

BACK TO SCHOOL 2026



Message from Headteacher

I am looking forward to welcoming everyone to school on Wednesday 2nd September. I am excited to extend a special welcome to families with children joining us in Reception and our new starters in other year groups.

Before I go any further, I would like to send a huge thank you again for all of the gifts, cards and staffroom treats donated for the staff team and myself before the summer break. The generosity of our families is astounding and your support is greatly appreciated.

This newsletter is being sent in advance of the return to school to ensure that families have all of the information they need for a smooth start to the school year. I hope that this will be informative and helpful to you.

First days of term including information for new families of new starters in Reception and other year groups

The school office will be open on Tuesday 1st September if you have any questions.

The Uniform Union will also be open – please feel free to browse and take whatever you need. The Uniform Union holds extensive stocks of pre-loved uniform, PE kit, school shoes and sports shoes in a variety of sizes. You may leave a donation if you wish to but you do not have to – all we ask is that if you ever have any preloved uniform in good condition that you will pass it on to us.

On the first day back, Wednesday 2nd September, there are a few things going on to note. Firstly, in response to feedback from staff and families last year, **Reception children will start at 9.15am and finish at 2.45pm. This is for the first day only.** Staff will be on the playground to welcome you, help families to find their way to Reception and begin to settle children in.

Children joining our school in other year groups should attend at the usual school timings from the first day onwards (please see page 7 of this newsletter for information about the timings of our school day).

From 9.25am onwards, parents/carers of Reception children are invited to join us for informal refreshments in the school hall. This is a great opportunity to come and get to know some of the

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other families with children in Reception and we hope that it helps to settle those first day nerves! You do not need to register this – you are welcome to just turn up for a coffee and a chat.

Meet the Teacher sessions for parents/carers of children in Years 1 – 6

At the end of the first day (2nd September), we are holding Meet the Teacher sessions for parents/carers of children in Years 1 – 6. The first Meet the Teacher session takes place at 3.30pm and will be repeated again at 4pm.

During these meetings, staff will provide information about, for example, homework, reading, PE and outdoor learning days. You will also be provided with a Curriculum Newsletter which tell you what your child will learn over the coming term.

Where families are unable to attend, information including curriculum newsletters will be provided.

Again, if you have any further questions, please contact your child's class teacher via admin@hooleceprimary.cheshire.sch.uk.

To join us for Meet the Teacher sessions, please come in through the door by the main office and you will be directed to your child's new classroom.

Free School Meals

From September 2026, all children from households in receipt of Universal Credit will be entitled to receive a free school meal.

There will be two new groups for free school meals.

Targeted Free School Meals (FSM)	Pupils in households with annual earnings of £7,400 or less.	Eligible for other entitlements linked to free school meals including: • Holiday activities • Holiday food programme • School travel assistance
Expanded Free School Meals (FSM)	Pupils in households which receive Universal Credit but earn more than £7,400 and so don't qualify for Targeted FSM.	Receive free school meals only. Do not receive benefits listed above.

Applications for free school meal applications is now open for the academic year 2026/2027 To apply click on the link below <https://www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/residents/education-and-learning/free-school-meals>

TEA AND TISSUES

for new parents

School Hall

Wednesday
2nd September
School Hall
9.25am

New parents are invited to join us for a warm drink and a chance to meet other parents on your child's first day of school.

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Hoole CE Primary School

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Mobile Phones

Just a reminder about mobile phones in school and our revised approach based on our extensive work to canvas parental opinion.

For pupils in Year 6 from September 2026, there is no change to current arrangements. Pupils may bring phones, including smartphones, only where they are needed because children travel to and from school unaccompanied. Where children travel to and from school with family members, they do not bring phones into school.

From September 2026, for pupils up to Year 5, we strongly encourage that basic phones with no internet access are brought in. We ask that phones are only brought in when absolutely necessary – where a child is walking to and from school unaccompanied.

We express a strong preference that smart mobile phones and devices are not brought into school at all.

Where mobile devices are brought into school, parents will be asked to confirm that appropriate controls are installed.

Pupils in year groups up to and including Year four should not bring phones to school.

We are reliant on families working in partnership with us. I respectfully ask that parents and carers do cooperate to avoid undermining the school's efforts to support families in navigating this issue.

