VICTORIA ROAD NEWSLETTER

Autumn 1 – 2026/27

Headteachers Message

It has been a fantastic start to the academic year, and it has been wonderful to see our school community thriving.

Our amazing Reception children have settled into school life incredibly well and have quickly become part of our school family. I have the pleasure of teaching in Reception twice a week, and their enthusiasm, curiosity and excitement for learning are truly contagious. I am also extremely proud of our older pupils, who have been so welcoming and supportive of our youngest starters, consistently demonstrating kindness, patience and our nurturing school values.

A huge thank you must also go to our dedicated staff team, who work tirelessly every day to ensure that all our children have the very best experiences and opportunities at school. Their commitment and teamwork make a real difference to the lives of our pupils.

This term, we have introduced a number of new lunchtime initiatives designed to encourage children to work collaboratively, build friendships and try new activities. All children have had the opportunity to get involved, and we have already seen a significant reduction in both behavioural incidents and playground accidents. Activities on offer have included scooter racing, hockey, netball, croquet, learning musical instruments, team playground games, mindfulness activities and creative arts, to name just a few. Following half term, we will gather pupil voice to evaluate these changes and consider future ideas and developments. These initiatives have also helped children to be more active during lunchtime, supporting our commitment to healthy living.

I would like to ask for your continued support in making healthy choices for snacks and packed lunches. Recently, we have noticed an increase in sugary snacks being brought into school and fewer healthy options such as fruit, yoghurt and other nutritious foods. Healthy eating plays an important role in supporting children's concentration, wellbeing and learning. For some useful ideas and inspiration, please visit the NHS Healthy Lunchbox guide:

https://www.nhs.uk/healthier-families/recipes/healthier-lunchboxes/

Our fabulous PTA has already been busy organising events, including a highly successful Halloween Disco, and there is plenty more to look forward to next half term. If you are interested in joining the PTA and supporting future events, please speak to Miss Kerr, our School Bursar, who will be happy to provide more information.

We currently have a vacancy for a Parent Governor. Please refer to the letter sent via Arbor for details about this valuable voluntary role and information on how to apply.

Finally, I would like to thank all of our families for your continued support. I hope you have a well-deserved and restful break, and I look forward to welcoming everyone back to school on Tuesday 3rd November.

Miss Thompson

Head of School

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

Robins

We have had a lovely start to the autumn term in Reception, settling into our new routines and getting to know our classroom and friends. Our topic has been 'All About Me', where we have been learning about ourselves, our families, our feelings and what makes each of us special.



Wrens

Wrens have settled in beautifully and have been enjoying our story The Enormous Turnip, including having a go at tasting turnip soup! We are loving our History topic on the Great Fire of London, especially learning and singing the songs. We have also been exploring our classroom provision and building on our learning through play.

In Maths, we have been learning our number bonds to 10 and have learnt a catchy song which has helped to recall the bonds. We have been working hard on partner and team work in PE where we have been developing our communication skills.



Goldfinches

In Goldfinches this term we have enjoyed completing english work around The tin forest. We have written our own folktale and our own non chronological report linked to this text.

The children have really enjoyed their PE lessons, playing competitive team games. Working on teamwork, cooperation and how to win and lose well.

Year 4 have also enjoyed starting their instrument tuition in their music lessons



Starlings

The Starlings have settled into the new school year wonderfully and are being incredible role models for their younger peers. Since being back in September, we have been learning all about the Anglo-Saxons and Vikings, including: where they came from, what their lives were like and how they travelled to the UK!

In Science, we have explored the eight planets in our solar system, researched why we have night and day and have even created our own line graphs that show how long it takes each of the planets to orbit the moon.



Owls

Since September, Year 6 have enjoyed a wide range of learning experiences across the curriculum. In Writing, we have explored poetry, created engaging story openings and made our own facts to write detailed biographies based on the Nowhere Emporium. In Art, we designed and sculpted our own pieces inspired by Henry Moore, while reflecting on our Zones of Regulation and how emotions can be expressed creatively. In Geography and History, we have investigated why different groups of people have migrated to the UK and considered whether the reasons for migration have changed over time. Throughout all of our learning, we have developed our enquiry skills, creativity and confidence as independent learners. We're excited to finish this half term with our residential trip to Petty Pool!



