



2ND OCTOBER 2026



Message from Headteacher

Reception 2027

Our tour dates for families looking at places in Reception for September 2027 are filling up fast. If you know of any family with a child who is due to start school in September 2027, please encourage them to contact us to book on a tour.

Super School Leaders

I would like to commend and say a huge thank you to our Year 6 children. The reports I have received about their conduct and attitude during the residential trip have been wonderful.

It is fantastic to hear how staff at the Glan Llyn Centre love working with our school. Once again, staff have returned with reports about how the centre staff, who work with countless school across the year, were impressed again with our children's behaviour and courtesy.

Thank you, Year six leaders! You are a credit to yourselves, your families and our school.

CDLT First Birthday

We celebrated the first birthday of the Chester Diocesan Learning Trust (CDLT) on Thursday. We welcomed children and staff from other Trust schools for an art event organised by Mrs Elston.

We joined with other schools for an online celebration to mark the occasion.

PCSO Visit

We welcomed PCSO Sarah Johnson into school on Monday morning. PCSO Johnson visits school regularly and we are always so pleased to see her.

Clubs

Most clubs have started successfully again this week. It is great to see children enjoying so many different activities after school. Thanks again to all of the staff who give up their time to offer these opportunities.

Message from Headteacher

Phonics Workshop

Reception staff welcomed parents/carers for the Phonics workshop this week. Thanks to all who came to learn about the Little Wandle phonics programme we use in school.

The Little Wandle programme is specifically designed to support children in learning sounds and building reading skills.

Children at our school do make a flying start with phonics and reading. This was highlighted in our last Ofsted report – the Ofsted inspector was astounded by the confidence, engagement and proficiency our pupils showed in Reception and Key Stage 1 when they read.

We strive to work in partnership with families to ensure that all children build strong foundations to enjoy the wider curriculum. If you have any questions about any aspect of school life, please ask your child's teacher.



Birthdays

**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY**

We hope you enjoy your birthday book!

FAITH

NABIHA

MARTHA



What a trip!

Last week, Year 6 went to Glan Llyn residential centre near Bala for their residential trip, where they took part in a wide variety of adventurous activities.

They took on the high ropes, built rafts, canoed on the lake, climbed a wall and completed an orienteering course. The children were fantastic and we were impressed with the determination and resilience they showed to complete all the activities. They also worked well in their groups demonstrating compassion and team work.

Once again, the centre staff commented several times on the excellent behaviour of the Hoole children- we were very proud of them all.

Year 6 want to say a big thank you to Mrs Cooper, Mrs Harding, Ms Taylor, Mr Avery and Mrs Watling who joined us on the trip to make it possible.



YEAR 6

RESIDENTIAL





Class Worship

This week in our class based worship, children have been learning about the 1000 year old Bayeux Tapestry - a tapestry that is almost 70 metres long telling the story of the Norman Conquest of England and of events leading up to the Battle of Hastings in 1066.

This tapestry is currently on show at the British Museum in London. We have talked about how stories are told and the importance of sharing our stories - of learning about one another's lives and the different ways we can tell stories as well as the importance of listening to others' stories too.

We reflected on the fact that Jesus told stories called parables to teach His followers a message.

Questions you might like to ask your child:

Why might we want other people to hear our story?

Why is it important to respect another person's story when they share it?

What can a story tell us about someone else?



Job Vacancies

We Are HIRING

The Governors at Hoole Church of England Primary School are seeking to appoint a hardworking and enthusiastic **Midday Assistant** to join our dedicated team. The successful applicant will be responsible for ensuring the safe supervision of our pupils during the lunchtime period.

We are looking for someone who enjoys engaging with children and is keen to support their social and personal development.

The post will be for 1.5 hours a day, 5 days per week, term time only. For further details and an application form please contact

Kara Newton - School Business Manager at
bursar@hooleceprimary.cheshire.sch.uk

Parent Workshops

A colorful poster for a 'Reception MATHS WORKSHOP'. The title is in large, stylized pink and yellow letters. The background is dark green with various math-related icons: a ruler, a clock, a calculator, a lightbulb with the equation $5+5=10$, and a boy holding a string of beads. The text is white and yellow.

**Reception
MATHS
WORKSHOP**

Parents and Carers are invited to join us and learn all about how to help support your Reception child with early methods of Maths!

Childcare is provided and children will join us halfway through the workshop to play some fun mathematical games.

Places are limited so book your place on School Spider today!

**THURSDAY
12TH NOVEMBER
3.30-4.30PM**

Non-uniform Day

A poster for 'Non-uniform Day' with a green background and black polka dots. It features a large yellow cloud shape with the 'BBC Children in Need' logo. Text is in white, yellow, and black.