You will appreciate that we are really trying to do our best to protect our pupils' wellbeing and to support families. We acknowledge the views of those who are concerned about their children's safety on the way to and from school, as well as those who wish to delay their child's access to smart technology as long as possible. I would again urge parents/carers to look into Pinwheel (www.pinwheel.com) as this is a way of ensuring that children's use of mobile technology is safely managed with contacts carefully filtered and spam/stranger communication blocked.

Cyber-Security Day

A date for your diary – Friday 11th September.

Detective Constable Andrew Kevan from Cheshire Police Cyber Crime Unit is spending a day with us on Friday 11th September.

During the day, DC Kevan will lead age appropriate sessions with children to ensure that they understand how they can keep themselves safe when using technology.

DC Kevan will also present an information session for parents/carers on 11th September. The timing for this session is provisionally set for 3.30-4.30pm. There will be childcare available for families to ensure that as many of you as possible are able to attend this briefing.

We are in the process of finalising timings for the day and exact details will be confirmed during the first week back at school.

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Forum for Parents/Carers of children with special educational needs

We are seeking to reinvigorate our SEND Forum. If you are the parent/carers of a child with additional needs and you would like to collaborate with us on a regular basis regarding developments relating to special educational needs, please email Laura Sprowson, School Inclusion Leader, to register your interest or to find out more. Miss Sprowson can be contacted at senco@hooleceprimary.cheshire.sch.uk.

We would be grateful for expressions of interest by the end of the school day on Friday 11th September.

Clubs

We are planning an exciting programme of clubs for this term. Information will be sent to families during the first week of term about our clubs offer for this term and booking arrangements. Clubs for Reception pupils will start in the spring term once children have fully adjusted to life in school.

Parking around school

I wish to remind parents/carers to park responsibly around or school site.

Please avoid parking on double yellow lines, particularly outside the vacant offices opposite school, down Hoole Lane by the entrance to the school staff car park and at the end of Housesteads Drive. I would also urge families to park responsibly on roads surrounding the school site as parking tickets had been issued in the past to vehicles parked on Canadian Avenue.

If you come to or from school in a taxi, please encourage the driver to park responsibly without blocking pathways or stopping to wait in unsuitable positions.

School is not informed when parking enforcement officers are operating around school but this appears to be a more regular occurrence. Please avoid penalties being issued to our school community.

Thank you for your cooperation in ensuring that the roads around our school site are safe and that we maintain positive relationships with our neighbours.

PE and Forest School Days for this term

Please note that there will be no Forest School running on the first week of term, so children need to come dressed in school uniform. Forest School lessons start from Monday 7th September.

From 3rd September, PE lessons will begin, so pupils should come prepared for PE from Thursday onwards. Thank you again for your cooperation in maintaining high standards with regards to school uniform and PE kit.

A copy of weekly newsletters are available on the school website, www.hooleceprimary.co.uk, along with copies of all letters and information we send out. If you have any questions or require any additional information, please do not hesitate to get in touch with us or ask a member of staff.

Holidays during term time: What the rules mean for me



From September 2024, the new National Framework for issuing penalty notices has applied.



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



Autumn Term

Our School Day

At the start and end of the day, there are designated gates for collection for different year groups and classes.

New teacher	Team	Gate
Miss McDonald	RM	Main playground
Mrs Walsh	RW	Main playground
Miss Hildebrandt	1H	Main playground
Mrs Jeffs	1J	Main playground
Mrs Elston/Mrs Inns	2EI	Gate at side of school, closest to park
Miss Carter	2C	Gate at side of school, closest to park
Mr Underhill	3U	Gate at side of school, closest to park
Mrs Stirk	3S	Gate at side of school, closest to park
Mrs King	4K	Main playground
Mrs Jones/Mrs Kelly	4JK	Main playground
Mrs Salisbury	5S	Main playground
Miss Rennocks/Mrs Johnson	5J	Main playground
Mrs Millington	6M	Main playground
Miss Buckley	6B	Main playground

If you know you are going to be late to collect your child, or if you have arranged for someone else to collect your child, please inform us by telephone.

If your child is going to be collected by a child-minder or you have an alternative regular permanent arrangement please inform us in writing or by email.

If any child in Years 5-6 have your permission to walk home by themselves the school, parents must provide written permission to the School Office or complete the School Spider survey.

Please note that children will be marked as late if they arrive after the time registration closes.

On the first day only, children in Reception classes start school at 9.15pm and finish at 2.45pm.

