



Huntington Community Primary School Newsletter

April 2nd, 2026

Diary Dates	
April	
20 th	School re-opens
May	
4 th	Bank Holiday
6-8 th	Y3 residential
11 th	Y6 SATs week
22 nd	INSET (pupils not in)
23 rd	Half-term break
June	
1 st	School re-opens
	Y4 Tables check (2 wks)
8 th	Y1 Phonics check wk
17 th	Nursery Sports (am)
17-19 th	Y6 residential
18 th	Infant Sports (am)
25 th	Junior Sports (am)
26 th	Class photos YN, 1-5
30 th	Class swaps (am)
July	
14-16 th	Parents' Evenings
20 th	Y6 Leavers' show
22 nd	Summer Break/ INSET

So long, farewell...

It has been such a privilege to serve as the Headteacher of Huntington Primary for these past seventeen years, and to be part of its caring community for the twenty four years since I arrived as Deputy Head in January 2002. I have been fortunate to have worked throughout with dedicated staff, supportive governors and parents, and the wonderful children of Huntington, who energise each school day with their curiosity, humour and zest for life, and keep us all young (young-ish, in my case). I have been so touched by everyone's kindness over these last few weeks especially; the messages and gifts are very much appreciated, and the special song that the children learned for my celebration assembly will stay with me always.

I know that the school will be in safe hands when Mr Erne takes over as headteacher after the Easter break, and that he too will benefit from the Huntington Factor as you all make new memories together.

*Kind regards, and farewell,
Mr Rose*

Hop into Spring for a good cause

On the first day of Spring (the vernal equinox, astronomy fans), the Huntington bunnies were out in force, raising funds for The Hospice of the Good Shepherd (adopted once again as our principal good cause for the year). The children really enjoyed working together to complete their sponsored hops/skips/jumps around the playground circuit, raising a fantastic sum through the generous sponsorship of family and friends (more than £2,500 at last count). Many thanks to everyone who was able to support the Hospice with this enjoyable event.



Duck Race Design

A Harry Styles-themed design, produced by the winning artist, Phoebe Duncan, will be applied to our entry for the Countess of Chester charity duck race. Excellent designs were also produced by the three runners-up; Bryony White, Ivy Dougherty and Isadora Kapps-Sutter (below). Well done to everyone who took part in the competition.



Behaviour Awards

The winners of the KS2 individual behaviour prizes for the last half term are as below - and well done to all the other children whose behaviour has been excellent.

Y3 Birch: Emmy Coleman	Y3 Hazel: Magi Dinesh
Y4 Hawthorn: Jude Rawcliffe	Y4 Lime: Rae Whitehouse
Y5 Larch: Krish Shaji	Y5 Rowan: Viha Biradar
Y6 Alder: Lucy McConnell	Y6 Sycamore: Charlotte Sinclair

PTA

Many thanks to all the children who entered the PTA *Design an Easter Egg* competition. There were lots of excellent entries, which made choosing only one from each class a difficult task, but the artists who have been successful this time, receiving a prize of a chocolate egg, are:

EYFS/KS1

Seedlings: Oliver Kennedy
Reception Oak: Evie Royle
Reception Willow: Sophie Cook
Y1 Beech: Theo Salt
Y1 Maple: Nicholas Baxter
Y2 Cedar: Anson Pang
Y2 Elm: Brooke Ellis

KS2

Y3 Birch: Isla Astbury
Y3 Hazel: Robin Collier
Y4 Hawthorn: Juna Nugent
Y4 Lime: Jan Chan
Y5 Larch: Santi Allman
Y5 Rowan: Lily Ankers
Y6 Alder: Ella Howlett
Y6 Sycamore: Elissa Price

Musical Experiences

Several musical events took place in school in the weeks leading up to Easter. Year 4 parents enjoyed brass concerts from Hawthorn and Lime pupils, who demonstrated their learning from our whole class instrumental tuition programme, provided by *Music for Life*.

In addition, Will Hay's piano pupils put on an excellent performance, sharing their progress with parents and junior children, and impressing all with both their musical ability and their courage in playing to such a large audience.



Y4 Hawthorn Brass Concert



Mr Hay's piano pupils at their concert

Pupil Fundraising

Several boys from Year 6 held a cake sale in aid of Cancer Research in early March, raising over £80 for this important cause. Very well done to them for their initiative and positive action.



