The Astbury Express

"Walk in love as Christ loves you"

Ephesians 5:2

CDAT Chester Diocesan Academies Trust

Astbury St Mary's CofE Primary School *16th October 2026*

This week in school



It has been another busy week in school, with a particular focus on attendance. On Monday, we held our first Surprise Attendance Day, highlighting the importance of every child being in school, every day, and ready to learn. Attendance remains a key school priority, as we have been working hard to improve our figures and bring them in line with national expectations and the CDAT Trust expectation of 96%.
We are delighted to share some fantastic news: as of Friday, our whole-school attendance has reached 97%! This is a positive step in the right direction, and we would like to thank all our families for their continued support in helping children attend school regularly and make the most of every learning opportunity. Let's keep up the great work!

500 Words

Get those creative thinking caps on and sharpen your pencils—the world-famous BBC 500 Words competition is officially back for 2026, and we want Astbury St. Mary's to shine!

This is an incredible opportunity for children to let their imaginations run wild. The rules are simple: write an original story using 500 words or fewer. It can be hilarious, spooky, adventurous, or completely out of this world. There are no limits on topic or genre.

How to Enter:
Write Your Story: Draft an amazing story up to 500 words long.
Bring It to School: Hand in a printed or neatly written physical copy of the story to your teacher.
Attach Written Consent: Along with the story, please include a signed note from a parent or carer giving permission for Mrs. Wade to submit the entry online on your child's behalf. (Please include your child's full name, age, and your signature).

Important Details:
Deadline for School Hand-In: Wednesday 4th November
Age Categories: 5–7 year-olds and 8–11 year-olds
Awesome prizes are up for grabs nationally, including sending winning stories to the grand final at a famous landmark and seeing them read by celebrities on TV and radio! There will also be some prizes awarded in school for the most creative writing.

We can't wait to read the amazing tales our young writers come up with. Let's get writing!

Upcoming Dates



Tuesday 20th October
- Class Jacob trip: Imperial War Museum

Wednesday 21st October
- Class Noah Great Fire of London curriculum day in school

Friday 23rd October 2026 3:30pm
- School Closes for half-term

Monday 2nd November 2026
- School Closed to pupils: INSET Day

Tuesday 3rd November 2026
- School re-opens to pupils

Wednesday 4th November 2026
- Team Point Reward non-uniform (teams tbc)

Wednesday 11th November 2026
- 10:45 Remembrance Service in Church

Friday 13th November 2026
- Children In Need; wear spots/yellow and make a donation

W/C 16th November 2026
- Anti-bullying week

Tuesday 24th November 6pm
- PTFA Quiz night at Reubens. Tickets £10 available from Reubens (max team 6.)

Tuesday 8th and Wednesday 9th December 2026
- Autumn Term Parent Consultations, bookings open on School Spider 2/11

Reminder



INSET DAY: Monday 2nd November

School closed to pupils

Attendance Matters

Parents/Carers have a statutory responsibility to ensure children attend school regularly and on time. Pupils should attend school every day, unless in exceptional circumstances.
All absences must be reported to school.

CDAT Chester Diocesan Academies Trust Our trust target for attendance is 96%

This weeks attendance:

Jonah 98.9%

Noah 96.9%

Mary 98.4%

Jacob 95.9%

Whole School: 96.8% this week.

Friday Celebrations

Walk in Love	
Jonah	Faith
Noah	Aaron
Mary	Jonny
Jacob	Nikol



My Happy Mind	
Jonah	Phoebe
Noah	Myah
Mary	Albie
Jacob	Arthur

Hopping into a good book this week...

Let's celebrate the percentage of children who read at home at least 3 times a week:

Jonah 85%

Noah 69.8%

Mary 79%

32% Jacob

Team Points

Autumn 1 Target: 1000

Collect 1000 team points by 23/10/2026

Reward: non-uniform day

on Wednesday 4th November



Shoe Collection

Are you able to donate any outgrown school shoes to support families in Uganda? School continue to collect good quality children's shoes to support those in need.

Contact Us



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QUIZ NIGHT AT REUBENS

RAISING MONEY FOR: ASTBURY ST MARY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

ASTBURY ST MARYS PTFA

TUESDAY 24TH NOVEMBER

TICKETS £10

INCLUDES A PULLED PORK BAP, A LOW 'N' SLOW BRISKET BAP OR A VEGGIE BAP
ALL SERVED WITH FRIES

TEAMS UP TO 6 PEOPLE MAX
DOORS FROM 6PM - FOOD FROM 7PM
ALSO WITH RAFFLE & GAMES

Astbury St Mary's

Safeguarding Team

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STUDENTS



Need Someone to talk to?

You could talk to a friend

Need Help?

Worried about anything? Talk to us.

MISS COOK



Designated Safeguarding Lead

Here to help

All Staff



Assistant DSLs

Mrs Hodder

Mrs Whiston

Speak to us - We are trusted adults who are here to listen to you. We can help.

We're always here for you.

If you have a concern that a child is being harmed, is at risk of harm, or if your receive a disclosure (intentionally or unintentionally) you must contact a member of the safeguarding team as quickly as possible.

OPERATION ENCOMPASS

Cheshire East Safeguarding Children's Partnership

ChildLine 0800 1111

ASTBURY SCHOOL

FUNDRAISER

All proceeds support Astbury School

Get creative this Christmas!

Wreath Making

Wreath, Mulled Wine & Mince Pie included!

THURSDAY 3RD DECEMBER

7PM – 9PM

AT ASTBURY SCHOOL

£35 PER PERSON

INCLUDES WREATH, MULLED WINE & MINCE PIE

Places are limited and expected to fill quickly.

TO BOOK A PLACE, EMAIL:

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Congleton Town Council

Congleton

Christmas Lights Switch On

Friday 27 November 2026

4pm - 8pm

Switch on 6pm

Congleton Town Centre

Merry Christmas