	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Gates Open	8:35am	8:35am	8:35am	8:35am	8:35am	8:35am	8:35am
School Day Starts	8.45am	8.45am	8.45am	8.45am	8.45am	8.45am	8.45am
Gates Close	8.50am	8:50am	8:50am	8:50am	8:50am	8:50am	8:50am
Registers Taken	8:50am - 9am	8:50am - 9am	8:50am - 9am	8:50am - 9am	8:50am - 9am	8:50am - 9am	8:50am - 9am
Registers Close	9.20am	9.20am	9.20am	9.20am	9.20am	9.20am	9.20am
Morning Break	10-10:15am	10:30-10:45am	10:30-10:45am	10:30-10:45am	10:30-10:45am	10:45-11am	10:45-11am
Lunch	11:45-12:45pm	12-1pm	12-1pm	12:15- 1.10pm	12:15- 1:10pm	12:15-1.10pm	12:15-1:10pm
School Closes	3:15pm	3:15pm	3:15pm	3:20pm	3:20pm	3:20pm	3:20pm

Autumn Term Timetables

Class	PE Days	Information	Forest Days	Information
RM	Thursdays	Wear PE Kit to school plus school jumper/cardigan	No sessions this term	n/a
RW	Thursdays	Wear PE Kit to school plus school jumper/cardigan	No sessions this term	n/a
1J	Tuesdays and Wednesdays	Wear PE Kit to school plus school jumper/cardigan	No sessions this term	n/a
1H	Tuesdays and Wednesdays	Wear PE Kit to school plus school jumper/cardigan	No sessions this term	n/a
2C	Monday and Thursdays	Wear PE Kit to school plus school jumper/cardigan	Tuesdays	Wear clothes suitable for getting muddy plus school jumper/cardigan
2EI	Monday and Thursdays	Wear PE Kit to school plus school jumper/cardigan	Tuesdays	Wear clothes suitable for getting muddy plus school jumper/cardigan
3S	Tuesdays and Fridays	Wear PE Kit to school plus school jumper/cardigan	Thursdays	Wear clothes suitable for getting muddy plus school jumper/cardigan
3U	Tuesdays and Fridays	Wear PE Kit to school plus school jumper/cardigan	Thursdays	Wear clothes suitable for getting muddy plus school jumper/cardigan
4JK	Mondays and Fridays	Wear PE Kit to school plus school jumper/cardigan	Sessions start after half-term holidays	Wear clothes suitable for getting muddy plus school jumper/cardigan
4K	Mondays and Fridays	Wear PE Kit to school plus school jumper/cardigan	Sessions start after half-term holidays	Wear clothes suitable for getting muddy plus school jumper/cardigan
5S	Wednesdays and Fridays	Wear PE Kit to school plus school jumper/cardigan	No sessions this term	n/a
5J	Wednesdays and Fridays	Wear PE Kit to school plus school jumper/cardigan	No sessions this term	n/a
6B	Tuesdays and Thursdays	Wear PE Kit to school plus school jumper/cardigan	No sessions this term	n/a
6M	Tuesdays and Thursdays	Wear PE Kit to school plus school jumper/cardigan	No sessions this term	n/a

Autumn Term Timetables

PE Lessons

From 3rd September, children should come to school in PE kit on the days they have PE lessons.

Please note that there are no PE lessons on the first day back. Please see the timetable above.

Thank you for supporting us in ensuring that your child's school uniform, PE kit and school shoes are in line with our school uniform code.

Our PE kit is as follows:

Indoor: plain white t-shirt, black/navy shorts, plain black pumps or trainers.

Outdoor: plain tracksuits (navy/royal blue or black). No hoods.

Forest School

From week beginning 7th September, children should come to school in suitable outdoor clothes on the days they have Forest School sessions. Please see the timetable above.

Suitable outdoor clothes include:

Long trousers such as leggings, jogging bottoms or waterproof trousers etc.

School Branded Jumper or Cardigan

Waterproof coat (not just "showerproof")

Wellies/Outdoor shoes

Gloves/hats if the weather is cold

HOOLE CE PRIMARY SCHOOL
PRESENTS OUR

CURRICULUM SHOWCASE

at All Saints' Church

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!

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

RECEPTION	Wednesday 26th May 2.30pm (* in school)
YEAR 1	Wednesday 5th May 1.45pm
YEAR 2	Wednesday 17th March 1.45pm
YEAR 3	Wednesday 19th May 1.45pm
YEAR 4	Wednesday 12th May 1.45pm
YEAR 5	Wednesday 28th April 1.45pm
YEAR 6	Wednesday 16th June 1.45pm



PUNCTUALITY MATTERS

We are keen to explore how we can offer more help to families where punctuality causes stress.

