



Message from Headteacher

Weather this week

Wow – it has been a hot one! I thank everyone for keeping on going this week. Children and staff have persevered and shown innovation with their ideas for staying cool in the heat. Please be assured that we explored every possible strategy to avoid rescheduling the Year 6 sports event as I appreciate the inconvenience that this late change causes for working parents/carers.

However, given the extreme heat forecast for Thursday, I took the decision that it would be irresponsible to continue with this event when we could reschedule it when more favourable conditions prevailed.

Please accept our apologies for the inconvenience caused by this change which was made in the best interests of the children, spectators and staff.

We are on TV again!

A delegation of pupils participated in filming for BBC Songs of Praise, alongside our friends and grand-friends from Belong in Chester.

The episode featuring Miss Carter and the children is being aired this Sunday (28th June) on BBC1 at 1.15pm.

Swimming

Swimming has gone...well...swimmingly this week! Pupils have been sensible in the changing areas and during lessons.

Some Year 6 pupils have also been attending swimming sessions at Northgate Arena to ensure that they have developed their skills before leaving primary education.

Thank you for reinforcing at home the conduct and behaviour we expect when children are accessing these free lessons in school.



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School Food Group

Parents and carers are aware that children have a strong voice in the work of our school.

This week, representatives met with Richard Scott, a catering manager with Edsential, the company which provides our school meals.

During the meeting, which was also attended by our Marie, our Catering Supervisor, children gave their opinions and feedback on school meals and our menu.

After this meeting, children then conducted a survey to shape our three weekly menu for the next academic year. The results of this survey have been sent to Mr Scott and information will be sent to families when the menus have been checked and finalised.

Representatives of the School Food Group did an excellent job in expressing their views and canvassing other children for their opinions. I was so proud with the manner in which they conducted themselves in the meeting and followed this up with the survey.

A huge thank you to Oscar H, Lily M, William R, Ben M, Molly T, Connie C, Oliver L and Rose G for their efforts.

Chester Diocesan Learning Trust – Update

There has been a lot going on with Chester Learning Diocesan Trust over recent weeks!

Senior leaders for all of the CDLT schools have accessed two days of expert support, reviewing self evaluation and school improvement planning processes in line with the Ofsted inspection framework and the latest research.

We have enjoyed another visit from Gail Webb MBE, our CDLT link trustee. Mrs Webb, who also attended both of our Shakespeare shows earlier this year, spent a morning meeting staff and talking to groups of children about their learning and aspects of school life. She was most impressed to read Year 6 writing – thanks to Lena Z, Sam T-F and Matthew P who discussed their work with her.

CDLT have purchased a system for all school which helps to evaluate and assess children's writing. We are in the process of installing this and it will be fully operational from September onwards.

Next week, five pupil Ambassadors will meet with the CEO, Sara Lawrenson, at Capenhurst Village Hall for a summit where they will launch our Trust song and plan projects for all pupils across all of the CDLT schools to engage with.

CDLT are also seeking to internally appoint a CDLT SEND lead. This is an exciting opportunity to support the Trust on a part-time basis to develop systems for inclusion across all schools. This offers a great opportunity for SEND leads from the CDLT founding schools to shape the offer across the Trust for part of the working week, whilst remaining in their own school.

Lots of exciting things happening!

Class Arrangements in September

Please see below for the arrangements for classes from September. Mrs Watling will cover Miss Rennock's maternity leave. Mrs Flanders will teach 3S for the latter part of the week (Thursday and Friday).

Current Class Name	Current Class Teacher(s)	<u>New Class Name from September</u>	<u>New Class Teacher(s) from September</u>
RM	Miss McDonald	1H	Miss Hildebrandt
RW	Mrs Walsh	1J	Mrs Jeffs
1H	Miss Hildebrandt	2EI	Mrs Inns & Mrs Elston
1J	Mrs Jeffs	2C	Miss Carter
2C	Miss Carter	3S	Mrs Stirk & Mrs Flanders
2K	Mrs King	3U	Mr Underhill
3EI	Mrs Inns & Mrs Elston	4K	Mrs King
3U	Mr Underhill	4JK	Mrs Jones & Mrs Kelly
4C	Mrs Stirk	5R	Miss Rennocks (Mrs Watling covering maternity leave from October 2026)
4SJ	Mrs Jones & Mrs Kelly	5S	Mrs Salisbury
5R	Miss Rennocks	6B	Miss Buckley
5S	Mrs Salisbury	6M	Mrs Millington

Children will have the opportunity to spend a day with their new teacher on 8th July.

