Huntington Community Primary School

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✉ A Message from Mr Erne

Dear Huntington Families,

What a fortnight it has been. As we head into the final weeks of this academic year, the energy across school has been extraordinary — and the stories I have to share with you this week are a reminder of why Huntington is such a special place to learn and grow.

This week brought our **Rec, Year 1 and Year 2 Sports Day** — a glorious celebration of effort, teamwork and joy. To watch our youngest children run, jump and cheer one another on with such enthusiasm was an absolute privilege. Every child gave their very best, and that is all we ever ask.

Our **Year 6 pupils** have been away on their residential this week — an adventure they have earned and richly deserve. These are the young people who have given so much to Huntington, and it has been wonderful to see them thrive beyond the classroom. We look forward to welcoming them back full of stories.

I am also delighted to share two outstanding achievements. We have been formally awarded the **RHS Level 1 Gardening Award** — a wonderful recognition of the care and curiosity our children bring to our school grounds. Our Year 3 and Year 4 children who took part in **Finals Day on Tuesday 16th June** — the culmination of their competition season.

Finally, a brief but important note about the **Household Support Fund — Crisis and Resilience**. Please do take a moment to read that section. The fund exists to support families who need it most, and I want to make sure everyone who is eligible knows how to access it.

It is a privilege to lead this school.

Warmly,

Mr David Erne

Headteacher, Huntington Community Primary School

📅 Dates for the Diary

Date	Event
25 June	Junior Sports Day
26 June	Summer Fair (PTA) — 3:15–6:00pm
30 June	Class Swaps

14 July	Parents' Evening
20 July	Y6 Leavers' Show

Sports Day — Reception, Year 1 & Year 2

What a wonderful morning we had on the school field! Our **Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 pupils** took centre stage for Sports Day — and they delivered a performance to remember.

From sprint races and obstacle courses to the egg and spoon race, every event was met with fierce determination and tremendous sportsmanship. Children cheered for one another, supported their classmates through every challenge, and showed exactly the kind of character we celebrate at Huntington.

A huge thank you to our families who came to cheer them on — your presence means the world to our children. Thank you also to our wonderful staff team, whose organisation and enthusiasm made the day so special.

Every child was a champion. We could not be prouder.

Year 6 Residential Trip

Our Year 6 pupils have headed off on their long-awaited residential this week — and what an adventure awaits them.

Residentials are some of the most memorable experiences of primary school life. They build confidence, resilience, teamwork and lifelong friendships in ways that simply cannot be replicated in the classroom. Our Year 6 cohort have worked hard and grown so much throughout their time at Huntington, and they thoroughly deserve this opportunity.

We look forward to welcoming them back — no doubt full of stories, a little tired, and very proud of themselves. A big thank you to all the staff accompanying the trip and to the families for their support in making it happen.

RHS Level 1 Gardening Award

We are absolutely delighted to share that Huntington Community Primary School has been formally awarded the **Royal Horticultural Society (RHS) Level 1 Gardening Award**. Thank you to Mrs Lynch for working so hard to engage as many children as possible with this wonderful project.

This is a brilliant achievement and a real testament to the children who have thrown themselves into our gardening project with such energy and care. Whether planting seeds, nurturing growing beds, or learning about the natural world around them, our pupils have shown a genuine love of the outdoors and an understanding of why looking after our environment matters.

Well done to every child who has played their part in our growing spaces this year.

Geography Competition — Huntington Wins!

We are thrilled to announce the winners of our Huntington Community Primary School Geography Competition. Thank you to everyone who took part — Mrs Hickman and Mrs Roberts were very impressed with all the entries!

Nursery: Hugo
Reception: Hazel
Year 1: Melissa
Year 2: Henry
Year 3: George
Year 4: Rae
Year 5: Coralie
Year 6: Simon

Heartfelt congratulations to every winner and to all the children who entered

This is Huntington geography in action — curious, knowledgeable and ready for the world.

Year 4 Football Finals Day

A special mention to our Year 3 and Year 4 children who took part in **Finals Day on Tuesday 16th June** — the culmination of their competition season.

The children performed with confidence, determination and tremendous team spirit. Finals Day is always one of the highlights of the summer term — a chance for our children to test themselves, push their limits, and discover what they are truly capable of when it matters most.

Well done to every Year 3 and Year 4 pupil who represented Huntington. You have done the school proud.

Household Support Fund — Crisis & Resilience

Expanded Free School Meal eligibility from September 2026

From September 2026, all pupils in households receiving Universal Credit will become entitled to free school meals (FSM).

Pupils who already qualify because their household earnings are £7,400 or less will continue to qualify. The change will extend entitlement to more families, meaning more children will be able to apply to receive Free School Meals.

To find out more, visit:
https://www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/residents/education-and-learning/free-school-meals

Not just school holidays

If you aren't in receipt of Free School Meals, the Crisis and Resilience Fund can still help you with various costs. Visit the webpage for more information about support with:

- Crisis payments
- Help in Emergencies for Local People (HELP)
- Housing Payments and Discretionary Hardship Payments
- Heating oil support

Other support

There is also information and support available on the Council's cost of living webpages, which bring together resources about financial help, advice services, and emergency assistance:
https://www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/residents/benefits-and-welfare-help/cost-of-living

Follow Us on Instagram!

Stay connected with the Huntington community — 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!