If you would like to discuss how school may support, please contact school.

Some of the ways we can help include developing reward charts to support children's organisation in the morning and, for example, bedtime routines.



If your child has arrived after the gates have closed, please accompany them to the school office. If they arrive after 9am, we may ask the reason for them arriving late. Please do not be offended. Our rationale for asking is so that we can think about how we can develop our approaches in school to help children and their families.

Punctuality Codes

We use two main codes to show punctuality. These are the U Code and the L Code.

The L Code is used when children arrive between 9-9.19am. This is shown as an L on the child's attendance record to show that they arrived after registers have closed. The L code does not reduce the child's overall percentage. When children arrive after 8.50am when gates are closed, they come into school via the main door by the office.

The U Code is used from 9.20am. The U code does affect the child's overall attendance percentage. The overall percentage is reduced by the U code which indicates that a child has arrived significantly after registers have closed.

In the same way that we track attendance on a daily, weekly and half termly basis, L and U codes are also reviewed to ensure that we are doing all we can to support children to attend on time.

Medical Appointments

We appreciate that medical appointments are often issued with no flexibility on the time families are given. We understand that this is particularly the case where children have hospital or specialist appointments.

If your child has a medical or dental appointment, if they come into school beforehand, they are marked as present and then the parent/carers signs them out. This does not affect their overall attendance percentage.

Where a child has a medical appointment at, for example, 9.30am and does not come into school beforehand, the M Code is recorded. This means that the child's overall attendance is reduced.



For more information:

www.hooleceprimary.co.uk/page/attendance-and-punctuality/45602

Immunisation helps to protect you and your child from disease.

Anyone who has missed their routine vaccinations should make an appointment at their GP practice to catch up.



Meet the Teacher

Parents and carers of children in years 1-6 are invited to meet their child's new teacher, straight after school on the first day of term. We are holding two sessions, one at 3.30pm and one at 4pm. There's no need to book - simply collect your child as normal at the end of the day and then enter school through the School Office.

Teachers will be available to welcome you into your child's new classroom to see their learning space and explore the curriculum for this year. Children welcome!

..... YEARS 1-6

MEET THE TEACHER

PARENTS OF PUPILS IN YEAR 1-6 ARE INVITED TO MEET THEIR CHILD'S NEW TEACHER, STRAIGHT AFTER SCHOOL. POP INTO YOUR CHILD'S NEW CLASSROOM TO SEE THEIR LEARNING SPACE AND FIND OUT WHAT TO EXPECT THIS YEAR. CHILDREN WELCOME!



**WEDNESDAY
2ND SEPTEMBER 2026**

THERE'S ALSO LOTS OF REALLY USEFUL INFORMATION ON OUR SCHOOL WEBSITE

www.hooleceprimary.co.uk/classes

3.30PM - 4PM
4PM - 4.30PM

A photograph of three female teachers smiling. One teacher is wearing a large straw hat and sunglasses. The photo is framed to look like it's on a tablet or smartphone.

Hoole Church of England Primary School
proud to be part of the Chester Diocesan Learning Trust

Class Assemblies

Parents and carers are invited to Class Assembly when their child's class is presenting. Please arrive at the School Office 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
Friday 18th September	Team 5J
Friday 2nd October	Team 5S
Friday 9th October	Team 4JK
Friday 16th October	Team 4K
Wednesday 11th November	Team 3S
Friday 20th November	Team 2C
Friday 27th November	Team 3U
Friday 4th December	Team 2EI
Friday 15th January	Team 1H
Thursday 21st January	Team 1J
Friday 29th January	Team 6B
Friday 26th February	Team 6M
Friday 5th March	Team 5J
Friday 12th March	Team 5S
Friday 19th March	Team RW
Friday 23rd April	Team RM
Friday 30th April	Team 2C
Friday 7th May	Team 2EI
Friday 14th May	Team 4JK
Friday 21st May	Team 4K
Wednesday 16th June	Team 3S
Friday 25th June	Team 3U
Thursday 1st July	Team 1J
Friday 9th July	Team 1H

Autumn Term Lunch Menu

The Team from Edsential continue to provide school meals for our pupils in the next academic year. Please note that the cost of the school dinner is £3 for paying pupils in Key Stage 2 (Years 3 – 6). Children in Reception, Years 1 and 2 are entitled to a free school lunch under the Universal Free School Meal Scheme. Families with children in Key Stage 2 who are receiving benefits, may be also entitled to Free School Meals

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.