We will hold Meet the Teacher sessions during the first week back in September. During the session families will meet your child's teacher and learn more about your child's learning in the new school year.

Meet the Teacher sessions are scheduled for Thursday 3rd September.

Ice Pop Sale

Children from Reception, Year 1, 5 and 6 will have the opportunity to buy an ice pop at break time next Thursday from Titanic Ice, one of our fabulous Enterprise Club businesses.

If your child would like to purchase one, please bring in 50p on the day.

Please ensure your child brings the correct change.



Swimming Lessons: Week 2

Your child's swimming session days are shown on the swimming rota below.

We sent a letter home last week to notify you of your child's group and the week 2 swimming rota was sent home in children's book bags yesterday.

Please note that swimming lessons for Reception classes will start next week.

The week 3 rota will be sent out next week.



W/B 29th June 2026															
Week 2	8.45-9.15	9.15-9.45	9.45-10.15	10.15-10.45	10.45-11.00	11.00-11.30	11.30-12pm	12pm-12.30	12.30-1pm	1pm-1.30pm	1.30-2pm	2pm -2.30	2.30-2.45	2.45 -3.15	3.15-3.45
					Break				Break				Break		
Monday	10	11	12	2		27	28	1		8	9	7		22	
Tuesday	23	35	36	37		38	7	4		39	40	41		13	
Wednesday	5	30	31	32		33	34	1		29	25	26		3	
Thursday	24	35	36	37		39	40	21		41	38	22		23	
Friday	6	15	16	17		19	13	14		18	20	24		2	

Equipment Needed

Your child will need to bring the following on their swimming day:

Essential

- Swimming costume
- Towel
- Carrier bag to put wet clothing into after swimming



For religious or cultural reasons, if your child needs to, they may enter the pool wearing leggings, long or short sleeved t-shirts or shorts either over or instead of a swimming costume. This is also an option for older pupils or those who may be body conscious.

Swimming Lessons continued



Optional or if you have them

- Goggles if they wish to wear them

- A swimming hat if they have one – please note that we have these in school so, if your child does not currently have one, they can borrow one from school.

Recommended but not essential (please don't go out and buy these specially)

- Flip flops, crocs or similar shoes which can be slipped on to walk from the changing areas to the pool

- A dressing gown or long hoodie to wear walking to and from the pool.

PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE ENSURE THAT ANY CLOTHING YOUR CHILD BRINGS IS CLEARLY MARKED WITH THEIR NAMES IN.

If your child has long hair, please ensure that it is tied back on the days they are swimming. This will speed up getting swimming hats on.

If your child is a confident swimmer, they will participate in life saving and other challenges. Your child may need to bring, for example, clothing to swim in. If this is the case, you will be notified.

We look forward to seeing all pupils enjoying the pool and building up their skills.

Class Photographs

The School Photographer (Tempest) will be in school next Friday, 3rd July, to take professional class photographs of the children.

A letter containing the class photograph image will be sent to parents after the event, with instructions of how to order a copy online. No pupil names will be attached to the image.

If you do not want your child to take part in the class photograph, please contact us via email to admin@hooleceprimary.cheshire.sch.uk by Friday 26th June. If you are happy for your child to be included in the class photograph, you do not need to do anything.

The image will not be shared any further by school. School cannot be held responsible for parents sharing the image further, however we encourage parents not to share images containing other children on social media platforms.

On the day, please ensure that your child is wearing full uniform, including school jumper/Year 6 Leavers Hoodie or cardigan. If your child has PE on that day, please send their kit in a bag.

