NEWSLETTER

FRIDAY 13TH NOVEMBER 2026

MESSAGE FROM MRS JEVONS

Another busy (and chilly) week in school this week, with the first frost of the year! It was nice to see lots of children wrapped up warm this morning.

PTA Movie Night

The PTA movie night was excellent and very well attended. Thankyou to the PTA members who organised this event and to all those who supported us. The PTA are currently working hard getting ready for the Christmas fair which will be held at school, this year on 27th November.

Football

Well done to the KS2 girls football team who took part in a tournament at Christleton High school this week. They represented school well and we are very proud of them.

Playleader training

This week some of our Year 6 children who volunteered to be Playground Leaders took part in some training that showed them how to plan and organise activities with some of the younger children at lunchtimes. They were all fantastic and can't wait to get started.

Rocksteady Workshops

School was Rocking this week as we took part in the Rocksteady Workshops. The children had a great time learning all about different instruments and some had a go at forming a band.





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First Holy Communion

Thankyou to Father David, Father William and all of the catechists who joined us this week to host a Baptism renewal service for the parents of the 2026 2027 First Holy Communion group. The First Forgiveness preparation sessions will be starting this week afterschool. Please pray for all of the children who are beginning their sacramental journey.

Goodbye and Welcome

We said a fond farewell to Mrs Cowen today, who has now left us to begin her maternity leave. We wish her all the luck in the world in her exciting journey.
We welcome Miss Ashley, who will be teaching in Year 1 until the end of the year-alongside Mrs Watson, who is returning just before Christmas.

We also welcome 4 Student Teachers from Chester University, who will be starting placements with us this week in Year 2 (both classes) and Year ¾ (Mr Dewey's class). We highly value being able to support new colleagues in their early career journey and sharing the wealth of expertise we have in our school. I'm sure you will join me in making them feel welcome and part of our school community

Parking

We have had a request from Lightfoot Lodge that parents don't park in their carpark at drop off and pick up as it reduces access for their buses. Thankyou for your cooperation.

Term dates 2027 2028

"We follow in the footsteps of Jesus to love, learn and laugh"

ST WERBURGH AND ST COLUMBA'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL
TERM DATES 2027-28

September 2027				
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April 2028				
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May 2028				
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July 2028				
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SCHOOL OPEN
INSET DAY
HOLIDAYS

Thought of the Week:
Matthew 23:1-12

Jesus' story starts with a man who went off on a long trip. Before he left, he called his servants together and gave each of them a part of his wealth to take care of while he was gone. To one he gave five bags of gold, to another two bags, and to a third he gave one bag. Then he left on his journey.

While he was gone, the servant who had five bags of gold worked hard and doubled his five bags so he ended up with ten bags of gold. The man with two bags also doubled his; so he had four. But the servant with one bag dug a hole and buried his boss's money.

When the boss returned, he asked his servants to share what they did with the gifts he gave them. The boss told the two who doubled their bags, "Well done! Because you have used what I gave you well, I will give you much more."

Then the third servant told the boss, "I was afraid, so I took what you gave me and hid it in the ground so that it would be safe."

"You lazy servant!" the boss answered. "You could have at least put the gold in the bank so that I could have earned a little interest on it." The boss took the gold from the servant and gave it to the one who already had the most. He explained, "To those who make what they have been given better will be given more. But from those who do nothing, theirs will be taken away."

Sometimes we might think God hasn't given us very much talent. We might even be tempted to hide our talent. But when we use our God-given talent to be all that God planned for us to be, He will give us even more!

Dear God,
We thank You for the gifts You've given each of us. We pray that we will be faithful in using these gifts to show others how wonderful You are.
In Jesus' name,
Amen.



St Werburgh's & St Columba's Catholic Primary School

Love, learn, laugh

Pastoral Support

at St Werburgh's & St Columba's

We are here to support the whole family. Our dedicated pastoral team is committed to ensuring every child feels happy, safe and valued – and we are always here to help.

ELSA



Emotional Literacy Support Assistant (ELSA) provides individual and group support to help children develop strategies to manage their emotions.

Nurture Group Support



Our nurture group offers a calm, supportive space where children can build confidence, develop self-esteem and learn key social and emotional skills.

Art Therapy



Through creative expression, art therapy helps children explore their feelings, build self-confidence and find new ways to cope.

Therapy Dog



Our therapy dog provides comfort, reduces anxiety and brings joy to our school community.

Access to the Sensory Room (Fox's Den)



Fox's Den is a calm, safe space designed to support regulation through sensory resources and relaxation activities.

Therapeutic Body Worker



Our Therapeutic Body Worker helps children release tension, build body awareness and support their emotional wellbeing through therapeutic techniques.



Access to the Mental Health Support Team

We have strong links with the Mental Health Support Team, who can offer advice, support and intervention for children and families when needed.

How to Access Support

If you have any worries or would like to discuss support for your child, please get in touch. You can:

- Speak to your child's class teacher
- Contact a member of our pastoral team
- Call or email the school office to arrange a meeting

We are always here to listen and to help.

Faith | Care | Respect | Inclusion | Achievement

You can now recycle your medicine blister packs at St Werburgh's and St Columba's and Primary School

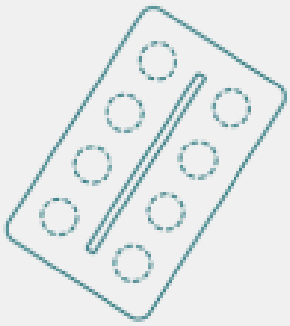


Recycling aluminium saves up to 95% of the energy required to produce it from raw ore.

Each tonne of blister packs recycled can avoid up to 3.5 tonnes of CO_2 equivalent emissions.

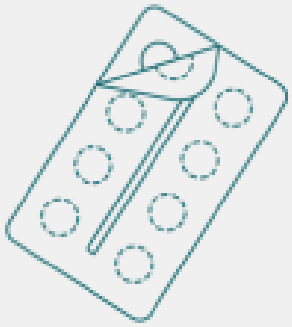
The recycling box has been provided free of charge by Eco Communities.
Scan the QR code or click HERE to find out more about their work in Chester and beyond.

What happens to your recycled blister packs?



PLASTIC (PVC)

Pre-shredded, washed and refined into a 5mm granulate, with microplastics captured and reprocessed at every stage. The material is then heated and pressed to form **MYboard™**, a durable, plywood-like product used as a lumber alternative in construction, joinery, shop and event fittings and commercial furniture.



METAL (FOIL)

Removed through a combination of magnets, current separation and infrared detection, as well as further shredding. Recovered foil is smelted into ingots for onward supply chains at a local refinery, or repurposed for new products.

Merry & Bright Christmas Lunch



ST WERBURGH'S & ST COLUMBA'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Wednesday 16th December 2026

Main Choices

Traditional Christmas Roast Turkey Lunch with all the Trimmings Served with Roast & Mashed Potatoes, Carrots, Peas, Sprouts & Gravy

Vegetarian option available

Desserts

Festive Christmas Biscuit



UPCOMING DATES

20th	Coffee Morning – Year 5 Black History theme
21st	Enrolment Service St Werburgh's and St. Columba's Churches
27th	Flu Immunisations
27th	Christmas Fair

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

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

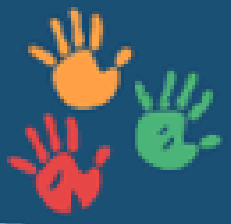
STARTING 15th SEPTEMBER

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.

