NEWSLETTER

FRIDAY 20TH NOVEMBER 2026

MESSAGE FROM MRS JEVONS

The children have been busy carrying out assessments this week (and next) and they have been very keen to show us what they know, and what they need to work on next. Well done everyone for always trying your best.

First forgiveness

The First Forgiveness preparation sessions started this week afterschool and they had a lovely first session. They are celebrating their Enrolment onto the programme this week during Sunday mass. The service at St Werburgh's is 10.45am and St Columba's is 11.00am. Please pray for all of the children who are beginning their sacramental journey.

Visitors

We have welcomed several visitors this week including our Local Authority Officer and some of our Governors, who all feel that the children are delightful and hardworking. They passed on their thanks to all of the staff for their continued hard work.

Piano

We had a lovely treat this week when we enjoyed the piano concert. The children have been working so hard with their playing and they have made so much progress since September. Well done and keep practicing!

Rocksteady

The rocksteady workshops have started this week and they have gone down a treat! It has been lovely to see the children so excited about these sessions.

Coffee morning

Thankyou to all who attended the coffee morning today and supported the year 6 children in sharing their learning about Black History. The children have enjoyed researching and presenting information about historical figures and their influences today.

Christmas fair

We have the final planning meeting before the Christmas Fair. I am looking forward to my first "Werbies Christmas" and I hope I don't get as wet as I did at the summer fair!

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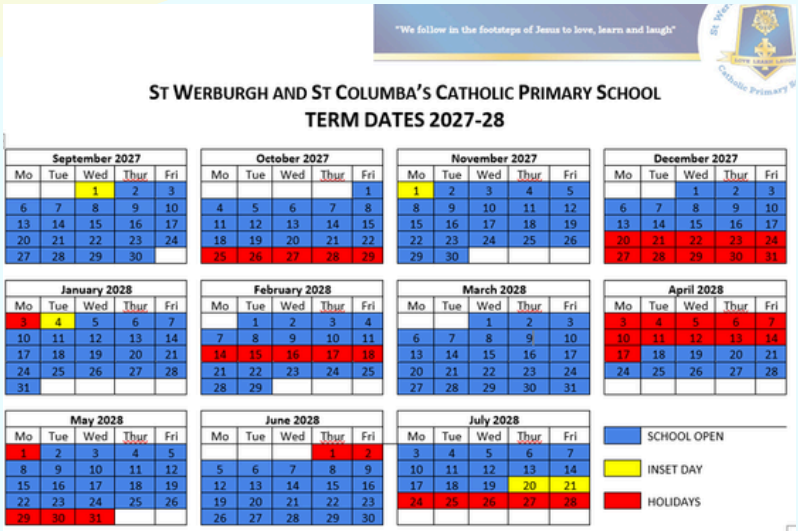
Attendance

We are having an increasing number of children who are arriving late for school, after the gates have closed at 8.50am. This is causing a lot of congestion in the main office and causing delays to people who have genuine office enquiries. Please ensure you arrive at school by 8.50am, in time to enter via the classroom doors. Gates open at 8.35am. If you are having problems getting in to school on time, please contact school for a discussion, if you haven't already.

We are also having reports of increasing numbers of children arriving at school extremely early, and waiting outside the gate, unsupervised, from as early at 8.15am. This poses a safety risk because of the proximity to the busy road.
Please ensure that children are supervised until the classroom doors open at 8.40am.
Thank you for your cooperation.

Term dates 2027 2028



Warm regards,
Mrs Jevons
Headteacher

Be Ready Be Respectful Be Safe

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

RECONCILIATION

God's Mercy and Forgiveness



Scripture:

John 20:22–23; Luke 15:11–32;
2 Corinthians 5:18–20

Facts:

1. Reconciliation is the Sacrament of God's forgiveness.
2. We confess our sins honestly to a priest.
3. The priest offers absolution in the name of Christ and the Church.
4. Contrition, confession, penance, and absolution belong to the sacrament.
5. God's mercy restores our friendship with Him.

What We Learn:

When we turn back to God with a sorry heart,
He welcomes us with mercy.

PTA Presents

St. Werburgh's and St. Columba's RC Primary School

Christmas Fair

Musical Bites by Theatretrain After School Club and Young Voices Choir!

Santa's Grotto - Food - Bar - Games
Cake Stall - Book Stall - Sweet Shop
Bottle Tombola - Chocolate Tombola
Teddy Tombola - Hot Wheels Tombola
Silent Night Disco

Plus New Christmas Pong!

Friday 27 November 2026
4pm to 6.30pm

St. Werburgh's and St. Columba's RC Primary School, Lightfoot Street, Hoole, CH2 2AF

Entry
£1 per adult
Children free!

FAIR IS BEING HELD AT SCHOOL THIS YEAR!

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

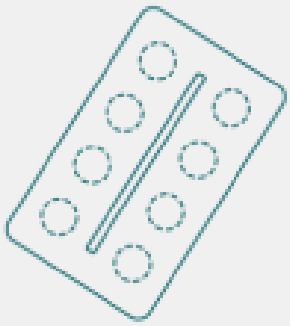


Recycling aluminium saves up to 95% of the energy required to produce it from raw ore.

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

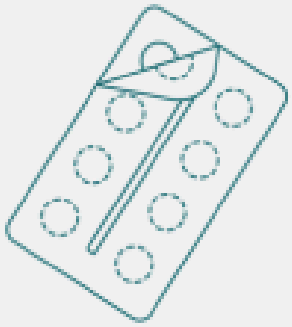
The recycling box has been provided free of charge by Eco Communities.
Scan the QR code or click HERE to find out more about their work in Chester and beyond.

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

27th	Flu Immunisations
27th	Christmas Fair
December 2026	
2nd	Reception 2027 New Intake Tour
4th	Coffee Morning – Year 2 Recycling theme
9th	KS1 Nativity
11th	Storyhouse
16th	EYFS Nativity

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

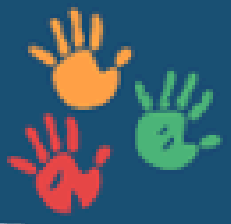
STARTING 15th SEPTEMBER

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.