NONUNIFORM DAY

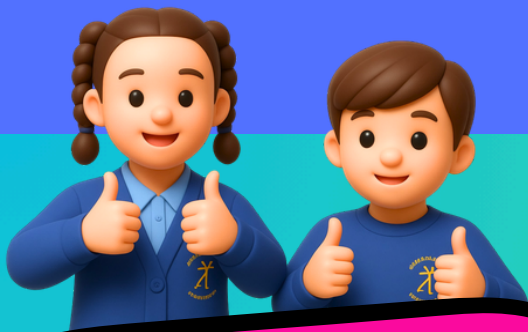
FRIDAY

13TH NOVEMBER

**BBC
Children
in Need**

Children are welcome to wear their own clothes. Any donations for Children in Need can be paid on the School Spider app.

Story Shack



**WANT SOMETHING FUN AND FREE
TO DO THIS WEEKEND? 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."**

Fixed Penalties for Irregular School Attendance

What does irregular school attendance mean?

Irregular school attendance is where children have frequent absences from school. These absences may be one day, two days or a few days on a regular basis which mean that children do not complete full weeks of school.

Broken weeks (where a child is absent for part of the school week) mean that children's work is disrupted and they miss parts of sequences of learning.

A school week means any week where there is at least one day where school is open for pupils. Over time, this can have a serious impact on children's academic and social development.

When do penalties apply?

Where a child has missed a minimum of 10 sessions of school due to unauthorised absence, a penalty for irregular school attendance may apply.

Each school day is 2 sessions of school, so 10 sessions is equivalent to 5 days.

The 10 sessions apply over a rolling period of 10 school weeks. For example, if your child has unauthorised absence in Week 1, Week 3 and Week 10 of any 10 week period, a fine may apply. The local authority will issue a **Notice to Improve** and this is a final opportunity for a parent/carer to engage with support to improve attendance.

A Notice to Improve is a set period of time given for an improvement in attendance to be shown. If there is further absence during a Notice to Improve period, a penalty may apply.

Attendance at our school is tracked on a daily, weekly, half termly and rolling ten week basis.



What constitutes authorised and unauthorised absence?

Authorised absence is where the child is absent due to illness, attends a medical appointment, leave has been granted by the Head Teacher for exceptional circumstances, religious observance.

Unauthorised absence applies where the following apply:

- Parents have not contacted school to inform of their child's absence and school have been unable to establish the reason for absence. (O code)
- Pupils arrive after the register closes at 9:20am (U code)
- Unauthorised leave of absence (Holidays G code)
- School have requested medical evidence and this has not been provided (O code)

Please note that both the above authorised and unauthorised lists are not exhaustive.



When do penalties apply?

Fixed penalties can be issued for Irregular attendance and Unauthorised leave of absence (Holidays) For Unauthorised leave of absence (Holidays) Fines will apply per parent per child. Please see our information sheet relating to absence due to holidays.

For Irregular attendance fines will apply per parent in respect of the child who has accumulated 10 sessions of unauthorised absence in a rolling ten week period.

A penalty may apply where there is combination of absence due to a holiday and other unauthorised absence. For example, in a ten week rolling period, a child has 3 days unauthorised absence due to a holiday in Week 2, then 1 day unauthorised absence in Week 6 and a further 2 days unauthorised absence in Week 9, a penalty may apply.

The rolling period of 10 school weeks can also span different terms or school years.

What are the penalties?

In cases where attendance has not improved following the local authority's notice to improve the following may apply:

The first penalty notice issued to parent/carers in respect of a particular pupil will be charged at £160 if paid within 28 days. This will be reduced to £80 if paid within 21 days.

A second penalty notice issued to the same parent/carers in respect of the same pupil is charged at a flat rate of £160 if paid within 28 days.

A third penalty notice cannot be issued to the same parent in respect of the same child within 3 years of the date of issue of the first. In a case where the national threshold is met for a third time (or subsequent times) within those 3 years, alternative action should be taken instead. This will often include considering prosecution, but may include other tools such as one of the other attendance legal interventions.

Who can help with issues relating to attendance

We are aware that families can face challenges which impact on school attendance and punctuality.

We are fully committed to supporting families with punctuality and attendance issues to avoid issues developing that lead to parents/carers facing fines or legal interventions.

If you are concerned about your child's attendance, require any advice or have questions relating to the national changes relating to financial and legal penalties for school attendance, we are available to help you.

You may contact Mrs Flanders on 01244 323890 or by email: head@hooleceprimary.cheshire.sch.uk



National Assessments

Pupils in some year groups will face national assessments during this academic year.

It is vital that children are in school every day as fully possible.

Please continue to avoid taking holidays during term-time to ensure that pupils are not missing sequences of learning.

Year 6

Year 6 face the national SAT tests during the week beginning Monday 10th May 2027.

