

Victoria Road Newsletter Autumn 2025

We have had a busy but amazing half term welcoming our new Reception children to our school and also settling in our Y1-6 children into their new classes.

Our Classes are as follows:

Class Name	Year Groups	Staff
Robins	Reception/Year 1	Miss S Dutton, Miss L Moore & Miss M Batty
Wrens	Year 1/Year 2	Ms L Tatler, Miss M Batty, Miss T Breau & Miss K Roberts
Goldfinches	Year 3/Year 4	Miss L Jones, Mrs C Bell, Miss M Batty & Miss K Stretch
Starlings	Year 4/Year 5	Mrs J Dodd, Miss D Jones & Miss B Dutton
Owls	Year 6	Mrs N Schofield, Ms N Rudd, Miss K Roberts & Miss B Dutton

We welcomed back Miss T Breau on the last week of half term following her maternity leave. She will be working in many classes and also delivering ELSA sessions.

Mrs N Javirajasingham decided to leave our school at the end of September due to personal reasons. We wish her well in the future and she will be very much missed.

We are pleased to announce that we will be welcoming Miss K Stretch as a Teaching Assistant at the start of November'25. She will be supporting in the Goldfinches and getting to know all of your children at playtimes and lunchtimes.

We will be saying goodbye to Mrs C Bell at the end of December'25 as she has decided that after 33 years of teaching she is ready for retirement. I am sure you would like to wish her well as she has taught many of your children at our school.

Our Robins class searched for signs of Autumn by venturing over to our school field area to collect items to further explore together.

The Wrens class had an afternoon in the forest area, where they made pumpkin soup together on a wood fire and it was delicious!

Year 3 & 4 were lucky enough to visit Clonter Opera in Congleton in September, where they took part in workshops for music, set design, costumes and lighting. They also watched a variety show and met the singers and performers. This is the second year we have been able to do this fabulous trip, including transport, with no cost to parents/carers or the school. We are very appreciative to Clonter Opera for organising this great experience.

The Year 5 children are ready to take on our new Play Leader roles. They have shared their ideas and organised ways to make our playtimes more exciting, develop teamwork and encourage positive friendships.

Many of our year 6 Owls had a brilliant residential trip to Petty Pool including a day trip to Llangollen. They took part in weaselling, climbing, bouldering, zip-lining, canoeing and much more. As always, they represented the school positively and were a credit to you all. The children who remained in school were given their own projects to complete and also developed their buddy work with the new reception children fantastically.

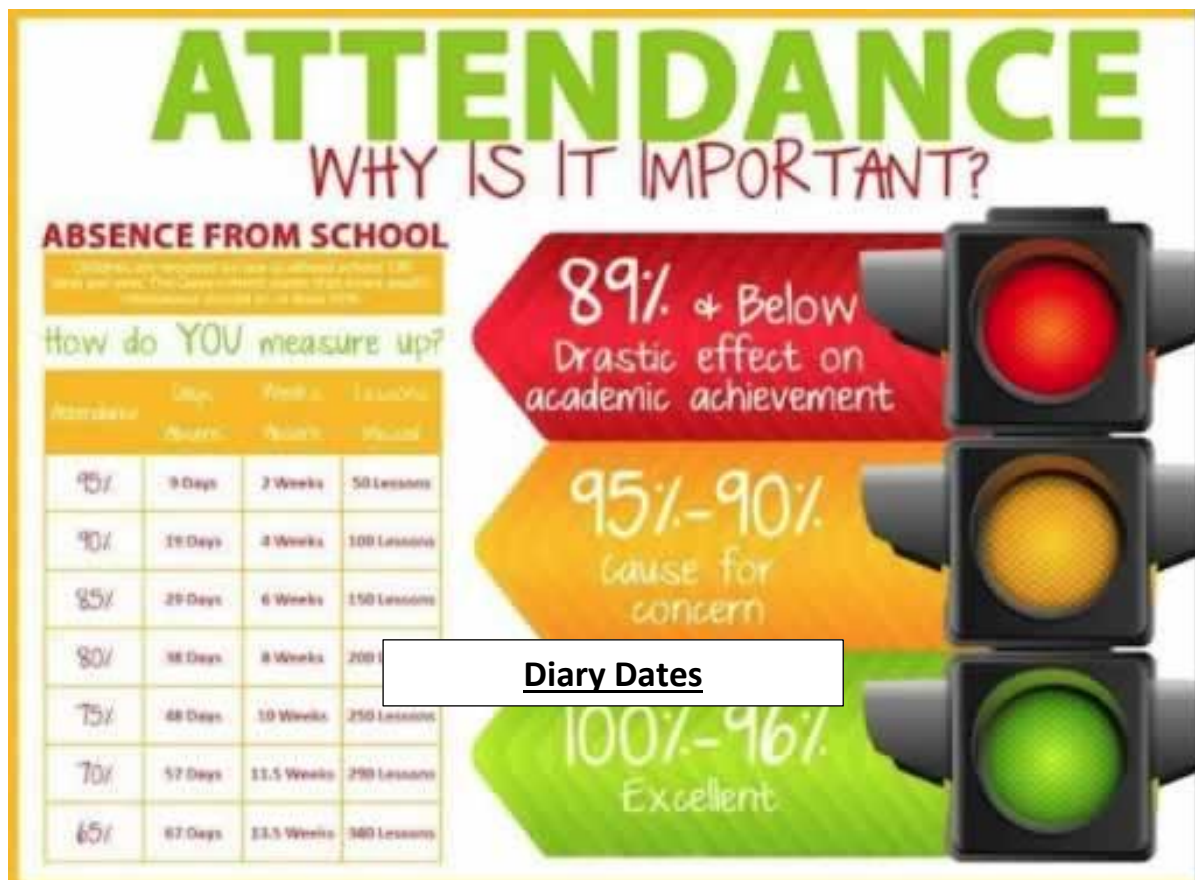
Our Halloween Disco was a success and enjoyed by all who attended. We were supported by our brilliant PTA members and this has helped to raise school funds. Many thanks to the staff and PTA for giving up their own time to make this happen.