As **Year 2** are on their school trip on 3rd July, Tempest will return on the morning of Monday 6th July to take their class photographs. Again, please send children in their full uniforms on the day.

THE HOOLE CE PRIMARY SCHOOL COLOUR RUN RETURNS!



**FROM 3.40 ONWARDS
TUESDAY 21ST JULY 2026**

After last year's successful event, we are very excited to announce we will be holding another Colour Run, which will be held after school on Tuesday 21st July!

If you are not aware of colour runs, they are a fun run (or walk) where participants are doused with different coloured vibrant powders at various points along a course. The colourful powders are made from corn starch. The event is designed to be exciting and inclusive, with an emphasis on a fun memorable experience rather than speed.

If you would like to take part, the charge for each participant (adult or child) is £6.50. Every bit of money raised will be reinvested in our school.

For safety reasons, a parent or carer must run with their child.

The maximum ratio for children running with an adult is 1 adult to 4 children. The £6.50 charge will include a drink and snack for each participant.

- All participants must wear some sort of eye protection such as sunglasses or goggles to avoid the coloured powder getting into eyes.
- All participants should wear a plain white or very light coloured t-shirt and others clothes/shoes you don't mind getting paint on and are suitable for running in.
- Family members that are participating should collect their children after school as normal and then make their way to the school field where they will be registered.
- **All participants must complete the waiver & payment on the School Spider app, by Friday 3rd July.** If we do not receive your waiver by the deadline, you will not be able to participate.
- Please bring the clothes to participate in with you after school and a carrier bag to pop your stained clothes into change into after the run.
- There is an option to buy small extra pouches of powder (100g) to create your own colour cloud to throw for personal photographs, at the end of the course. Your order can be made on the School Spider app.

MIDSUMMER MAGIC HITS THE STREETS!



We had an absolute blast participating in the spectacular Midsummer Watch Parade last weekend, in celebration of the Summer Solstice!

The streets were a burst of colour with all sorts of magical beings, such as dragons, angels, unicorns, hobby horses, St Werburgh (and her geese), Green Men, Cernunnus the Celtic lord of the forest and of course, the Chester Ravens (us)!



Did you know, the medieval parade is one of the country's oldest, dating from 1498! Chester is unique for parading an entire family of 4-metre-tall giants (Father, Mother, and two daughters) constructed from buckram, willow, and pasteboard.



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



Sports Days

Here's the timetable for our Sports Days! (weather permitting)

Reception	Tuesday 14 th July	9.30 AM
Year 1	Wednesday 15 th July	9.30 AM
Year 2	Friday 17 th July	11AM
Year 3	Wednesday 1 st July	1.45 PM
Year 4	Thursday 9 th July	9.30 AM
Year 5	Tuesday 14 th July	1.45 PM
Year 6	Thursday 2nd July (*new date)	9.30 AM

Parents and carers are welcome to join us on their children's Sports Days and cheer along! Please enter school via the Sports Field gates.

AM - gates will open at 9.15am for a 9.30am start.
PM - gates open at 1.30pm for 1.45pm start.

Please ensure that all children in **Reception, Year 1, 3, 4, 5 and 6** come to school wearing their PE kits and sun cream, and bring a filled water bottle and a sun cap.

Year 2's Sports Day is slightly different as it is also their Graduation Service the same morning. We will set off to church just after registration. Parents are invited to walk with their child to our Graduation Service at All Saints' Church, which starts at 9.40am.

We will walk back to school after the service and then have Sports Day at approximately 11am.

Year 2 children will need to come to school dressed in their uniform, with their shorts and trainers in a bag to change into.



Sports Days



Enterprise Club

This term we have started a new club - Enterprise Club - the aim of which is to teach children about enterprise and all the skills involved in being successful. As part of the club, children form mini enterprise groups which seek to plan, organise and lead activities that will raise money for our school funds. The children learn about costs and profits as well as market research and marketing.

