Huntington Community Primary School

Newsletter • Friday 5th June 2026

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✉ A Message from Mr Erne

Dear Huntington Families,

Welcome back! I hope you and your families enjoyed a restful and restorative half-term break. It has been wonderful to see the children return this week with such energy and enthusiasm — Huntington has felt alive with purpose from the very first moment the doors opened on Monday morning.

I want to begin this week's newsletter with some truly wonderful news. As many of you will know, our school community has been fundraising for the Hospice of the Good Shepherd, a cause close to many hearts across Huntington and the wider Chester community. I am absolutely thrilled to tell you that, thanks to the extraordinary generosity of our families, our school council representatives visited the Hospice on Wednesday — and we were awarded the Gold Trophy for our fundraising efforts. The total raised stands at an incredible £7,531.65.

I could not be more proud of every single child, family, and member of staff who played their part. This is what Huntington looks like at its very best: a community that gives, cares, and comes together for others.

There is more to look forward to in the weeks ahead — from the Year 1 Phonics Screening Check and Sports Days to the Chester Green Festival — and I look forward to sharing it all with you.

Warmly,

Mr David Erne

Headteacher, Huntington Community Primary School

📅 Dates for the Diary

Date	Event
W/b 8 June	Year 1 Phonics Screening Check
17 June	Nursery Sports Day
18 June	Rec/Y1 and Y2 Sports Day
17–19 June	Year 6 Residential Trip
26 June	Summer Fair (PTA) – 3:15–6:00pm

Our Soft Start — What a Difference It's Making!

It has been wonderful to see our soft start settling in so well. Since introducing our new morning routine, children are arriving calm and ready to learn — heading straight to their classrooms from 8:40am, greeted by their teacher, and beginning the day with purpose rather than waiting in a line.

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The difference in atmosphere has been noticeable from the very first morning. Children are more settled by registration time, and parents and staff have commented on how smoothly the school day now begins. This is exactly what a good morning should feel like — unhurried, warm, and purposeful.

Thank you to every family for embracing the change so positively. Your support makes all the difference. We look forward to continuing to see our children walk through the door ready for a great day of learning.

Hospice of the Good Shepherd — Gold Trophy!

We did it — and then some. Our school community has raised an extraordinary £7,531.65 for the Hospice of the Good Shepherd, and this week we received the very highest recognition for that achievement.

On Wednesday, our School Council representatives visited the Hospice to present our contribution in person. During that visit, we were presented with the Gold Trophy — the top award for fundraising — in recognition of Huntington's outstanding generosity.

The Hospice of the Good Shepherd provides compassionate, specialist care to people and families across our local community at some of the most difficult times in their lives. Every pound raised makes a real and tangible difference to the people they support.

To every family who donated, baked, ran, raffled, sponsored, or simply encouraged their child to give: thank you. This achievement belongs to all of you. Our School Council representatives were magnificent ambassadors for Huntington, and I could not have been prouder watching them represent our school with such warmth and maturity.

This is Huntington Community at its absolute finest.

A Reminder About Parking

Thank you to the vast majority of our families who park considerately and safely. We know that the school run can be busy, and we appreciate your patience and goodwill.

We do ask that parents and carers avoid parking directly outside the school gates or on double yellow lines at drop-off and collection times. Not only can this cause congestion on Aldford Road, but it also creates safety concerns for our children as they enter and leave school.

We are very fortunate to have a convenient alternative nearby: the Rake and Pikel pub car park is available for parents to use during drop-off and collection. It is just a short walk from school and makes a real difference to the flow of traffic and the safety of our children. Please do make use of it if you are driving to school.

If you have any concerns about parking or road safety near school, please do not hesitate to speak to a member of the school office team.

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Parent Questionnaire

Your voice matters to us. As part of our ongoing commitment to listening to our community, we asked all parents and carers to complete a short questionnaire about your experience of Huntington Community Primary School.

There was a technical issue with the questionnaire form and Sections 5 and 6 were missing from some of the responses. Can I ask that you spare 5 minutes to complete the sections so that I can analyse all responses and share the outcomes with you.

Please look out for the link to the questionnaire, which is below and will be sent via our usual parent communication channels. We kindly ask that responses are submitted by Friday 19th June. Thank you in advance for taking the time to share your views.

Parent/Carer Questionnaire - Summer 2026 (2) – Fill out form

Chester Green Festival

We are delighted to share that Huntington Community Primary School will be taking part in the Chester Green Festival — a wonderful celebration of sustainability, nature, and our local environment.

We wanted to let you know about an exciting project some of our wonderful children have been working on. We were asked to decorate two bike wheels for the Chester Green Festival which takes place this **Sunday 7th June** in Chester City Centre. The children have worked really hard to design and decorate their wheels and they will be displayed in Exchange Square on Sunday. Everyone who views the display will be asked to vote for their favourite wheel and the winning 3 entries will be displayed at the Town Hall the following weekend. More information can be found in our recent email.

Our children are very proud of their finished designs and if you or any of your friends and family are visiting Chester this weekend they would be very grateful if you would take a look at their work and vote for their entry. There are also lots of other fun activities taking place as part of the Festival.

At Huntington, we believe strongly in developing curious, responsible citizens who care about their community and their world. The Chester Green Festival is a perfect expression of those values — and we are very much looking forward to being part of it.

Follow us on Instagram!

Stay connected with the Huntington community beyond the school gates — follow us at **@huntingtonprimarychester** for glimpses of learning in action, celebration of our children's achievements, and a window into school life throughout the term. We'd love to see our school community grow online too!

School doors open 8:40am | Register closes 9:00am | Nursery/KS1/EYFS finish 3:15pm | KS2 finish 3:25pm