



Friday 6th March

Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

Year Word Museum Visit

Year 3 had a very enjoyable day at the Liverpool World Museum this week learning about the changes in civilisation from the Stone Age through to the Iron Age. The children explored artefacts that taught them about changes in food, farming, weapons and tools and clothing and they also visited other areas of the museum. The children were very well behaved, engaged and curious making the most of the learning opportunity, enjoyed a sunny outside picnic at lunchtime and were a credit to the school. Thank you to the Year 3 staff and all the family volunteers who supported the trip to make it such a success.

Year 2 Theme Day

On Tuesday, Year 2 took part in their 'Let's go to China' theme day. Led by Mrs Cheng, the children learned about daily life, food, customs and traditions in Hong Kong. Year 2 made lanterns, spring rolls, dragon puppets, and ate some special Chinese food and sweets! Thank you to Mrs Cheng for all her hard work in preparing for the day.

World Book Day

Thank you to everyone for dressing up in their country's colours or as their favourite book character yesterday as we celebrated World Book Day. Children and staff enjoyed learning about different countries and travelling around the world by exploring different books. Thank you to everyone who completed their reading bingo activities at home – we have seen some fantastic examples of children developing their love of reading through taking part in the activities. Pictures of the day are on Facebook. Thank you to the kitchen team for preparing a delicious book-themed lunch that everyone enjoyed.

Swimming Lessons

The swimming pool has been in school for 1 week now and the majority of children in key stage 2 have had their first lesson. As always when they visit Winnington Park, the swimming coaches have been very impressed with the brilliant behaviour and positive attitudes of the children. The pool being in school can be as daunting as it is exciting and we are very proud of all the children for being determined and brave as they have been taking part in their lessons.

Parent Speakers in School

Thank you very much to Mrs Khan and Mr Rigby who visited school last week and gave some very interesting and engaging talks to the children about their work in Sustainability and Community Development (respectively). We invite all parents and family members to visit school to talk about their work. We aim to share the breadth of the working world with the children, to let them know there is something for everyone and every interest and to let them meet real-life role-models. If you are interested we will provide all the support you might need to tailor your talk for the age of the children. Thank you for your support.

Cheshire Young Carers

Sam Fitzgerald from [Cheshire Young Carers](#) is visiting school today to speak to the children about the support CYC can offer children, young people and their families. A young carer is not just a child or young person who looks after an unwell parent, it can be any caring duty. For example, having a sibling at home with special educational needs, a medical condition or a disability. If you would like school to refer your child to their services for support, please let your child's class teacher know.

Science Week

Next week is British Science Week and the children are taking part in extra lessons and activities on this year's theme of "Curiosity: What's your question?". Activities focus on encouraging questioning, exploring, and the role of curiosity in scientific discovery. Year 6 are visiting the Science Department in Hartford High School to use their specialist equipment and we hope to confirm some visitors into school to talk to the children.

Comic Relief

[Comic Relief](#) is on Friday 20th March and the children are all invited to wear their own clothes in return for a small voluntary contribution.

PTA Mother's Day Cake Sale

A reminder that this event is straight after school on Friday 13th March (next week). Please bring your donations of cakes into school on the day. We are an allergen aware school and request that cakes with nuts are not provided and known allergens are identified – thank you for your support.

The Big Walk and Wheel 2026

This year's [Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel](#) event takes place from Monday 16th March to Friday 27th March. Children and their families are encouraged to walk, scooter, or cycle to school for as many days as possible (even if this is just part of their journey). Travelling actively is great exercise, helps us stay healthy, means we arrive more alert and ready to learn, is great fun and more people travelling actively to school means cleaner air, less traffic and less noise around the school. Everyone will be greeted at the gate by our Attendance Champions and awarded stickers if they have taken part. Class teachers will log journeys each morning on the Sustrans website. Let's make Winnington Park the most active school in Northwich!

Neurodiversity Celebration Week

[Neurodiversity Celebration Week](#) begins on Monday 16th March, and like last year we shall be marking the week in school with activities and lessons and hopefully some visitors in assembly. Mrs Flower will be holding a Coffee Morning during the week, for all family members on Thursday 19th March at 9.00am and we hope to be joined by representatives from the school nursing team, the CWAC Navigator service and Cheshire Young Carers. A separate letter will be sent about this event.

Safety Practice

The children were very sensible when we completed our Safety Practice drill last week. Each term we complete Fire and Safety Practice drills to ensure everyone in the school knows what to do in an emergency. We always warn the children about the practices and remind them what to do as the focus is on learning and remembering the correct procedures (not highlighting mistakes) and we know that some children find the drills a little worrying.

Reading Volunteers

We are always on the lookout for adults who can make a regular commitment to visiting school as a 1:1 reading volunteer. If you think you might be able to help, even if it is every fortnight, please get in touch. We will provide you with the training and support you will need and are very grateful for any help you can give. Thank you for the continued support from our small, but committed group of current volunteers – your help makes a big difference!

Parents' Evening Bookings Reminder

Parents' Evening bookings are currently open for the 24th, 25th and 26th of March. Appointments can be made online by visiting <https://winningtonpark.parenteveningsystem.co.uk> The Dane Hall (KS2 building) will be open during parents' evenings with a gallery showcasing the children's work from across the curriculum, including their Art work and their Design and Technology projects. We hope you will be able to visit.

Research Involvement – Key Stage 2 Parents and Carers

The Cheshire based young people's mental health charity, 'Just Drop-In' is currently conducting research to capture key stage 2 parent's views on the potential risks and benefits of children's online activity, and the factors that influence decisions about providing a smartphone when children transition to secondary school. The anonymous survey takes about 10 minutes to complete and if you would like to take part, please use [this link](#).

School Dinner Price Increase Reminder

A reminder that school dinner prices will rise from 1st April 2026. The current price of a school dinner is £2.95. The new price of a school dinner will be £3.07.

Attendance and Punctuality

Congratulations to the following year groups for their brilliant attendance this week: Year 6 99.3%; Year 2 99.2% and Year 1 98.9%. Thank you to everyone for the improving punctuality: school starts at 8.45am for all year groups and the children should arrive for 8.40am when classroom doors open.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Rob Cole (*Headteacher*)