We have a number of projects happening including:

- Titanic Ices - selling ice pops for 50p - next Thursday for Years R, 1, 5 and 6
- Juice Boost - selling cold drinks at sports day for £1
- Make and Take - running craft sessions where children can pay £1 to make a paper/card craft in school on July 7th for EYFS and Key Stage 1 and July 14th for Key Stage 2
- Sweets and Treats who will be selling cakes and sweet cones after the colour run.

We are really proud of how hard the children have worked in preparing their market research, designing their sales posters and preparing for their sales.

One of the key aims of financial education is that children learn they have the power to choose what they spend their money on and that some things cost money. Children do not have to take part in any of these, or purchase anything if they do not wish to, but if they wish to, they are welcome to.



Free School Meals – Important Update

From September 2026, changes are being made to Free School Meals.

✓ You may now be eligible – even if you weren't before. From the start of the 2026/27 school year, all children from households in receipt of Universal Credit will be entitled to receive a free school meal.

🕒 Apply as soon as possible to avoid disruption

🔗 Apply here:

www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/residents/education-and-learning/free-school-meals

Year 6 High School Advice

Year 6 welcomed our wonderful Governor and friend, Mr Avery, this afternoon, who talked to them about their move to high school,

Leaving primary school and starting high school can be an exciting time for some pupils. For others it may create feelings of anxiety and worry about the change.

There are some wonderful guides and videos for parents and carers on the year 6 class page of the school website too.

www.hooleceprimary.co.uk/class/year-6

A big thank you to Mr Avery for helping settle their minds and preparing them for the changes to come.



Times Tables Rockstar Championship



Next Week's School Dinner Menu

Provided by
Edsential

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

THOMAS,
ASTRID,
ISABELLE,
ALICE-ATEYKA
OSCAR H, LOUIS
OSCAR M,
ARTHUR &
ELLIE!

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

**LETTING THEIR
LIGHT SHINE!**

Eva and Alice play for Upton Juniors and won a football tournament!



Emily was awarded a certificate from razzmatazz following her performance in the Stars and Stories show!

Lilly won 7 rosettes last weekend at a horse riding show - WOW!



Ahmet received his end of season medal from Newton Athletic Football



Ivy and her team mates (The Pumas) won the Macclesfield Town FC summer tournament on Sunday!



Martha took part in a dance show last weekend at the Brindley Theatre for her tap and ballet!

Let's Celebrate

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

Lily M

Arya U

Elmina A

Aadhira G

Daniel W

Louie S

Jessie J

Isla T

Key Dates

1st July	Year 3 Sports Day PM
2nd July	Year 6 Sports Day AM
3rd July	Class Photographs
3rd July	Year 2 Trip & Sleepover
6th July	Year 2 Class Photographs
7th July	Year 6 Production 6pm
9th July	Year 6 Production 6pm
9th July	Early Help Navigator outside from 8.30am
9th July	Year 4 Sports Day AM
14th July	Reception Sports Day AM
14th July	Year 5 Sports Day PM
15th July	Year 1 Sports Day AM
15th July	Year 6 Leaver's Service 2pm at All Saints' Church
15th July	Parent Drop-in with Reports Queries from 3.30pm

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KidsBank Chester

KidsBank Autumn Uniform Referrals Now Open

Our Autumn Uniform Referrals will be open from

Monday 1st June - Monday 27th July

Families with primary school age children can **self-refer** for support with school uniform for the new school year.

KidsBank can provide the following non-branded (without school logos) uniform items via our Autumn Uniform Referral Forms

- Polo Shirts
- Shirts
- Jumpers
- Cardigans
- Uniform Trousers
- Uniform Skirts
- Uniform Pinafores
- Uniform Shorts
- School Shoes
- Backpacks
- Lunch Boxes
- Water Bottles

This is a free service available to families.

HOOLE ALLOTMENTS SUMMER FAYRE & OPEN DAY



Reset & Restore

Evenings of calm connection for women



Friday 10 July
7 - 8.30pm

Investment:
£15 (inc tea & cake)

Hoole
Community
Centre

A restorative evening of meditation, breathwork and nervous system regulation to help busy mums find some peace and calm.

Booking link: bit.ly/reset_restore