# NEWSLETTER

**FRIDAY 23RD OCTOBER 2026**

## MESSAGE FROM MRS JEVONS

It is hard to believe how quickly this first half term has flown by! The children have settled beautifully into the new academic year and have been working incredibly hard across all year groups.

A special mention must go to our Reception children, who have made a fantastic start to their school journey. They have taken the big step into school life with confidence and enthusiasm, and we are so proud of how well they have settled in.

Thank you to all parents and carers who attended meetings with teachers this week. These conversations are so important in helping us work together to support your child's academic progress and social development. Please remember, our staff are always available throughout the year should you have any questions or concerns. You can contact the school office to arrange a catch-up at any time.

A few weeks after the half term break we will be saying goodbye and good luck to Mrs Cowen who will be leaving us to have her baby, and we will be welcoming Miss Ashley and Mrs Cowen to the year 1 class. Year 1MC class will received a follow up letter detailing the thorough transition.

Year 2 have experienced a mock Baptism at church this week where they all had roles in the ceremony. Our Year 5/6 pupils enjoyed a wonderful visit to the Chester Military Museum, where they experienced a fun and educational experience that brought their classroom learning to life. They have also been busy in Forest School, developing their teamwork and cooperation skills through activities such as den building. Their efforts were rewarded with a well-deserved hot chocolate around the campfire – a lovely way to end the week!

We hope you all a have a happy, restful, and safe half term break.
Warm regards,
Mrs Jevons
Headteacher



# THOUGHT OF THE WEEK:
# MATTHEW 22:17

Sometimes a loaded question is asked to try to trick a person into saying something that will get them into trouble. Our Bible lesson today is a good example of that.

Jesus was gaining great popularity among the Israelites. This was very upsetting to the religious leaders called Pharisees. They thought He was a threat to their authority. They tried everything they could think of to make Jesus look bad and yet Jesus had more and more followers every day. So a group of Pharisees met and came up with a plot to trick Jesus into saying something that would discredit Him among His followers.

The people in Jesus' day were required to pay taxes to the Roman government. That was not very popular with the people. The plan was to go to Jesus and ask Him his opinion about paying the taxes. So, the Pharisees sent their followers, with a few of Herod's followers mixed in and asked Jesus, "Teacher, we know how honest you are. You teach the way of God truthfully. Now tell us what you think about this: Is it right to pay taxes to Caesar or not?" They were actually trying to trick Jesus, because they knew if He said, "Yes," the people would be angry. But if He said, "No," he would get into trouble with the Roman authorities.

Jesus saw right through their plan and He did a very wise thing. He asked them for a coin. Then He said, "Whose picture is on this coin?"

They answered, "It is Caesar." Caesar was the Roman ruler and all taxes had to be paid to him.
Jesus then said to them, "Give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar, and give to God what belongs to God."

Jesus said "Give to God what belongs to God." The Bible says that we were created by God and that we were created in the image of God. If we are created by God, and we were created in His image, we must belong to Him. That means we must give ourselves to Him!

Dear God,
Help us give You what is Yours. Help us spend our hours in acts of love and our days in doing acts of kindness. May we always obey You and give You honor. In Jesus' name we pray,
Amen.



# UPCOMING DATES

| November 2026 | |
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| 2nd | Return to school |
| 3rd | EYFS Reading and Phonics Meeting |
| 4th | Reception 2027 New Intake Tour |
| 6th | Coffee Morning – Year 1 Diwali theme |
| 6th | GR class mass |
| 9th | Baptismal service and introductory meeting for First Holy Communion |

**Families receiving Free School Meals**

Support with food during the school holidays through the Crisis and Resilience Fund is now open again for applications.

This support is available for £30 per week per school age child that receives income based Free School Meals if families are struggling to meet these additional costs during the school holidays.

This payment will cover the combined October half term and Christmas holidays period of 3 weeks, and therefore if successful, an award of £90 will be given per eligible child, which will be paid via a payment to your bank account.

