NEWSLETTER

FRIDAY 4TH SEPTEMBER 2026

MESSAGE FROM MRS JEVONS

We have had a fantastic first few days back at school! It has been such a joy to see how much the children have grown over the summer—and how smart they all look in their uniforms. They have settled beautifully into their new classes, showing excellent attitudes and behaviour. A huge well done to each and every one of them!

A particular welcome to our new Reception children who have completed their first Full day in school today. It feels like they have always been here! I am looking forward to getting to know them over the next few weeks.

As we begin this new chapter, we are also thinking of the children who have moved on to the next stage of their education. We hope they are settling in well and feel confident they will continue to shine wherever they go. A very warm welcome to all the new families who have joined our school community this year. We are so pleased to have you with us and look forward to getting to know you.

A heartfelt thank you for the kind words and generous gifts received by staff at the end of last term. Your thoughtfulness was truly appreciated. It is going to be a busy and exciting term! Initial key dates are being sent out shortly—please note that there may be some changes or additions as the term progresses.

Werbie Tots

I am very excited to introduce our new parent and tots group Werbie Tots starting on 15th September! This is open to all children who haven't yet started school (and their grown ups of course!) We welcome little "Werbies" to come and play with us on Tuesday mornings in school and we hope to have a different member of staff hosting a different activity each week. Please spread the word throughout the community.

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Macmillan Coffee Morning

We will be hosting a Macmillan Coffee Morning on Friday 25th September at 9.15, so please save the date.

Lunch meal selections

Thankyou for preselecting your child's lunchtime means using ParentPay. Please could you select the meals alongside your child as there have been occasions whereby children are saying they do not like what has been chosen for them. The kitchen do offer alternative to ensure they do have something to eat.

Wellies

We are hoping to use the field and sand pit areas every day regardless of the weather. In order to do this the children will need wellies to keep in school in their cloakroom areas. Please could these be named and in a carrier bag.

We will have many spare wellies in school for those who don't have any at the moment.

If you have any spare wellies, please could you donate them to school and we can resell them with the PTA preloved stock.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Warm regards,
Mrs Jevons
Headteacher

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

As we start the year here is a reminder about what our school is all about. This is our school Mission Statement. We share the children's version each week with the children and talk about what we want our school to be like.

This is our school St Werburgh's and St Columba's
A place to be inspired, be accepted, be yourself and be unique.
Be able to grow spiritually, academically, and morally.
Be able to contribute to the community and be a responsible global citizen.
Be able to reach for the stars and fulfil your potential.
A place, providing an excellent Catholic education for everyone.
Where we belong, where everyone belongs.

Children's Version
Written by the children.

We follow in Jesus' footsteps to love, learn and laugh.

St Werburgh's & St Columba's
LOVE LEARN LAUGH
Catholic Primary School

UPCOMING DATES

September 2026	
14th	Clubs start
7th	Meet the teacher
11th	Start of year mass
15th	Werbie Tots starts
16th	Swimming starts-City Baths
17th	First Forgiveness Programme starts



Help make Coffee Morning special

You're invited!

Join us for the cause, the chatter or the tasty treats.

Your generosity will help raise vital funds so that Macmillan can continue to support people with cancer, whoever and wherever they are.

When: _____

Where: _____

Registered with FUNDRAISING REGULATOR

MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT

ST WERBURGH'S AND ST COLUMBA'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

Starting school in September 2027?

We are delighted to welcome you and your family to a tour of our school!

Tour Dates

30th September 2026 - 1.30pm
7th October 2026 - 9.30am
20th October 2026 - 9.30am
4th November 2026 - 1.30pm
11th November 2026 - 9.30am
2nd December 2026 - 9.30am



During the tour, you will have the opportunity to:

- **Meet our dedicated Head Teacher**
- **Explore our classrooms, facilities, and outdoor spaces**
- **Learn more about our curriculum, values, and extracurricular offerings**
- **Ask any questions you may have in a relaxed, friendly setting**

Whether you are new to the area or simply new to our school, we are excited to show you what makes our community so special.

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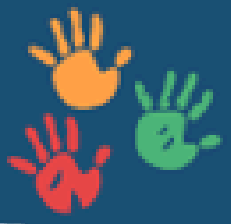
STARTING 15th SEPTEMBER

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

UK Health Security Agency

NHS

Should I keep my child off school?



Yes

	Until...
Chickenpox	at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over
Diarrhoea and Vomiting	48 hours after their last episode
Cold and Flu-like illness (including COVID-19)	they no longer have a high temperature and feel well enough to attend. Follow the national guidance if they've tested positive for COVID-19.
Impetigo	their sores have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after they started antibiotics
Measles	4 days after the rash first appeared
Mumps	5 days after the swelling started
Scabies	they've had their first treatment
Scarlet Fever	24 hours after they started taking antibiotics
Whooping Cough	48 hours after they started taking antibiotics

No

but make sure you let their school or nursery know about...

Hand, foot and mouth	**Glandular fever**
Head lice	**Tonsillitis**
Threadworms	**Slapped cheek**

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Advice and guidance

To find out more, **searchfor health protection in schools** or scan the QR code or visit **https://qrco.de/minfec**.

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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.