Musical Theatre Club: *The Wizard of Oz*

After months of hard work, Mrs Bunning-Williams' Musical Theatre Club presented a truly wonderful production of *The Wizard of Oz* last week. Two different main casts were supported by a terrific ensemble for evening performances attended by parents and family, and it was hard to believe that this was a show put on by a primary school, such was the quality. The singing was stunning, the dancing enthralling (love the Jitterbugs!) and the acting fabulous. Many congratulations to all involved, including Miss Avery (who assisted throughout rehearsals and was sound supervisor on the night), Mrs Stern (who applied a LOT of face paint with great skill), Mrs Duncan-Price and Mrs Hennessy (who made many super props), as well as the staff who created the impressive stage backing. And of course, take a bow, Mrs Bunning-Williams.



SPORT

Cross Country

Our cross country team produced a fantastic performance at this year's district event, finishing second overall and with much individual success. Our Year 4 girls won their team event, and both Year 4 and Year 6 boys were third in theirs, with the Year 6 girls team also contributing valuable points towards the overall result. Special mention must go to Rae Whitehouse and Lewyn Williams, who won their Year 4 races, and to Peyton Morgan (bronze) and Teddy Marsh (fourth), also in Year 4. The overall result, however, depended on every member of the team completing the quite substantial distance (1km for Year 4, 1 mile for Year 6), and the whole team should be very proud of a great result.



Y4 Squad

Girls: Mila Edwards, Poppy Jones, Peyton Morgan, Rae Whitehouse

Boys: Oscar Bedson, Teddy Linekar, Teddy Marsh, Lewyn Williams

Y6 Squad

Girls: Sarah Hennessy, Isadora Kapps-Sutter, Lucy McConnell, Charlotte Sinclair

Boys: Leo Griffiths, Jack Jeffs, Lucas McKay, Lucas Scott

Football League

Lots of league matches have taken place for all three of our teams in March, leaving just four fixtures to complete before the summer half-term break (against St Werburgh's Y6 Girls, and St Martins (all three teams: Y4 Mixed, Y6 Mixed and Y6 Girls)). Particularly impressive scores have included a 9-0 victory over Hoole Y6 Mixed, an 8-2 win for the Y6 Girls over Grosvenor Park, and a 9-0 result for the Y4 Mixed against St Werburgh's, but equally heartening were hard fought draws against teams such as Hoole Y6 Girls, in which our team's mettle was tested like never before, but they still put in a sterling performance. Keep it up!

Chester FC Opportunities



Free tickets to Chester FC Women's team Semi-Final

Kalvin Williams, who has been running our popular Y4/5 Girls Football after-school club, and is the manager of Chester FC Women, would like to invite the school community to come along and support the team in their upcoming **semi-final against Accrington Stanley Women at the Deva Stadium on Sunday 12th April (2pm KO)**

This is a huge occasion for the players, promising to be a very tough and competitive game, and the support from the local community can make a real difference to the team.

We're also delighted to share that this fixture is completely free to attend for both children and adults, making it a great opportunity for families to enjoy a match together and support local football.

If you would like to attend, simply complete the form at the link below, and tickets will be sent out ahead of the fixture.

<https://form.jotform.com/251972960032356>

Chester FC Easter Soccer School

The Chester FC Soccer School is back for the Easter holidays with places now available to book.

Our popular camps are led by qualified, experienced coaches and support youngsters to keep active, develop their skills and make new friends during the school holidays.

The Chester FC Soccer School will be running across both weeks of the Easter break at Goals Soccer Centre, offering skills coaching, small-sided games, tournaments and challenges for children aged 5-15. The camps start at 10am and finish 3pm with places costing £18 per day.

Dates: Tuesday 7th to Friday 17th April 2026

Times: 10am to 3pm

Venue: Goals Soccer Centre with drop off and pick up at Deva Stadium

Bookings can be made online at <http://community.chesterfc.com/book>

If you have any questions or would like more information, please email community@chesterfc.com.

School lunches: price increase

Our catering supplier will be implementing a cost increase for school meals as of the summer term. We must therefore, and with regret, increase the cost of a **school lunch to £3.40 from the start of the summer term**. Families who are struggling in the current economic climate are reminded that they may apply for the provision of free school meals if they meet the criteria (click [HERE](#) to visit CWAC's information page).



Year 4 having fun in The Lakes

*Happy Easter
from Mr Rose and all the staff*

