

VICTORIA ROAD NEWSLETTER

Summer 1 2025/26

Headteachers Message:

What a wonderfully busy half-term it has been for our school community! From exciting educational trips that have brought learning to life, to the hard work and dedication shown by our pupils during the KS2 assessments, it has certainly been a full and rewarding few weeks. We have also enjoyed coming together for our non-uniform days, which always help to raise both funds and spirits across the school. A particular highlight has been welcoming our new Reception children for September 2026/27—they have already made such a positive impression, and we are very much looking forward to them joining us as part of our school family.

Our five classes want to share some of their experiences with you:

Robins

This term, the Robins went on our first school trip to Peak Wildlife, where we learned about animals and nature. We also planted seeds to grow our own vegetables and flowers, which was exciting and helped make our outdoor area more colourful and lively.



Wrens

This half term, Wrens have been learning all about how to look after a Bog Baby and have enjoyed writing instructions explaining how to care for one properly. As part of our hook lesson, we also had great fun trying to teach Ms Tatler and Miss Breau how to make a jam sandwich — although it did not go quite to plan!

In Maths, we have been learning to tell the time using o'clock and half past, while Year 2 have also been exploring quarter past and quarter to.

Year 1 have also been working incredibly hard in Phonics, practising lots of real and alien words as they prepare for their Phonics Screening Check in June.

History has been very exciting as we have been learning about significant people from Northwich and discovered lots of interesting facts about Joseph Verdin and Frank Roberts.

We have been preparing for Sports Day by practising our running, throwing, jumping and balancing skills in PE.



Goldfinches

This half-term, our learning has been full of creativity and curiosity across the curriculum. In science, we have been exploring different materials and investigating which ones act as conductors, developing our understanding through hands-on experiments. In design and technology, the children have applied their problem-solving skills brilliantly by designing and creating their own moving monsters, using pneumatic systems to bring their ideas to life. In English, we have continued to build our confidence as writers and speakers, with a particular focus on widening our vocabulary and using ambitious language in our work. It has been fantastic to see the children's enthusiasm and progress in all areas.



Starlings

Have enjoyed reading the book - Turtle Moon. They created their own turtles from pipe cleaners and then wrote their own adventure stories based on the book. They then researched Loggerhead Turtles to help them write a non-chronological report.

Year 5 took part in Northwich Sings, performing 10 songs on stage at The Northwich Memorial Hall - they all did amazingly well.

Year 4 have also been enjoying their music lessons - learning the pieces of music they will perform with the Halle orchestra at the Bridgewater Hall in June.



Owls

Year 6 have had a busy and productive half term, with a strong focus on preparing for the KS2 assessments. We have been working hard to secure our number skills in maths, develop our reading comprehension and strengthen our grammar knowledge. In English, we have enjoyed writing in role based on the poem The Lion and Albert, exploring the use of northern dialect and character voice. In Science, we have been learning about classifying animals and plants, whilst also taking some time to relax and be creative through art activities. We have recently started our swimming sessions and are already building confidence in the water. We are now looking forward to all the exciting opportunities in Summer 2 including our trip to London, end of year production and visits to our high schools.



Other News!

Sadly we are saying goodbye to Mrs T Jones who works in the office. Mrs Jones has secured a new job at Sir John Deanes College.

We wish her lots of luck in her new role. She will be missed by everyone here at Victoria Road!

Good Luck Mrs T Jones!

Parental Debt!

Unfortunately, parental debt remains a problem at our school. We currently have a debt balance of **£2889.85** - this is broken down as follows:

Lunch debt = **£2057.05**
Before and After School Clubs =
£832.80

Breakfast and After School Club are on Arbor and need booking in advance. These require a credit in your account to book. If any parent is having a problem accessing ParentPay or Arbor please see the school office for assistance.

Robins Trip to Peak Wildlife Park

Robins Class had a great day out to Peak Wildlife Park on 23rd April. They saw so amazing animals and even got to take part in a Penguin Workshop!



WALLABY'S AND
CAPYBARA'S



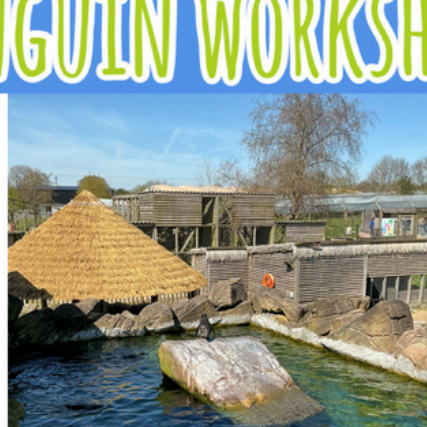
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FUN ON THE PLAYGROUND



PENGUIN WORKSHOP



After School Club

After school club have enjoyed creating super Mario's galaxy's, celebrated St Georges day, appreciated our pets and thought about sun safety alongside lots of play, crafting, movies and more. Now that the weather is getting brighter we can enjoy our picnic snack outside.

Breakfast Club

Breakfast club has now got a fun zone with an air hockey table, full size table tennis, giant connect 4 and jenga and more, also a wide variety of games, construction toys, role play/small world toys, arts and crafts. The children have also been enjoying fun quizzes on the big screen and getting active with just dance and yoga.