To apply or find out more details, you can visit
School Holiday Support Payment | Cheshire West and Chester Council

If you're not in receipt of Free Schools Meals but need help with a sudden financial crisis, you can apply for our Crisis Payment scheme
Crisis payments | Cheshire West and Chester Council

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Morrisons CAFE

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# IS YOUR CHILD STARTING SCHOOL IN SEPTEMBER 2027?

# COME AND VISIT ST WERBURGH'S AND ST COLUMBA'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

## Tour Dates

- Wednesday 30th September 2026 — 9:30am
- Wednesday 7th October 2026 — 9:30am
- Tuesday 20th October 2026 — 9:30am
- Wednesday 4th November 2026 — 1:30pm
- Wednesday 11th November 2026 — 9:30am
- Wednesday 2nd December 2026 — 9:30am



**During your tour, you will have the opportunity to:**

- Meet our Headteacher
- Explore our classrooms, outdoor spaces and facilities
- Learn about our curriculum, values and wider opportunities

**To book your tour** — please contact the school office

Whether you are new to the area or beginning your child's school journey, we would love to show you what makes our school community so special

**Book your tour:**
01244 478968
office@lovelearnlaugh.org.uk

Scan to view admissions page

# CEPD

Community & Educational Physical Development




# OCTOBER HALF TERM HOLIDAY CAMP

## AT ST WERBURGH'S & ST COLUMBA'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

**A FUN-FILLED WEEK OF SPORTS, ACTIVITIES & FRIENDS!**

- FOOTBALL
- DODGEBALL
- DANCE
- CRICKET
- BASKETBALL
- TABLE TENNIS
- ARTS & CRAFTS

AND MUCH MORE!

**KEEP ACTIVE, HAVE FUN!**

**TAX FREE CHILDCARE AND VOUCHERS ACCEPTED**

### DATES
26TH OCTOBER – 30TH OCTOBER 2026

### AGES
5 – 11

### TIMINGS & COST
9AM – 4PM £27.00
8AM DROP OFF £4.00
5PM PICK UP £4.00

### WEEKLY COST OFFER
**£110.00**
(9AM – 4PM)
SAVE £25.00 PER WEEK!

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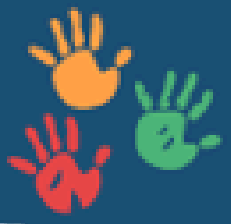
STARTING 15th SEPTEMBER

# Werbie Tots

BRAND NEW toddler group

Tuesdays 9:15 - 11 am







## JOIN THE FUN!

• art • stories • music • singing •
• creative play • nature exploring •

## FIND US AT

**St Werburgh & St Columba Primary School**
**Lightfoot Street, Hoole, Chester CH2 3AD**
**Tel:** 01244 478968
**Email: office**@lovelearnlaugh.org.uk

# ATTENDANCE AND ABSENCE REMINDER

Attendance and absence: **For safeguarding reasons we ask that you please leave a voicemail each day to report your child absent on 01244 478968 unless there is an exclusion period where we know not to expect them for a certain period (e.g. 48h after the last incident of sickness or diarrhoea). We are required to record a reason for all absences.** As always, **please complete a leave of absence request** (available on the website or from the office) before taking your child out of school in term time. Family holidays in term time cannot be authorised unless there are exceptional circumstances, and please bear in mind that **unauthorised absence of five school days longer (not necessarily consecutive) in a rolling 10-week period may incur a fixed penalty. New regulations regarding attendance and absence are now in force, details have been sent out separately.** Absence for medical appointments (or music exams, etc) is authorised, **but please email a screenshot of any appointments your child needs to attend during school time to office@lovelearnlaugh.org.uk.**

Attendance continues to be priority for St Werburgh's & St Columba's Catholic Primary School and we support and encourage all children to attend school as often as possible.