The test timetable for this year is as follows:

Date	Paper
Monday 10 May 2027	English grammar, punctuation and spelling Papers 1 and 2
Tuesday 11 May 2027	English reading
Wednesday 12 May 2027	Mathematics Papers 1 and 2
Thursday 13 May 2027	Mathematics Paper 3

Please ensure that your child is present all week for these examinations which are undertaken under formal examination conditions and are externally marked.

Year 4

All Year 4 children will be participating in the multiplication tables check (MTC) in June 2027. The purpose of the check is to determine whether your child can fluently recall their times tables up to 12, which is essential for future success in mathematics.

This is an online test which will be undertaken during the two-week period beginning from Monday 7th June 2027.

Parents can help children to prepare for this test by ensuring that they are learning their times tables and using Times Tables Rockstars to practise. If your child has lost their TT Rockstars login, please contact their teacher as soon as possible.

Year 2

Year 2 also take a series of tests during the month of May. These tests are completed in school and are marked by the class teacher.

The Year 2 tests inform teachers' assessments of the progress your child has made across Key Stage one (Year 1 and 2) in Reading, Writing and Mathematics.

National Assessments

Year 1 (and Year 2 pupils who did not pass the check last year)

Year 1 pupils will take the national Phonics Screening Check during the week beginning Monday 14th June 2027. This test requires children to use their phonics knowledge to read forty words. The pass mark last year was 32.

Children in Year two who did not pass the phonics screening test last year, when they were in Year one, will retake the phonics test during the same week.

Reception

The national baseline assessment is completed within the first six weeks of school.

In addition to this, we also complete our own internal school assessment to identify strengths and areas for development for every child in Reception. These are communicated to parents and carers with an Individual Learning Plan (ILP) developed. Your child's ILP will be shared with you during Parents' Evenings.

Information about assessment in Reception has been provided following the Meet the Teacher meetings last week. If you have any questions, please speak to a member of the Reception team. The Early Years foundation profile assessment is undertaken towards the end of this academic year. Information from this assessment supports the transition of pupils into Year one.

Children's Commissioner Survey



The Children's Commissioner is asking for help in making sure the children and young people at Hoole Church of England Primary School have the opportunity to take part in the national survey, The Big Future.

So far 33 children at our school have already completed the survey. The Children's Commissioner would like to make sure as many of our pupils as possible have the opportunity to add their voices.

The Big Future is asking children and young people about their lives, their experiences and their hopes for the future. The survey will build a national picture of what matters to children today and to ensure their views are heard by Government.

The survey takes just a few minutes to complete and can be accessed here:
<https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigfuture>

The poster features a vibrant autumn theme. At the top, the word 'Harvest' is written in a large, elegant cursive font, with a small orange leaf tucked into the 'H'. Below it, the word 'COLLECTION' is in a bold, distressed, blocky font. The background consists of a large orange sun with green rays emanating from behind it. Several orange and red autumn leaves are scattered around the text. At the bottom, a large orange pumpkin sits next to a brown squirrel, both surrounded by more autumn foliage. A dark brown banner at the very bottom contains the text 'WE WELCOME DONATIONS OF:' followed by two columns of food items. The entire poster is framed by a decorative border with orange, blue, and green segments.

Harvest

COLLECTION

FOR CHESTER FOODBANK

ANY DONATIONS MADE TO THE SCHOOL WILL BE USED TO HELP LOCAL FAMILIES IN NEED.

WE WELCOME DONATIONS OF:



UHT Juice
Custard
Tinned vegetables
Jams and spreads
Tinned meats
Tinned fish



Instant coffee
Cuppa soups
Instant noodles
Instant pasta and sauce
Tinned fruit
Biscuits



West Cheshire Athletic Club Schools Cross Country Race Series 2026/27

**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 17
Saturday, November 28
Saturday, January 30
Saturday, March 6**

**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**



IS YOUR CHILD STARTING PRIMARY SCHOOL IN SEPTEMBER 2027?

MEET OUR TEAM AT OUR TOURS!

During our tours, you will see how learning is developed across subjects, discover how our curriculum is enriched by engaging resources and enjoy our extensive outdoor environment. You will meet our teaching and support team and find out about how we support children to shine brightly and achieve well!

At Hoole Church of England Primary School,
learning is active, exciting and out of this world!

We are also hosting tours of the school for small groups of families on:

Thursday 8th October 9.30-10.30am
Thursday 15th October 9.30-10.30am
Wednesday 21st October 9.30-10.30am
Thursday 5th November 9.30-10.30am
Wednesday 18th November 9.30-10.30am
Thursday 26th November 9.30-10.30am
Wednesday 6th January 9.30-10.30am

Tours will be hosted by senior staff along with our Early Years and Key Stage One leader.