If your child has any food allergies or intolerances that we have not already recorded, please speak to the School Office on the first day back at school.

Provided by Edsential HOOLE CE PRIMARY SCHOOL LUNCH MENU WEEK 1				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Wholemeal Margherita Pizza (V) Served with Potato Wedges, Baked Beans or Seasonal Vegetables	Irish Beef or Veggie Burger Served with Potato Wedges, Coleslaw or Baked Beans	Beef or Quorn Fajita Style Rice Bake Served with Seasonal Vegetables	Million Dollar Mac'n'Cheese (V) Served with Wholemeal Crusty Bread & Seasonal Vegetables	Mozzarella Sticks (V) Served with Fries, Baked Beans, Mushy Peas or Peas
Jacket Potato with Cheese, Beans or Tuna Mayo	Jacket Potato with Cheese, Beans or Tuna Mayo	Jacket Potato with Cheese, Beans or Tuna Mayo	Jacket Potato with Cheese, Beans or Tuna Mayo	Jacket Potato with Cheese, Beans or Tuna Mayo
Tomato & Herb Pasta Pot	Tomato & Mascarpone Pasta Pot	Cheese & Tomato Pasta Pot	Cheese & Tomato Pasta Pot	Cheese & Tomato Pasta Bake
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
Fibre Rich Toffee Muffin	Golden Crunch Biscuit	Chocolate & Orange Cookie	Fresh Fruit Salad	St Clement's Sponge Cake
WEEK 2				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Wholemeal Margherita Pizza (V) Served with Potato Wedges, Baked Beans or Seasonal Vegetables	Oven Baked Pork Sausage Roll or Cheese and Onion Roll, Served with Mashed Potato, Baked Beans or Seasonal Vegetables	Loaded Yorkshire with Chicken or Quorn in Gravy served with Mashed Potato and Seasonal Vegetables	Beef or Vegetarian Spaghetti Bolognese	Mac 'n' Cheese Bites (V) Served with Fries, Baked Beans, Mushy Peas or Peas
Jacket Potato with Cheese, Beans or Tuna Mayo	Jacket Potato with Cheese, Beans or Tuna Mayo	Jacket Potato with Cheese, Beans or Tuna Mayo	Jacket Potato with Cheese, Beans or Tuna Mayo	Jacket Potato with Cheese, Beans or Tuna Mayo
Tomato & Herb Pasta Pot	Tomato & Mascarpone Pasta Pot	Cheese & Tomato Pasta Pot	Cheese & Tomato Pasta Pot	Cheese & Tomato Pasta Bake
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
Sticky Flapjack	Fruit Jelly	Chocolate Crunch	Melon Medley	Iced Topped Sponge Cake
WEEK 3				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Creamy Tomato Gnocchi (V) Served with Wholemeal Crusty Bread & Seasonal Vegetables	All in One Brunch (Bacon, Pork Sausage or Veggie Sausage and Beans), Served with Crispy Diced Potatoes & Peas	Chicken or Quorn Korma Curry Served with Brown & White Rice, Naan Bread & Seasonal Vegetables	Sweet Hawaiian Chicken or Quorn Noodles with pineapple, Served with Seasonal Vegetables	MSC Battered or Breaded White Fish (pollock) or Salmon Served with Fries, Baked Beans, Mushy Peas or Peas
Jacket Potato with Cheese, Beans or Tuna Mayo	Jacket Potato with Cheese, Beans or Tuna Mayo	Jacket Potato with Cheese, Beans or Tuna Mayo	Jacket Potato with Cheese, Beans or Tuna Mayo	Jacket Potato with Cheese, Beans or Tuna Mayo
Tomato & Herb Pasta Pot	Tomato & Mascarpone Pasta Pot	Cheese & Tomato Pasta Pot	Cheese & Tomato Pasta Pot	Cheese & Tomato Pasta Bake
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 Crumble Slice	Lemon Crinkle Cookie	Marbled Chocolate & Vanilla Biscuit	Fresh Watermelon Wedge	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				

JOIN OUR SCHOOL BANK!



As a school, we recognise that children's attitudes towards money are largely formed between the ages of 3 and 7 and we want children to learn the importance of managing money well. To this end, we have partnered with the Credit Union in Chester and offer all pupils the opportunity to open a bank account in school.

They can deposit money in our school bank every Tuesday morning (from 15th September) and this will be credited to their bank account.