Forest School

The Forest School children have been busy making bird boxes ready for next year's breeding season. They have made 12 in total using wood that was kindly donated by T&G Timber Merchants in Lostock. If anyone knows of any community group, organisation or nursing home that would like one of our boxes, please get in touch.



I wish you a lovely half-term and a safe return to school
Miss S Thompson - Head of School



EVENTS

Staff INSET day (no children in school)	Monday 1 st June 2026
Children return to school	Tuesday 2 nd June 2026
Year 4 Multiplication Timetable Checks (2weeks)	Starts WC Tuesday 2 nd June 2026
Year 1 Flower Planting in Northwich Town	Thursday 4 th June 2026
Year 6 London Trip	Thursday 4 th June 2026
Robins "Learn With Me" parents/carers session	Friday 5 th June 2026 @ 2.45pm
Year 1 Phonics screener	WC Monday 8 th May 2026
Sports Day & Trust Fun Run (sponsored)	Wednesday 10 th June 2026
New Reception 'Stay & Play' (Parent and Child)	Thursday 11 th June – 9-9.30am/1.15-1.45pm
New Reception Parents meeting	Wednesday 17 th 3.30-4.30pm
Year 4 trip to the Halle	Thursday 18 th June 2026
Robins "Learn With Me" parents/carers session	Friday 19 th June 2026 @ 2.45pm
Year 5 & 6 Trust Careers Fayre - Ash Grove Academy	Friday 19 th June 2026
Petty Pool Y4 – Parents Meeting	Monday 22 nd June 2026 @ 3.15pm
Reception, Y1 and Y2 trip to Formby beach	Tuesday 23 rd June 2026
Start of Year 6 transition visits to high schools (various dates over 2 weeks)	WC Monday 29 th June 2026
Colas Careers Day	Monday 29 th June – 10.30am-2.30pm
New Reception Home Visits	Tuesday 30 th June & Wednesday 1 st July
Non-Uniform Day for Summer Fair	Friday 3 rd July
Robins "Learn With Me" parents/carers session	Friday 3 rd July 2026 @ 2.45pm
Trust Council Afternoon Tea – Ash Grove Academy	Friday 3 rd July 2026 – 12.30-2.30pm
Petty Pool Y4	Monday 6 th – Tuesday 7 th July 2026
Move Up Day for Children	Wednesday 8 th July
Meet the New Teacher Event	Wednesday 8 th July - 3.30-4.30pm
Reports to Parents/Carers	Friday 10 th July
Summer Fayre	Monday 13 th July – 1.30-4pm
Whole School Performance – Wizard of Oz	Tuesday 14 th July – 2-3pm
Whole School Performance – Wizard of Oz	Tuesday 14 th July – 5-6pm
Y6 Leavers Disco	Thursday 16 th July 4-5.30pm
Y6 Leavers Assembly	Friday 17 th July - 9am
Last Day of School for Summer (Children)	Friday 17 th July – 1.15pm Finish

Breakfast Club / After School Club

We would like to remind parents/carers that paid breakfast club opens from 8am at a cost of £1 and needs booking in advance. The free breakfast club runs from 8.15am to 8.45am.

After school club runs until 4.15pm at a cost of £4 or from 3.15-6pm at a cost of £8.50.

Both clubs need booking and paying for via Arbor 24hours in advance. Anyone with a debt will not be able to book until the debt is cleared.

Sports Day

Sports day will be held on Wednesday 10th June on our school field.

Reception, Y1 & Y2 will start at 9.45am

Y3, 4, 5 & 6 will start at 1.30pm



Careers Event - Colas

Colas have generously volunteered to run a fun careers event here at VRPS for the children to take part in on Monday 29th June.

They will be running several fun activities for the children to enjoy.

COLAS

Summer Fayre

Our Summer Fayre will take place on Monday 13th July from 1.30pm-4pm. More information about the format of the day will be communicated in the coming weeks.

We are looking for donations of Teddy Bears for the fair, if you would like to donate please bring them to the school office.



Attendance Headlines

This term's whole school attendance is 95.51%.

Robins = 97.26%

Starlings = 94.44%

Wrens = 96.65%

Goldfinches = 94.70%

Owls = 94.92%

Every Day Matters

Missing school affects your child's learning and development. Currently, 23.38% of our pupils are classified as persistently absent (missing 10% or more of school) which is significantly higher than national at 18.62%.

Even a few days here and there can quickly add up and impact your child's progress.

96% or Above

85 Children achieved 96% or above this term, with 62 achieving 100% attendance. Well done!

Most Improved Attendance

Almost all classes have improved overall attendance this term. However congratulations to Owls for the most improved class!

Punctuality

Regular, small amounts of daily lateness add up to a significant amount of lost education over an academic year.

5 mins late each day = Over 3 days
10 mins late each day = 6.5 days lost
15 mins late each day = 10 days
20 mins late each day = 13 days
30 mins late each day = 19 days

Holiday Dates

Holiday dates 2025 TO 2026

	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

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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

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