Please pre-book your tour by emailing us at
admin@hooleprimary.cheshire.sch.uk or calling us on 01244 323890

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 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

Times Tables Rockstar Championship



Curriculum Showcases

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 2 Wednesday
17th March 1.45pm

YEAR 4 Wednesday
12th May 1.45pm

YEAR 6 Wednesday
16th June 1.45pm

YEAR 1 Wednesday
5th May 1.45pm

YEAR 3 Wednesday
19th May 1.45pm

YEAR 5 Wednesday
28th April 1.45pm



Year 6 High 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

If you do decide to join a tour of a high school and it falls during the school day, please ensure you let us know of your child's absence by emailing the Admin team at admin@hooleceprimary.cheshire.sch.uk.



Next Week's Lunch Menu

Provided by
Edsential

HOOLE CE PRIMARY SCHOOL WEEK 3 LUNCH MENU

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Wholemeal Margherita Pizza (V) Served with Potato Wedges, Baked Beans or 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

If your child has any changes in allergies and intolerances, please inform school by emailing jennyjohnson@hooleceprimary.cheshire.sch.uk and admin@hooleceprimary.cheshire.sch.uk.

This will ensure that correct information is provided and passed on to our Catering Team at Edsential.

LET'S CELEBRATE

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

Arthur B

Dolly M

Ayansh H

James B

Yaz A

Toby T

Layla-Rose

Borislav N

Bonnie D

Dylan H

Key Dates

14th October	Team 3S Parents' Evening
19th October	Team RM Parents' Evening
19th October	Team RW Parents' Evening
19th October	Team 1H Parents' Evening
19th October	Team 2C Parents' Evening
19th October	Team 3S Parents' Evening
19th October	Team 3U Parents' Evening
20th October	Team RW Parents' Evening
20th October	Team 1J Parents' Evening
20th October	Team 1H Parents' Evening
20th October	Team 2C Parents' Evening
20th October	Team 2EI Parents' Evening
20th October	Team 3U Parents' Evening
26th - 30th October	Half-term Holidays

Contact us



01244 323890



admin@hooleceprimary.cheshire.sch.uk



www.hooleceprimary.co.uk



Heating Bank

We can help low-income households with their energy costs

Funds are limited for each application window and applications will be processed on a first-come, first-served basis

To apply scan the QR code or visit www.citizensadvicecw.org.uk/heatingbank



citizens advice Cheshire West

Registered charity number: 1128367

CROSSROADS Community Hub

EMERGENCY FOOD PARCELS

Need help? We're in this together!

We are working together to support people in Chester who are in financial crisis during COVID-19. Working with West Cheshire Foodbank, we have food available and can deliver it to your home.

T: 07598 536 904

E: hello@hbc.org.uk

WORKING TOGETHER FOR THE LOCAL COMMUNITY



#ActsofKindness #ChesterTogether #EnoughForEveryone

Voices that Shape SEND

New events for the year ahead 2026/2027

parents and carers of children/young people with SEND

Come along, share your views and experiences, connect with SEND services, other parents and carers at any of the following events...

In-Person Forums

Social Care, Family Support

Wednesday 25th November 2026
9:30am – 1:30pm
Venue - Hartford Golf Club

Preparation for Adulthood

Tuesday 9th February 2027
9:30am – 1:30pm
Venue - Civic Hall Ellesmere Port

Education, Health and Inclusion

Tuesday 16th March 2027
9:30am – 1:30pm
Venue - Vicars Cross Golf Club

Support for Me as a Carer

Monday 10th May 2027
9:30am – 2:00pm
Venue - Brio Northwich

Our events are free and inclusive. Details of all events will be shared on our website and socials so please follow us. Drop in to say hello!

Online Forums

Who We Are and What We Do

Tuesday 15th September 2026
10:00am – 11:30am

Children and Young People's Mental Health

Thursday 22nd October 2026
1:00pm – 2:30pm

Technology & Digital Resources

Friday 29th January 2027
10:00am – 11:30am

Short Breaks

Monday 14th June 2027
10:00am – 11:30am

AGM/Transport/Summer Holiday Provisions

Tuesday 13th July 2027
10:00am – 11:30am

Parent Training

ADHD Online - Date / Time TBC

SEND Summit 2026!

Monday 19th October

For parent carers of children and young people with SEND

Cheshire West and Chester Council (CWAC) are hosting another SEND Summit on Monday 19th October 2026 at Chester Racecourse, 9am – 4pm.

CWAC anticipate there will be significant interest in attending from schools, parents, and professionals in light of the new National SEND Reform Programme, so places are limited.

Arrival from 9:00 – 9:30am and welcome at 9:30 – 9:45am.

Need to leave early? That's absolutely fine.

Full agenda to follow once places are confirmed.



Use the QR code to book
Email: info@pcfcheshirewest.org
www.pcfcheshirewest.org