The bank is run by pupils from the school and overseen by Miss Rennocks. and Mrs Stirk Should children wish to withdraw money this can be done at the Credit Union in Chester. Over the last two years we have seen children's understanding of the choices money offers them increase, children can talk about why they are saving and know that by saving now, they will have more to spend later. It is our hope that by doing this, we are helping children develop habits that will serve them well as adults.

All children at school are welcome to open a bank account. If you would like more details, pop into the school office and Mrs Watling will be able to give you an application form.

Year 6 Secondary School Applications

The closing date for applications for secondary school places is 31st October 2026.

Applications for secondary schools are made online via the link:
www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/residents/education-and-learning/school-admissions/secondary-admissions

General information can be found at
www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/residents/education-and-learning/school-admissions/general-information

A parents guide to applying for secondary school can be found at www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/asset-library/secondary-booklet-sep252.pdf

We also prepared a helpful guide for parents to prepare and support your child during their transition, which can found on our school website,
www.hooleceprimary.co.uk/class/year-6



Story Shack



**TAKE A TRIP TO THE
STORY SHACK!**



We are committed to supporting our school family in every possible way.

At the front of our school, we have a blue cabin which houses our Story Shack, next to the Uniform Union. Our Story Shack is our very own school library so pupils at Hoole are never short of something exciting to read!

The Story Shack contains a wide variety of books, educational toys and games suitable for readers and players of all ages. There are fiction and non-fiction books to suit every interest for children to enjoy independently or with a member of their family. Any member of our school may borrow books or games to enjoy for as long as they wish. There is no need to sign out books or have any special library ticket. Children and their families may access the Story Shack and choose what they would like. Our only condition is that items are returned in good condition, with no missing pages or pieces, so that they can be enjoyed again in the future.

The Story Shack supports us in ensuring that children develop a love of reading for pleasure. It ensures that all children have access to a wide range of reading materials, authors and genres. This is particularly important if they are unable to access a public library or have limited reading resources at home.

The loan of educational games and toys supports pupils in building social skills, such as turn taking and working collaboratively, and problem-solving skills.

Providing this service also enables us to promote a positive message about sustainability, recycling and reusing items to our school family.

The Story Shack is open every school day from 8am to 4.30pm

**"Oh we
absolutely love
the Story Shack!
We are there a
minimum of two or
three times a
week!"**

WHAT OUR FAMILIES THINK!

**"My daughter loves
to go in there to
borrow books and it
is more convenient
than always going to
the library."**

**"My child really
enjoys having a new
game of book to borrow.
It also helps him to
understand that it is
good to donate stuff
too for other people
to enjoy."**

**"My child loves visiting
the Story Shack after
school and choosing a
book or a puzzle. It kept
him entertained on
long, dark Winter
afternoons after
school."**

Key Dates

24th July-31 st August	Summer Holidays
1st September	INSET Day (school closed to pupils)
2nd September	Autumn Term Starts
2nd September	Meet the Teacher Parent Drop-in from 3.30pm
8th September	Year 2 Forest School Starts
9th September	Year 6 Residential Parent Meeting 5.30pm
10th September	Year 3 Forest School Starts
14th September	Whole School Flu Vaccinations
23rd-25th September	Year 6 Residential Trip
28th September	After-school Clubs Start
1st October	Reception Phonics Parent Workshop
26th-30th October	School Holidays
2nd November	INSET Day (school closed to pupils)
4th November	Year 4 Forest School Starts
12th November	Reception Maths Parent Workshop
19th November	Pupil Photographs
8th December	Year 1-2 Christmas Service at All Saints' Church
9th December	Reception Nativity Service (time tbc)

Key Dates

9th December	Year 3-4 Christmas Service at All Saints' Church
10th December	Reception Nativity Service (time tbc)
10th December	Year 5-6 Christmas Service at All Saints' Church
14th December	Year 5 Christmas Party
15th December	Year 3 Christmas Party
16th December	Reception Christmas Party
16th December	Year 1 Christmas Party
17th December	Year 4 Christmas Party
18th December	Year 2 Christmas Party
18th December	Year 6 Christmas Party
21st December - 3 rd January	School Holidays
4th January	INSET Day (school closed to pupils)
5th January	Spring Term Starts
15th-19th February	School Holidays
26th March - 11 th April	School Holidays
12 th April	Summer Term Starts
28 th May	INSET Day (school closed to pupils)
31st May - 4 th June	School Holidays