



Friday 10th July 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Trips and Events

School has been an exciting and busy place in the last month. Year 3 enjoyed a fascinating visit to the Lion Salt Works in Northwich, learning about the history of salt production, exploring how salt was made using traditional methods, and its importance to the local area and everyday life.

To enrich their Science curriculum, Year 2 visited the Museum of Science and Industry in Manchester to learn through practical workshops about the properties of materials and space exploration.

Year 5 and Year 6 experienced a very special morning performing with other children alongside the Halle Orchestra at the Bridgewater Hall in a world cup themed morning of music. Year 6 also visited Go Ape in Delamere Forest where they put their nerves to the test on the rope courses.

Thank you to the pupils from the Grange Senior school who visited last week to read with our Reception and Nursery pupils and to complete some site maintenance to keep the woodland, secret garden and forest school areas tidy and available for our pupils during the warmer weather – their hard work is really appreciated.

Year 4 have been learning how to cross the road properly and keep themselves safe when out and about by completing their 'Let's Walk' training.

Thank you to the family members who have been able to attend our workshops and coffee mornings on Reading, Writing, SEND, Maths, and Wellbeing and Transition. We hope you found them useful.

We are looking forward to Sports Day next week and are grateful to anyone who can lend us a freestanding gazebo, parasol or umbrella, that can be safely secured to the ground, for the day – thank you.

Transition to New Classes

Transition has gone extremely well this year, with the children enjoying visits to their new classrooms and the opportunity to get to know their new teachers. We have been incredibly proud of the way they have embraced this exciting next step, showing kindness, confidence and excellent behaviour. We hope you can attend the 'Meet the New Teacher' meetings next week - there will be an opportunity for you to catch up with your child's new class teacher in September also.

It has been lovely to welcome our new Reception starters into school for some visits over the last few weeks and for today's Teddy Bear's picnic. We look forward to working with them all in September.

Finally, well done to all our Year 6 pupils for making an important step in their transition to secondary school having made their first visits over the last two weeks. We are very proud of you.

Even More Success for Gardening Club

Congratulations once again to the children in the Winnington Park Gardening Club who have followed up two years of prize winning (2024 first place, 2025 second place) with another first place position in 2026 at the Arley Hall Garden Festival! What an incredible achievement! The theme for this year's garden design was 'repurposing'. It featured a variety of plants, fruits and vegetable grown by the children and repurposed items that had been incorporated into the design. A huge thank you goes to Mrs Woods and Mrs Page who run gardening club and all the children who attend. The school garden is next to the playground and looks fantastic at this time of year!

Staffing Update

Very sadly for everyone associated with school, Mrs Flower will be retiring at the end of the Summer term. Mrs Flower has worked at WPPS&N for 15 years, making a lasting difference to the lives of countless children and families. Many children will know Mrs Flower through her highly successful work as our Reading Recovery teacher and Reading Leader, where she inspired a love of reading and helped so many pupils develop the confidence and skills they needed to thrive. More recently, as our Senior Mental Health Lead, Mrs Flower has provided invaluable support for the wellbeing of children, families and staff, always ensuring that kindness, understanding and compassion were at the heart of everything she did. Mrs Flower will be greatly missed by the children, her colleagues and our Winnington families. We all wish her a long, happy and well-deserved retirement.

Thank you to Miss Brookhouse for her hard work in Year 5 over the last two terms. We wish you all the best at your new school in September.

Parent Career Assemblies

The children have been inspired in their future career choices with some very informative and entertaining assemblies delivered by Mrs Seddon (biodiversity officer) and Mrs Walton (nursing). The variety of insightful questions asked by the children really demonstrated their curiosity about the world of work and their enjoyment of the assemblies. Thank you very much to everyone who has given their time to visit school to talk about their work. If you would like to be involved, please let us know.