Other News!

Year 6 have enjoyed a 2 night residential to Petty Pool this week! Please check Class Dojo for pictures of their activities.

Petty Pool College

Parental Debt!

After moving payments to Arbor parental debt has decreased considerably.

Lunch debt is now down to **£43.40**

Before and After School Club debt is down to **£139.50**.

Please remember to book in advance

Thank you for your support in making our school parental debt free!

Hello Yellow Day



With your help our school helped raised £138.75 for Young Minds.

Halloween Disco





Our Halloween disco took place on Monday 19th October. We saw some fantastic costumes and some great dance moves from the children.

The event raised £317.71!

All money raised at this event will go into our Sensory Room fund.

Breakfast & After School Clubs

Both clubs will be packed with arts and crafts to celebrate and remember lots of traditional special dates including bonfire, pudsey, rememberence Sunday and of course the glitter will be out ready for Christmas, alongside this we have maths week, road safety week and lots more.
The weather outside may be turning frightful, but our warm milk cereal station is delightful and helps to start the day the right way.

Upcoming Events

Monday 2nd November - INSET Day (School Closed)

Wednesday 25th November - Movie Night 3.15pm - 4.30pm

Friday 20th November - Dress Down Day for Christmas Raffle Donations

Friday 27th November - School Photographs

Monday 30th November - Friday 4th December - Enterprise Week in School

Friday 4th December -Christams Fair & Santas Grotto

Thursday 10th December - Whole School Panto Visit

Wednesday 16th December KS2 Church Performance 5-6pm

Friday 18th December - Christmas Raffle drawn

Friday 18th December - School closes for Half-Term 1.15pm







CHRISTMAS FAIR

FOOD, STALLS AND A SANTAS GROTTO

FRIDAY 4TH DECEMBER

VICTORIA ROAD PRIMARY SCHOOL HALL





Family Hub Launch Events

Come and join us as we launch our **Best Start Family Hubs** this October.

Victoria Road Best Start Family Hub

Date: Wednesday 28th October 2026

Time: 12.00noon – 3.00pm

All ages are welcome

Activities will include;

Facepainting, hair braiding, brio bear, Popcat's music time, hook a duck, games, snacks and lots more!

Address: Neumann St, Northwich, CW9 5UT

Find out what Family Hubs are all about and have some fun!

UK Government

Cheshire West and Chester

Attendance Headlines

This terms whole school attendance is 94.3%.

Robins = 94.36%
Wrens = 96.03%
Goldfinches = 95.42%
Starlings = 91.73%
Owls = 92.72%

Every Day Matters

Missing school affects your child's learning and development. Currently, 18% of our pupils are classified as persistently absent (missing 10% or more of school) which is significantly higher than national at 13.9%.

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 58 achieving 100% attendance. Well done!

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

HELP YOUR CHILD SUCCEED. BUILD THE HABIT OF GOOD ATTENDANCE.



Avoid medical appointments during the school day wherever possible.



Communicate with school.

Attending school regularly helps children feel better about school - and themselves. Start building this habit in Nursery/Reception so they learn right away that going to school on time, everyday is important. Good attendance will help children do well in school, college and at work.

Lay out clothes and pack backpacks the night before.





Dont let you child stay home unless they are truly sick. Keep in mind complaints of a stomach ache or headache can be a sign of anxiety and not a reason to stay home.

Working together to improve school attendance.



Set a regular bed time and morning routine.

Attending school every day can help your child achieve their aspirations and the aspirations you have for them.



Their motivation starts with you!

School is an enriching and nurturing envrionment that can help your child with their social and mental wellbeing.

Holiday Dates

Victoria Road Primary 2026/27



September 2026

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June 2027

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July 2027

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= Bank Holiday = Inset Day School Closed = School closed for holidays