30th 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
MATTHEW

3
GLEB

YOU ROCK

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
1st May	Team 3U
8th May	Team 2C
15th May	Team 1J
21st May	Team 5S
5th June	Team 4JK
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



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	 <p>EASTER Lunch Sausages, Yorkshire pudding, roast/mashed potato, peas, carrots, gravy & an Easter biscuit</p>	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
Tomato & Herb Pasta Pot	Tomato & Mascarpone 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
Caramel Crispy Bar	Butterscotch Biscuit		Apple & Grape Pot or Biscuit	Ginger Biscuit



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

Birthdays

RIVER,
CONNIE, OTIS,
MABEL,
LAYLA-ROSE,
SETH, TAWSIF
& LIBBY!

Many happy returns
to all our birthday
buddies!

We hope you enjoy
your birthday book!

LETTING THEIR
LIGHT SHINE!



Harrison achieved his purple belt for his martial arts!



Kitty passed her piano exam with flying colours!



Ahmet is Chester Rugby Under 7s Star of the Week!



George was awarded Man of the Match!



Harvey was awarded superstar trainer at his football club, The Amber's, Chester Nomads training!

Let's Celebrate

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

Harrison O

Arianwen S

Esme W

Ernie S

Connor M

Max G

Archer A

Taher U

James L F

Maisie G

Beau R

Jessica B

Phoebe W

Harry W

Key Dates

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)
5th May	Hamlet
6th May	Year 1 Showcase
7th May	Hamlet

Contact us



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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



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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.

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

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