We are looking forward to the next half term together.

Miss Thompson
Head of School

<u>Applying for school places: Key dates</u>	<u>Reception Places</u> The closing date for Reception 2026 applications is the 15th January 2026 . Please click the following link to apply: https://www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/residents/education-and-learning/school-admissions/reception-admissions/making-an-application
<u>Breakfast Club/ After School Club</u>	We would like to remind parents/carers that paid breakfast club opens from 8am. The free breakfast club runs from 8.15am to 8.45am. After school club runs until 4.15pm or 6pm. Sessions for the Breakfast Club & After School Club must be booked in advance and any payments due paid for prior to the sessions.
<u>School start time</u>	We would like to clarify that the school gate opens at 8:40am for Robins children and 8:45am for Wrens, Goldfinches, Starlings & Owls. The school gate closes at 8:55am.
<u>Leave of absence requests</u>	All applications for holidays/ special circumstances must be made in writing on our leave of absence request form and must be forwarded to the school office. For more detailed guidance, please read our attendance policy, which can be located on the school website.

FUTURE EVENTS	
School Re-opens for staff and children	Monday 3 rd November
Own Clothes Day for Orange House Only	Friday 7 th November
Anti-Bullying Week – Odd socks day	Monday 10 th November
Remembrance Day - 11am moment of silence & poppy day	Tuesday 11 th November
Children in Need - Non-uniform day for all. Monetary donations will be for Children in Need and/or raffle prize donations for School Christmas raffle for school funds	Friday 14 th November
Flu Vaccinations (please complete the consent online)	Wednesday 19 th November
Christmas Bingo – 4.30-6.30pm	Wednesday 26 th November
School Photographs	Friday 28 th November
Northwich Lantern Parade	Saturday 29 th November
Christmas Jumper Day – donations for “Save the Children”	Thursday 11 th December
Children’s Christmas Lunch	Wednesday 17 th December
EYFS & KS1 Christmas Performance 2.15 - 3pm	Wednesday 17 th December
KS2 Christmas Performance – St Helen’s Church 5-6.30pm	Wednesday 17 th December
Class Christmas Party (afternoon)	Thursday 18 th December
Celebration assembly – Christmas Raffle - 9am – 9.45am - children can come to school in Christmas outfits/jumper.	Friday 19 th December
School Breaks up for Christmas Break – 1:15pm finish	Friday 19 th December
Children return to school	Tuesday 6 th January
Children’s Mental Health Week	Monday 9 th February
Safer Internet Day	Tuesday 10 th February
School Breaks up for Half Term	Friday 13 th February



ATTENDANCE

We have recently noticed an increase in pupil absences due to medical appointments. While we understand that some appointments are unavoidable, we kindly ask that, wherever possible, these are arranged outside of school hours.

Where this is not possible, we would be grateful if appointments could be scheduled at the beginning or end of the school day so that disruption to learning is kept to a minimum.

Going forward, please be aware that medical evidence (such as an appointment letter, text message confirmation, or similar) will be required for the absence to be authorised.

Thank you for your support in helping us to ensure that pupils do not miss valuable learning time.

HOLIDAY DATES 2025 TO 2026

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	Date of opening (First day back at school for pupils)	Date of closing (Last day in school for pupils)
2025 Autumn Term	Wednesday 3rd September	Thursday 23rd October
Autumn Term	Monday 3rd November	Friday 19th December 1.15pm Finish
2026 Spring Term	Tuesday 6th January	Friday 13th February
Spring Term	Monday 23rd February	Friday 27th March 1.15pm Finish
2026 Summer Term	Monday 13th April (Bank Holiday Monday 4th May)	Friday 22nd May
Summer	Tuesday 2nd June	Friday 17th July 1.15pm Finish

INSET DAYS 2025-2026 (Staff Only)

INSET DAY 1 - Monday 1st September 2025

INSET DAY 2 - Tuesday 2nd September 2025

AET TRUST DAY - Friday 24th October 2025

INSET DAY 4- Monday 5th January 2026

INSET DAY 5 - Monday 1st June 2026

INSET DAY 6 - Monday 20th July 2026

HOLIDAY DATES 2026 TO 2027

2026-27	Date of opening (First day back at school for pupils)	Date of closing (Last day in school for pupils)
Autumn Term 1	Wednesday 2nd September	Thursday 22nd October
Autumn Term 2	Tuesday 3rd November	Friday 18th December 1.15pm Finish
Spring Term 1	Tuesday 5th January	Friday 12th February
Spring Term 2	Monday 22nd February	Thursday 25th March 1.15pm Finish
Summer Term 1	Monday 12th April (Bank Holiday Monday 2nd May)	Friday 28th May
Summer Term 2	Monday 7th June	Friday 16th July 1.15pm Finish

INSET DAYS 2026-2027 (Staff Only)

INSET DAY 1 - Tuesday 1st September 2026

AET TRUST DAY - Friday 23rd October 2026

INSET DAY 2 - Monday 2nd November 2026

INSET DAY 3- Monday 19th July 2027

INSET DAY 3- Tuesday 20th July 2027

INSET DAY 3- Wednesday 21st July 2027

Parenting Programmes

View our Parenting programmes click below and find out further information about the individual programmes available.

To view in our accessible version click [here](#)