Sporting Events and School Sports Partnership Anniversary

There have been several sporting events recently in which Winnington Park pupils have participated: Orienteering; Golf; Town Sports Athletics; Bowls; Rugby and Cricket. Well done to everyone who has

Athletics: *We took part in the Town Sports Athletics competition with about twelve other schools. There were relays, hurdles, sprinting, shot put and 'javelin'. It was exciting taking part. On our second shot put throws it was nerve-wracking because the ball was so heavy to throw. It was really good fun. Thank you to the staff who took us. Otis and Luna*

Golf: *A couple of weeks ago, we went to play golf at Vale Royal Abbey golf club. There were different activities for accuracy and for how far you can hit the ball. It was a great chance to improve our skills and we like playing golf. Thanks to everyone who organised the tournament. Izaan and Arthur*

Bowls: *Last week, about ten of us in Year 5, tried out bowls at Barnton Bowls Club. It was a hard game to learn, but we had coaching to explain the game which made us more confident. It was really hot and the club provided us with shelter and refreshments. The green and the club were very tidy and well kept. We were the only people there! We had a great time. Isabelle and Luke*

This year marks the 20th anniversary of the Vale Royal School Sports Partnership. All competitions and wider sporting opportunities for pupils at our school are organised through their hard work. To celebrate, a birthday cake relay was organised between all the primary schools in Northwich. On Tuesday we received the birthday cake baton from Charles Darwin Primary School and then some of our Year 5 pupils took the cake on its journey to Barnton Primary School. Thank you to everyone in the VRSSP for the fantastic opportunities they provide for our children.

Open Mornings

Despite the warmth in the classrooms, it has been fantastic to welcome so many family members into school this week, to join the children and their teachers in reflecting on a year of learning and to consider the year ahead. Activities have been wide ranging: from making vegetable filo pastry parcels to creating an alphabet of knowledge based on the year's curriculum; from medal making to celebrating the uniqueness and special qualities of every individual. Thank you to everyone who was able to attend – we really value the support of all our families.

PTA Events

Very sadly, the heat wave two weeks ago left school and the PTA with no choice other than to cancel the Summer Fair. However, to make sure the children don't miss out, the PTA have organised for a day of inflatable fun in school next Friday. There will be a bouncy castle and other inflatable toys for all year groups. The PTA have also organised for the ice cream van to make its annual visit to school, with an ice cream or lolly for every child, in the last few days of term. The PTA raffle that has been organised for the perishable donations from the Summer Fair will be drawn at the end of term and winners contacted – tickets will be available to buy at Sports Day. The PTA Summer Discos were lovely events and the children had great fun dancing and partying in their Summer party clothes. Thank you to the PTA members who prepared everything and to the staff who ran the events.

Phonics Check and Multiplication Tables Check

Well done to everyone in Year 1 and Year 4 for giving their best efforts in the Year 1 Phonics Check and the Year 4 Multiplication Check at the start of this term. Year 2 and Year 4 teachers are very proud of how hard the children have worked all year and the children did very well in their checks. Outcomes will be shared with parents and carers in their end of year reports.

Hot Weather - Clothing

Thank you for helping the children stay safe during the hot weather by providing them with drink bottles, sun cream and sun hats. As the warmer weather continues, I'd like to kindly remind everyone that the playground remains part of the school environment during drop-off and collection times. We would be grateful if all adults could wear clothing that is appropriate for a school setting, helping us to maintain a comfortable and respectful environment for all members of our community. Thank you, as always, for your understanding and support.

Reminder: Family Picnic and Early School Closure on Wednesday 22nd July 1.15pm

On the last day of the Summer term, Wednesday 22nd July, we will be holding our family picnic from 12.00pm on the school field. School will close early to all pupils at 1.15pm following the picnic. Children will return to class for their afternoon registration mark and then be available for collection in the normal way. All pupils will need collecting. Winnington Winners after school club will only be open for the morning session on this day.

Further details will be sent in a separate letter and we hope to be able to see as many of you as possible.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Rob Cole
(Headteacher)

Winnington Park Primary School and Nursery, Firdale Road, Winnington, Northwich, Cheshire, CW8 4AZ
Tel: 01606 74371 email: admin@winningtonpark.cheshire.sch.uk website: www.winningtonpark.cheshire.sch.uk
Headteacher: Mr Rob Cole email: head@winningtonpark.cheshire.sch.uk

